The New Cub Scout Adventure Program for 2015–2016

The New Cub Scout Program is getting ready to launch. It will be implemented in June 2015. Visit: http://www.scouting.org/Home/programupdates.aspx for great information and to see samples of awards, handbooks and more!

BACKGROUND
The BSA’s 2011–2015 National Strategic Plan calls for a number of actions to ensure that the Cub Scout program is as dynamic and relevant to today’s youth and families as possible. Goal 411 is primary among several goals focused on this objective. It calls for an assessment of the current program and a redesign to meet the objective above. The project plan for the goal calls for completion in May 2015 with the rollout of any new program. The plan has been following these phases:

- Assessment: Comparing current program to defined objectives
- Design: Defining desired future outcomes and structure of the program
- Development: Writing and development of youth and adult leader materials
- Production: Final editing, production layout, and printing/online development
- Launch: Communications, training, and material distribution

RATONALE FOR CHANGE
The goal has been active since November 2010. More than 75 volunteers from across the country have been or are actively involved with the planning and execution of this goal. Chaired by Russ Hunsaker of the Great Salt Lake Council, the task force includes subcommittees focusing on the following program objectives— the aims of Scouting and two strong Scouting methods:

- Character development
- Participatory citizenship
- Personal fitness
- Outdoor skills and awareness
- Leadership and life skills

This task will also result in changes to Boy Scouting and Venturing. Scouting will be better structured as a single program with consistent desired program outcomes at all levels—from age 7 to age 21—but delivered through age-appropriate activities that support the program.
NEW PROGRAM MODEL

The general structure of the proposed new Cub Scout content is a series of “adventures,” which Cub Scouts (individually and as part of their den) will experience while working on their badge of rank. Once a Cub Scout has completed the six core adventures including one on Duty to God adventure, and One of his/his den’s choosing, he will have earned his badge of rank. In addition to the adventures required for rank advancement, there are additional elective adventures that members of the den may earn. Each adventure is designed to take roughly three den meetings to implement, one of which may be an outing, ranging from attending a sporting event as a den, to taking a hike, to visiting a museum or going on a campout. At the conclusion of each adventure, a recognition device is awarded. The authors also created a series of elective adventures in addition to the adventures required for rank advancement. This allows dens to create and customize a program for the interests of the boys in the den as well as create the opportunity for a year-round Cub Scout program.

Webinars are scheduled to help introduce the new Cub Scouting Program. Click here to attend a webcast: http://www.livestream.com/bsanationalcouncil. (No login required.)

Cubmaster Webcasts
- Saturday, January 17 at 8 a.m. (Central)
- Saturday, January 17 at 3 p.m. (Central)

Den Leader Webcasts
- Saturday, January 17 at 9:30 a.m. (Central)
- Saturday, January 17 at 4:30 p.m. (Central)

LDS-Specific Considerations *
- Saturday, January 17 at 11 a.m. (Central)
- Saturday, January 17 at 6 p.m. (Central)

* It is recommended that those interested in the LDS session view one of the role-specific sessions first.

Although the content will be geared to the roles listed, anyone with an interest in learning about the new Cub Scouting program is welcome to attend.

The sessions will be recorded for later viewing.