

Pack 250 Unit Leadership Enhancement

April 5, 2011

Advancements

Goal Help leaders understand the purposes of the advancement program and their responsibilities in carrying it out.

Discussion:

- I. Confirm the purposes of Cub Scouting – 10 purposes related to the overall mission of the BSA:
 - a. Character Development
 - b. Spiritual Growth
 - c. Good Citizenship
 - d. Sportsmanship and Fitness
 - e. Family Understanding
 - f. Respectful Relationships
 - g. Personal Achievement
 - h. Friendly Service
 - i. Fun and Adventure
 - j. Preparation for Boy Scouts

Every Cub Scouting activity should help fulfill one of these purposes. When considering a new activity, ask which purpose or purposes it supports. Not everything has to be serious, but everything does have to have a purpose – as B-P said, Scouting is “A Game with a Purpose”.

- II. What is Advancement?
 - a. Take turns reading aloud the paragraphs from the beginning of the “What is Advancement” section of the handout
 - b. Read aloud the intro paragraph under “How the “Advancement Program Works”
 - c. Advancement is a MEANS to an end, not an end in itself
- III. Overview of Advancement by Role
- IV. How Fast Should a Boy Advance?
 - a. Review section in detail
 - b. Belt loops
 - c. BSA Standards

Exercise

Group discussion of Advancement Checklist

Actions (Record on next page)

- I. From results of the exercise, list three areas to improve over the next few months
- II. Record concrete steps for improving each area
- III. Identify who will be involved in each improvement area
- IV. Set deadlines and begin working on improvements

Next Month’s ULE Topic: Program Evaluation

My Advancement Items for Improvement

Item Description	Who	When