

Roundtable Hot Topic

Cub Scout Program Updates

The Cub Scout program will be updated for the 2024-25 program year. Cub Scout program changes are important for Scout leaders of all levels to know about. The new updates are based on feedback from over 23,000 parents and Cub Scout leaders through various surveys and data. The National Cub Scout committee identified four key improvements.

The four areas of improvement are the Bobcat badge, Cub Scout Adventures, Webelos, and Cub Scout Awards.

Bobcat

Bobcat will become a required Adventure for each rank and is designed to be the first Adventure earned each year. The requirements for the Bobcat Adventure are different for each grade to make them age-appropriate.

Cub Scout Adventures

Cub Scout Adventures have been improved to make it easier to deliver the program to multi-rank dens or as a Pack. A Cub Scout will need to earn six required Adventures and two elective Adventures to complete each rank. Required Adventures reflect the aims and focus areas of the BSA. There will be an increase in the number of elective adventures to choose from.

Webelos and Arrow of Light

Webelos and Arrow of Light will be separated. Webelos becomes the 4th-grade program in Cub Scouting. Arrow of Light becomes a stand-alone badge of rank for 5th graders and will no longer be associated with Webelos. Arrow of Light will be the program that prepares Cub Scouts to join Scouts BSA.

Cub Scout Awards

Cub Scouts Awards will be reimagined as Cub Scout Adventures. Topics like camping, STEM, and range and target sports are reimagined into elective Adventures that can be used towards earning a badge of rank.

Changes to the Cub Scout program will officially take place on June 1, 2024. Check out the Cub Chat Live! schedule to learn more about the new Cub Scout program each month and look at the chart which shows when program elements will be rolled out.



CUB SCOUT PROGRAM UPDATES ROLLOUT

NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN
Cub Chat Live! 11-10-23 General Announcement	Cub Chat Live! 12-1-23 Rank Advancements and Bobcat	Cub Chat Live! 1-12-24 New and Improved Adventures	Cub Chat Live! 2-2-24 Webelos and Arrow of Light	Cub Chat Live! 3-1-24 Handbooks and Leader Resources	Cub Chat Live! 4-5-24 Den and Pack Meetings	Cub Chat Live! 5-10-24 Top 10 Most Common Questions	Cub Chat Live! 6-7-24 Safety Integration

Council Programs Resources for councils and districts to plan for programs for the summer of 2024	Presenters Trained December 18 Team of experts trained and available to present to local councils and districts. Commissioners Resources for Commissioners	Prime Time Episodes of Cub Chat Live! January 16 th @ 7 p.m. Central January 23 rd @ 7 p.m. Central January 30 th @ 7 p.m. Central	Scouts BSA Resources for Scouts BSA Leaders	Scout Shops Spring of 2024 New Cub Scout Handbooks New Cub Scout Adventures Loops and Pins	Training Position Specific Training Updated Updated Cub Scout Roundtable Videos	On-line Tools Scoutbook Updated Online Reports Updated
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Resources:

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