

Pack 250 Unit Leadership Enhancement

March 1, 2011

Cub Scout Summer Camp

Goal Help leaders be aware of Council Summer Camp offerings to allow them to prepare Scouts and/or parents for the experience, to provide maximal enjoyment.

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. Quick modification to prior session on Cub Scout Camping:
 - a. LOE training has been eliminated. BALOO training is being held on April 30 from 8-4:30
 - b. BALOO training is required for any overnighter, including Webelos
- III. Council options for Cub Scout Camping
 - a. Cub Scout Day Camp (2011 Theme: Pirates)
 - i. Attendees Rising Wolf – Rising Webelos I
 - ii. June 20-24
 - iii. VOLUNTEER LEADERSHIP REQUIRED
 - b. Webelos Overnight Camp
 - i. Attendees Rising Webelos I-Webelos II
 - ii. Choice of 2 sessions: June 5-8 OR June 8-11
 - iii. One parent attends with the boy – 3 nights
- IV. Summer Camp Program
 - a. Emphasis on FUN FUN FUN
 - b. Advancement is planned as chart on back of page
 - c. When adults are asked what they remember most about Scouts, “Summer Camp” is routinely one of the top answers

Cub Scout Day Camp		
Webelos	Wolves and/or Bears	All
Naturalist AB	Wolf Ach 1	Volleyball BL
Traveler AB	Bear Ach 15	Badminton BL
Sportsman AB	Bear Ach 22	Flag Football BL
Showman AB	Bear Ach 23	Fishing BL
Map/Compass BL	And SEVERAL electives	Archery BL
Geography BL		BB Gun Shooting BL
Music BL		
Ultimate BL		

Special Notes on Cub Scout Day Camp

- 1) Program is pretty much set – just get the boys there and they will have a great time
- 2) Pick up kids promptly
- 3) Begin soliciting volunteers NOW – failure to have enough adults can impact pack participation

Activities offered for Webelos Day Camp (Based on 2010 packet – likely to stay the same) Each Scout signs up for 5 hours of activities – schedule TBD		
Archery BL/Pin	Boating (Just Fun)	Craftsman* (2 hour)
Athlete AB	Fitness BL (Will get partial)	Forester * (2 hour)
Aquanaut AB	Hiking (Just Fun)	Geologist* (2 hour)
BB Gun BL/Pin	Naturalist AB	Outdoorsman* (2 hour)
	Readyman AB	

Special notes on Webelos Overnight Camp (compiled from prior participants):

- 1) Tents can leak – consider bringing a tarp
- 2) Camp Bob Hardin is HILLY – be prepared to walk. Your gear is transported up to the site by a truck so you can bring a cooler or something heavier.
- 3) A full physical within prior 12 months will be required for scouts and adults – standard BSA form parts A,B,C
- 4) It is SUMMER so there will be BUGS. Repellant is key – they also have netting at the office if you ask.
- 5) Pack has a “Christmas Gift Exchange” tradition – under \$10
- 6) Consider carefully which AB’s are best done at Summer Camp vs. in-den programs. For example, outdoorsman is easily covered on a Den Campout, but things like Naturalist or Forester may take special expertise. Aquanaut also requires special consideration. Have a DEN discussion and plan about this – otherwise you will have a hard time planning 2011-12 program
- 7) Camp is usually your best chance to get the BB Gun Pin or Archery Pin – but you should know the requirements before you go.
- 8) Sign up for a flag ceremony quickly – there are not many opportunities and they will fulfill a Webelos requirement.
- 9) Sign up for Pack skits quickly – the best ones go fast. The pack will have 1 night to practice (between opening and closing campfire).

- 10) Remember to bring a few dollars for the trading post.
- 11) This is “modern” camping, but there are latrines and it is outdoors – it can be a shock to some of the parents – you should prepare them.

- V. Preparing for Summer Camp
 - a. Packing lists will be made available shortly before camp
 - b. There will be a full “Activities Guide” for camp distributed by email when it is published
 - c. Sign up dates will be announced shortly

Actions

- I. Begin speaking to your parents about Summer Camp
- II. Begin getting the boys excited about Summer Camp
- III. (For Webelos) have a discussion with your leadership team on which Activity Badges to work on during 2011-12 den year vs. at camp.
- IV. Schedule time for 1:1 Individual Training Plan discussion with Ken no later than May 1.
- V. Choose next month’s topic:

Advancement	Annual Program Planning	Character Development
What are District/Council??	Leadership Training	Membership
National Awards	Pack Budget Plan	Pack Committee
Pack Meetings	Policies of the BSA	Program Evaluation
Safe and Fun Scouting	Youth Protection	