



**PROGRAM  
UPDATES  
2024-25 Program  
Year  
June 1, 2024**

**FUN**  
Fun for Cub  
Scouts,  
leaders, and  
parents.

**EASY**  
Easy to  
deliver the  
program as  
designed.



**SIMPLE**  
Simple to  
understand, to  
explain, and  
to support.

**Coming**  
**June 1, 2024.**

**What is the average tenure  
of a Cub Scout in the  
program?**

**Only 1.6 years!  
So, let's work to keep our  
Cub families in the program.  
These updates are aimed at  
aiding retention.**



# The updates are based on over 23,00 individual responses Cub Scout Leaders and parents

- Data that was collected through various surveys including one that was sent to every registered den leader.
- The team received open-ended responses on what den leaders and parents like and don't like about the program.
- All surveys had a confidence level of at least 95%, making the data reliable



# Four Areas of Improvement



BOBCAT

- One set of requirements is ineffective
- What to do with returning Cub Scouts
- Rank or not a rank?



ADVENTURES

- Disjointed required adventure topics
- Inconsistent number of adventures for each rank
- Volunteers want more elective adventures



WEBELOS (4<sup>TH</sup>/5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE)

- Length of Webelos program
- Does not follow the pattern of other ranks
- Purpose of the program



AWARDS

- Awards are not in the direct line of sight of Den Leaders
- Average attachment rate of 1.5%
- Awards do not drive behavior

# As Easy as Six + Two

Every Cub Scout rank will have six required adventures in the topic areas of:

- **Character/leadership**
- **Outdoors**
- **Personal fitness**
- **Citizenship**
- **Personal Safety**
- **Family/Reverence**

Every Cub Scout rank will have two elective adventures. The choice is yours, there are many to choose from

- **Outdoor activities like fishing, biking and camping**
- **STEM**
- **Pinewood Derby and Raingutter Regatta**
- **Range and Target Sports**























































2024-2025

# Cub Scout Badges of Rank Requirements

The Bobcat Adventure is designed to be the first required Adventure.

Each badge of rank is earned by completing six required and two elective Adventures.

The six required Adventures are focused on the aims and focus areas of the BSA.

 <b>LION</b> Kindergarten	 <b>TIGER</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Grade	 <b>WOLF</b> 2 <sup>ND</sup> Grade	 <b>BEAR</b> 3 <sup>RD</sup> Grade	 <b>WEBELOS</b> 4 <sup>TH</sup> Grade	 <b>ARROW OF LIGHT</b> 5 <sup>TH</sup> Grade
 BOBCAT Character/Leadership  MOUNTAIN LION Outdoors  FUN ON THE RUN Personal Fitness  KING OF THE JUNGLE Citizenship  LION ROAR Personal Safety  LION'S PRIDE Family/Reverence	 BOBCAT Character/Leadership  TIGERS IN THE WILD Outdoors  TIGER BITES Personal Fitness  TEAM TIGER Citizenship  TIGER ROAR Personal Safety  TIGER CIRCLES Family/Reverence	 BOBCAT Character/Leadership  PAWS ON THE PATH Outdoors  RUNNING WITH THE PACK Personal Fitness  COUNCIL FIRE Citizenship  SAFETY IN NUMBERS Personal Safety  FOOTSTEPS Family/Reverence	 BOBCAT Character/Leadership  BEAR HABITAT Outdoors  BEAR STRONG Personal Fitness  PAWS FOR ACTION Citizenship  STANDING TALL Personal Safety  FELLOWSHIP Family/Reverence	 BOBCAT Character/Leadership  WEBELOS WALKABOUT Outdoors  STRONGER, FASTER, HIGHER Personal Fitness  MY COMMUNITY Citizenship  MY SAFETY Safety/First Aid  MY FAMILY Family/Reverence	 BOBCAT Character/Leadership  OUTDOOR ADVENTURER Outdoors  PERSONAL FITNESS Personal Fitness  CITIZENSHIP Citizenship  FIRST AID Safety/First Aid  DUTY TO GOD Family/Reverence
  2 Elective Adventures	  2 Elective Adventures	  2 Elective Adventures	  2 Elective Adventures	  2 Elective Adventures	  2 Elective Adventures

# **Webelos and Arrow of Light are now two separate ranks**

## **Webelos is the 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Rank**

- required and elective adventures are separate from Arrow of Light**
- year long program**

## **Arrow of Light is the 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Rank**

- required and elective adventures designed to prepare the AOL Cub Scout for the Scouts BSA program**
- some required adventures align with Scout rank in Scouts BSA**
- program only 5 months long**
- goal is to cross AOL Cub Scouts to a troop in Jan/Feb of 5<sup>th</sup> grade year**



**Topic areas will be consistent across all ranks but the activity will be age appropriate. This will allow for easier planning of Pack and multi-rank den activities, here is an example:**



**Lion  
Mountain Lion**

**Tiger  
Tigers in the Wild**

**Wolf  
Paws on the Path**

**Bear  
Bear Habitat**

**Webelos  
Webelos Walkabout**

**Requirement 2**  
**Take a walk outside**  
spending at least 20 minutes exploring the outdoors with your Cub Scout Six Essentials.

**Requirement 3**  
**Take a walk outside**  
spending at least 20 minutes exploring the outdoors with your Cub Scout Six Essentials.

**Requirement 5**  
**Take a walk outside**  
for at least 30 minutes to explore nature in your surroundings. Describe four different animals that you could see on your walk.

**Requirement 5**  
**Go on a 1 mile walk.** Identify six signs of any mammals, birds, insects, reptiles, or plants. Discuss the Leave No Trace principles.

**Requirement 5**  
**Using the buddy system, walk your planned 2 miles.** Discuss what a helpful buddy does in an outdoor environment and what to do if separated from the group.







There will be many resources for Den and Pack leaders at [Scouting.org](https://www.scouting.org)

There you will find options for adventure activities and even help knowing how long it will take to prepare for the activity



### CUB SCOUT RANKS

Select a specific rank to see the list of required and elective adventures.

 <p><b>LION</b> Kindergarten</p> <p>Description of how to earn the Lion Badge and some basic instructions. Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet. euismod, arcu eu vulputate iaculis.</p> <p><a href="#">LEARN MORE</a></p>	 <p><b>TIGER</b> 1st Grade or 6 Years Old</p> <p>Description of how to earn the Lion Badge and some basic instructions. Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet. euismod, arcu eu vulputate iaculis.</p> <p><a href="#">LEARN MORE</a></p>	 <p><b>WOLF</b> 2nd Grade or 7 Years Old</p> <p>Description of how to earn the Lion Badge and some basic instructions. Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet. euismod, arcu eu vulputate iaculis.</p> <p><a href="#">LEARN MORE</a></p>
 <p><b>BEAR</b> 3rd Grade or 8 Years Old</p> <p>Description of how to earn the Lion Badge and some basic instructions. Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet. euismod, arcu eu vulputate iaculis.</p> <p><a href="#">LEARN MORE</a></p>	 <p><b>WEBELOS</b> 4th Grade or 9 Years Old</p> <p>Description of how to earn the Lion Badge and some basic instructions. Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet. euismod, arcu eu vulputate iaculis.</p> <p><a href="#">LEARN MORE</a></p>	 <p><b>ARROW OF LIGHT</b> 5th Grade or 10 Years Old</p> <p>Description of how to earn the Lion Badge and some basic instructions. Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet. euismod, arcu eu vulputate iaculis.</p> <p><a href="#">LEARN MORE</a></p>



# 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<sup>th</sup> @ 7 p.m. Central

January 23<sup>rd</sup> @ 7 p.m. Central

January 30<sup>th</sup> @ 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



# **Arrow of Light Cub Scouts will need to visit a Scout BSA Troop as part of working toward their first required adventure, Bobcat Adventure**

- Troop planning will need to include Arrow of Light den visits in August or September**
- Troops should anticipate AOL crossover scouts in January or February**
- Arrow of Light den leaders should contact Scoutmasters early to plan visits and/or camping with the Troop**
- District events targeted to Arrow of Light Cubs should be scheduled towards the Jan/Feb crossover timeline**

## What resources are available:

<https://www.scouting.org/program-updates/cub-scout-program-updates-announced/>

**Timeline:** <https://www.scouting.org/program-updates/cub-scout-program-updates-announced/>

**Cub Chat Live:** <https://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/cubchatlive/>

**FAQ:** <https://www.scouting.org/program-updates/cub-scout-program-updates-faq-1-3-24/>

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