



SUGGESTIONS FOR BEAR ADVANCEMENT



If you haven't been in Cub Scouts before, or if you haven't earned your Bobcat Badge, that is the first badge you need to earn. You can work on other advancements before you earn Bobcat, but we cannot turn in advancements at council office or present awards to you until you have earned your Bobcat Badge. You will be doing most of the requirements in den meetings, but requirement #8 says to go through the Child Protection Exercises in the front of your Bear Handbook. We cannot do this in den meetings, you have to do it at home and bring a note to your den meeting to turn it in.

In Bear Cub Scouts, you don't have to do all of the achievements to earn your Bear Badge. The achievements are divided into groups, you have to do some from each group as follows:

1. God group--do either Achievement 1 or Achievement 2
2. Country group--do three of the Achievements numbered 3 through 7
3. Family group--do four of the Achievements numbered 8 through 13
4. Self group--do four of the Achievements numbered 14 through 24

This makes a total of 12 achievements to earn your Bear Badge. You will get one red progress bead for each three achievements finished and turned in. After you have earned your Bear Badge, you can use the other achievement requirements and the elective requirements to earn gold and silver arrow points. You will earn one arrow point for each 10 requirements finished and turned in.

There are several requirements that cannot be done in den or pack meetings. They must be done at home if you want or need to do them. They are Achievement requirements 1A, 1B, 10A, 10B, 12, and 13. If you do these, please be sure to bring a note so you can turn them in at a den meeting. If the requirement asks you to make or write something, bring it to the den meeting. If the requirement asks you to go somewhere, bring a picture of yourself at that place or the ticket stub.

You will be given a sheet periodically that will list what you have earned and what you need to work on next. If you have questions, please call Perri Downing at 756-3870 or 756-6740 or John Geffre at 756-6091.

There are several other awards that you can earn as a Bear Cub Scout. There are forty areas of interest for which you can earn Academics & Sports Belt Loops and Pins. There is also the World Conservation Award (page 282 in your handbook) and the Leave No Trace Award (page 283 in your handbook). You might do some of these requirements in your den meetings.

One of the easiest ways to earn advancements in Cub Scouts is to look through your book and the Academics & Sports Requirements occasionally and see if there are requirements that you have done since you joined Cub Scouts. When you do this, you might also see things that you would like to try. Always try to keep your projects simple and be sure to turn them in. If a requirement says to draw something, make a list, or build something, please bring it to your meeting so that everyone can see it. If a requirement says to go somewhere bring a picture of yourself at that place or your ticket stub.

You probably do lots of stuff that meets the requirements for advancement without knowing it. We can't give you credit for this stuff unless you turn it in. You need to have your parent or guardian write down the requirements that you have done on a piece of paper so that you can bring it to the den meeting and get credit for it. An adult at the den meeting will record your requirements on the meeting record sheet, sign and date the piece of paper and give it back to you.

Have fun in Bear Scouts!