

PLANNING AN ENGAGING AND FUN CUB SCOUT PROGRAM

AGENDA

Annual planning

Major Events

Pack Meetings

Budget and Fundraising

Now What

Q&A











THE MISSION OF SCOUTING

To prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by installing in them the values of the Scout Oath and Scout Law



IF YOU FAIL TO PLAN, YOU ARE PLANNING TO FAIL

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ANNUAL PLANNING

YOUTHWANT FUN AND ADVENTURE



WHATISANNUALPLANNING

- Planning for the next 12-14 months
- Input from Committee, Cubmaster, Den Leaders, Parents and Scouts
- Identify deadlines (booking venues, dues, etc.)
- Verify leaders are continuing; identify positions need to be filled
- Way to know what you'll need help with from parent helpers
- Review budget / determine fundraising needs

WHEN AND WHERE TO DO ANNUAL PLANNING

- Spring? Summer? Fall?
 - Spring is hard as people are wrapping up school year
 - Summer is hard due to vacations
 - Fall is hard as getting ready for back to school.
- Make it fun! Potluck/BBQ at a leader's house.



PARTS OF YOUR SCHEDULE

- Recruiting
- Fundraising (when to start, when money due, front of store dates)
- Pack meetings (dates and times)
- Ceremonies / Advancement
- Getting outdoors
- Administrative items

CONSIDERATIONS

- Are there any rank advancements that need to be done for a group?
- School calendars
- Holidays (Christian, Islam, Hindu, Jewish, etc.)
- Council and District events
- Sport schedules
- BUDGET!!!!

COUNCIL EVENTS

- Day Camps during summer
- Camp Halloween
- Family Camp
- Winter Camp
- Resident Camp
- Webelos Woods





JOURNEY TO EXCELLENCE

- Provides framework for yearly planning
- Encourages excellence and continuous improvement in unit's yearly activities
- Multiple levels (Bronze, Silver, Gold)



Pack _____ of ____ District

2021 Scouting's Journey to Excellence

"The BSA method for annual planning and continuous improvement"

em	Objective	Bronze Level	Silver Level	Gold Level	Bronze Points	Silver Points	Gold Points
	Planning and Budget				Total F	oints:	200
‡ 1	Planning and Budget: Have a program plan and budget that is regularly reviewed by the pack committee, following BSA policies relating to fundraising. (Virtual/remote meetings are acceptable.)	Have an annual program plan and budget adopted by the pack committee.	Achieve Bronze, plus pack conducts a planning meeting involving den leaders for the following program year.	Achieve Silver, plus pack committee meets at least six times during the year to review program plans and finances.	50	100	200
	Membership				Total F	oints:	500
#2	Building Cub Scouting: Recruit new youth into the pack in order to grow membership.	Conduct a formal recruitment program by October 31 or use a personalized invitation method and have current pin on beascout.org.	Achieve Bronze, and either increase youth members or have at least 40 members.	Achieve Silver, and either increase youth members by 5% or have at least 60 members.	50	100	200
<i>t</i> 3	Retention: Retain a significant percentage of youth members.	Reregister 60% of eligible members.	Reregister 65% of eligible members.	Reregister 75% of eligible members.	50	100	200
¥ 4	Webelos-to-Scout transition: Have an effective plan to graduate Webelos Scouts into troop(s).	With a troop, hold two joint activities (live or virtual) or 75% of second year Webelos have completed "The Scouting Adventure."	60% of eligible Webelos register with a troop.	80% of eligible Webelos register with a troop.	25	50	100
	Program				Total F	oints:	900
# 5	Advancement: Achieve a high percentage of Cub Scouts earning rank advancements.	50% of Cub Scouts advance one rank during the year or 50% of families are connected through Scoutbook.	60% of Cub Scouts advance one rank during the year.	75% of Cub Scouts advance one rank during the year.	100	200	300
# 6	Outdoor activities: Conduct outdoor activities and field trips. (includes pack coordinated family home-centered activities)	Each den has the opportunity to participate in three outdoor activities or field trips during the year.	Each den has the opportunity to participate in four outdoor activities or field trips during the year.	Each den has the opportunity to participate in five outdoor activities or field trips during the year.	50	100	200
‡ 7	Day/resident/family camp: Cub Scouts attend day camp, family camp, and/or resident camp. (includes council-offered alternatives)	33% of Cub Scouts participate in a camping experience or have improvement over the prior year.	50%, or 33% and have improvement over the prior year.	75%, or 50% and have improvement over the prior year.	50	100	200
# 8	Service projects: Participate in service projects. (includes home engagements serving others)	Participate in two service projects and enter the hours on the JTE website.	Participate in three service projects and enter the hours on the JTE website.	Achieve Silver, plus at least one of the service projects is conservation-oriented.	25	50	100
# 9	Pack and den meetings and activities: Dens and the pack have regular meetings and activities. (Virtual/remote meetings are acceptable.)	Hold eight pack meetings a year. Den or pack meetings have started by October 31.	Achieve Bronze, plus dens meet at least twice a month during the school year.	Achieve Silver, plus earn the Summertime Pack Award.	25	50	100
	Volunteer Leadership				Total F	Points:	400
10	Leadership recruitment: The pack is proactive in recruiting sufficient leaders.	Have a registered assistant Cubmaster.	Achieve Bronze, and prior to recruiting event, the committee identifies pack and den leadership for the next year.	Achieve Silver, plus every den has a registered leader by October 31.	50	100	200
11	Trained leadership: Have trained and engaged leaders at all levels. All leaders are required to have youth protection training. (Online/remote training is acceptable.)	Cubmaster or an assistant Cubmaster or pack trainer has completed position-specific training.	Achieve Bronze, plus the Cubmaster and den leaders have completed position-specific training or, if new, will complete within three months of joining.	Achieve Silver, plus two-thirds of committee members have completed position-specific training.	50	100	200
	Bronze: Earn at least 525 points by earning points in at least 7 objectives. Silver: Earn at least 800 points by earning points in at least 8 objectives.			Total points earned:			
	Gold: Earn at least 1,050 points by earning points in at least 8 objectives and at least Bronze in #6. No. of objectives and at least Bronze in #6.					h points:	<u> </u>
]	Our pack has completed online rechartering by the		ontinuity of our program.				
	We certify that these requirements have been completed:						
	Cubmaster		Date				
	Committee chair		Date	-			

This form should be submitted to the Scout service center or your unit commissioner, as directed by your council.



TIPS

- Have one major event each month connected to a point of the Scout Law
- Mix fun and requirements together (fun with a purpose!)
- For the "minor" events, don't repeat every year. Kids will tune out of things they've already done (ugh, the bug guy AGAIN?!?!?!)
- For Pack meetings, have a backup plan. Things can and will go wrong.
- Events should be interactive. Youth cannot and do not want to listen to someone talking (no one likes lectures).

MAJOR EVENTS





WINTER CAMP @ CAMP SHEPPARD

- Sleep in heated cabins
- Meals provided
- Campfire and skits
- Tubing if there is snow
- Stargazing
- Archery, BB Guns, crafts











RESIDENT CAMP @ CAMP EDWARD

- Sleep in cabins or tents
- Meals provided
- Campfire and skits
- Archery, BB Guns, crafts
- Swimming and row boating
- Camp games





PINEWOOD DERBY

PROS

- Typically the highlight of the year outside of camping
- Cars are free for Packs who meet their FOS goals
- Great for parent/Scout interaction

CONS

- Requires LOTS of planning.
- Can get loud
- Some Scouts will mentally check out if you have a large pack running many cars





RAINGUTTER REGATTA

PROS

- Fun to do with lots of Scout interaction
- Easy to build the boat
- Can be held inside or outside

CONS

- Kids likely to get wet
- Kids may accuse others of cheating
- May be difficult to find water source to fill up gutters





SPACE DERBY

PROS

- Kids get creative with designs
- Kids enjoy propeller powered ships
- Space is cool

CONS

- Very slow pace
- May have to replace lots of rubber bands
- Likely have to build your own track





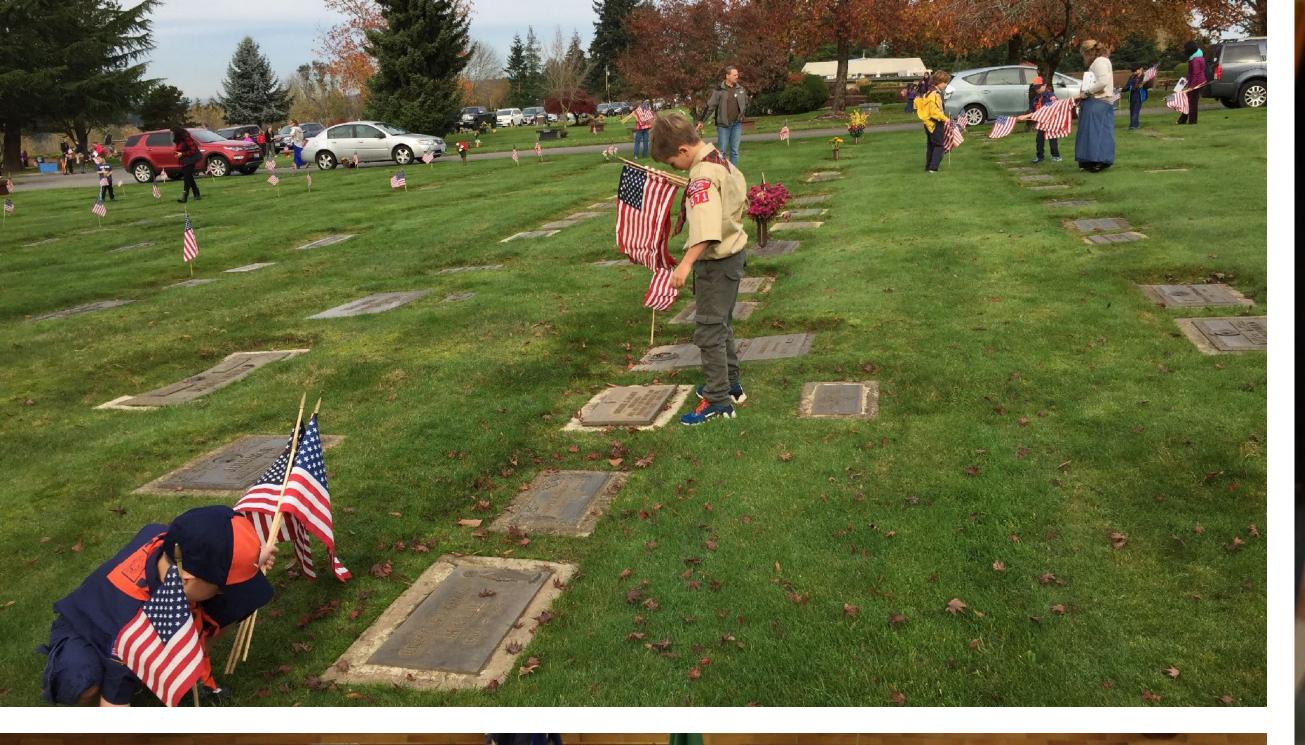
BLUE AND GOLD BANQUET

- Celebration of Cub Scout's birthday (February)
- Often used as cross-over ceremony for AOL scouts
- Make it as simple or complex as you want (themes?)
- Good time to thank people who have helped with events so far
- Event for the whole family



SERVICE PROJECTS

- Veteran's Day flag planting at Sunset Hills Cemetary
- Veteran's Day assemblies at school
- Town service projects
- Pantry Packs
- Singing Christmas Carols for senior citizens







OVERNIGHTERS

- Museum of Flight
- Woodland Park Zoo
- Family Camp / Pack camping
 - car camping with leaders cooking
 - rent Council facilities (Edward, Sheppard)

PACK MEETINGS

PLANNING THE PACK MEETING

- What is the theme/topic?
- What activity?
- Assign Den to do opening/closing ceremony
- Assign Den for cleanup



VISITORS TO PACK MEETINGS

- Bug Guy
- Reptile Guy
- First Nations
- Geology club

- Magician
- Search and Rescue
- Police (bike safety)
- Military vets









OTHER THINGS TO DO AT PACK MTG

- Yo Yo adventure
- Holiday ornaments
- Emergency kit / First Aid kits
- Water Rockets



BUDGET AND FUNDRAISING



BUDGET

- Owned and managed by the Treasurer
- What is projected costs of mandatory expenses
- What is the proposed costs of optional expenses
- Determine amount needed to be raised by each scout

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BUDGET - MANDATORY EXPENSES

- Recharter
- Insurance
- Rank advancement patches, pins, cards
- Awards (shooting patches, summertime pins, etc.)
- Emergency fund



BUDGET - OPTIONAL EXPENSES

- Class B T-shirt
- camping expenses
- den / pack meeting expenses
- B&G Banquet decorations
- derby kits, track rental

- Helper thank you gifts
- patches for leaders
- segment patches
- camp patches



DETERMINING DUES

Multiple trains of thought on Dues

- enough to cover mandatory expenses
- enough to cover mandatory + optional
- enough to cover mandatory + some optional
- wait until after fundraising is complete and determine what's still needed to cover expenses



DETERMINING FUNDRAISING AMOUNT

- Determine per scout goal even though will not get even participation in fundraising
- Do you allow for a buyout for those who do not want to participate?

	beginning bank balance
+	dues
-	expenses
	amount need to fundraise



POPCORN-THE STANDARD

Pros

Council sets up and provides training

Cons

- everyone is selling at the same time
- per item price is high (cheapest item is \$20)



OTHER FUNDRAISING OPTIONS

- Seattle Chocolates
- First Aid Kits
- Country Meats
- Holiday Wreaths
- more ideas at <u>donorbox.org</u>









(SC)OUTING CONSIDERATIONS

CAMPINGANDHIKING

- Planning is essential
- Provide as much equipment as possible
 - most don't have gear or don't want to spend the money
- Keep is simple and fun
 - Don't try to make it all about advancement



SAFETY

- At least one leader must be BALOO trained for outdoor events
- Only Webelos can do an overnighter without the rest of the Pack
- Medical Forms for everyone, including parents
- Food allergies, Mobility / Disability issues
- Parent participation required for Tigers
- More guidance in <u>BSA Guide to Safe Scouting</u>



SCOUTING DURING THE SUMMER???

STAY ACTIVE DURING SUMMERTIME

- No reason why Pack shouldn't be active during the summer!
- Resident Camp
- National Summertime Award
- Work on awards vs. advancement
- Gives kids something to do other than play video games
- Recruit by having friends join summer events

NATIONAL SUMMERTIME AWARD

- An individual, den and pack awards
- Complete 1 activity per month during June, July, August
- Going to Resident Camp takes care of one of the spots





NOWWHAT?

COMMUNICATE

- Communicate meeting notes out
 - Leadership team
 - Entire Pack?
- Events added to Pack website
- Handouts at first Pack meeting of new school year
- Online calendar vs. Meeting invites vs. Scoutbook

EXAMPLE CALENDAR

events color coded

shows school vacations

shows holidays

highlights major events like PWD

shows leadership meetings so parents can attend if they want



Cub Scout Pack 225 | 2018-2019 CALENDAR

Paw Print indicates Lions attending Pack Meeting

* BLL - Beaver Lake Lodge * BLP - Beaver Lake Pavilion

21 Leader Meeting @ 7pm

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Final Version

18-22 Mid-Winter Break

26 Leader Meeting @ TBD 7pm

- 3 Labor Day
- 4 Meet the Teacher Day
- 5 First day of school 1-5th gr.
- 7 First day of school Kinders 11 Pack Meeting @ BLL* 7pm
 - 22-23 Cub Day & Overnight Camping

REGISTRATION Night

25 Leader Meeting @ TBD 6:30pm

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Pack Meeting @ Creekside 7pm PINEWOOD DERBY



26 Leader Meeting @ TBD 7pm

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8 Teacher Work Day (No school)

27 Cub Day @ Camp Edwards \$\$



23 Leader Meeting @ TBD 7pm

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3	Pack Meeting	@ Creekside 7p
	• DEN OR	PACK PROJECT

- 11 Good Friday
- 8-12 Spring Break
- 21 Easter Sunday
- 23 RECRUITING NIGHT @ 6:30pm & Leader Meeting @ 7pm

Pack Meeting	@ Creekside 7pm
• RAIN GI	UTTER REGATA



12 Veterans Day (No school) 22-23 Thanksgiving Holiday

27 Leader Meeting @ TBD 7pm

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7	7	Pack Meeting @ Creekside 7pm
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27 Memorial's Day

23 Leader Meeting @ YMCA 7pm

4	Pack Meeting	@ Creekside 7pm			
	• PACK	SERVICE PROJECT			

Dec 5 & 6 conferences

18 Leader Meeting @ TBD 7pm

Dec 20 - Jan 1 Winter Break

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August 15 Pack Outing @ Beaver lk

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16 Father's Day

19 Last Day of School

8	Pack Meeting @ Creekside 7pm
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11-13 WINTER CAMPING \$\$

- 15 Leader Meeting @ TBD 7pm
- 21 M.L. King Day (No School)
- 28 Teacher Work Day (No School)
- 28 PACK ROCK CLIMBING \$\$

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July 17	Leader Meeting				
July 25	Pack Outing	@ P			
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Council Lead Activities: October 27th – Cub Day Jan 11-13th – Winter Camp

Register for Council activities at http://www.seattlebsa.org/cubscout-camping

Ballfield 6pm (Kickball game) August 21 Leader Meeting

\$\$ = denotes additional costs per scout

RECRUITHELPERS

- What events need help?
- What parents can help plan/manage items? Recruit 2 people for an event if you can to help lessen the load.
- Have them join monthly leadership meeting to report status



CONSTANTLY REVIEW PLAN

- Review next 2-3 months of events at each leadership meeting
 - Do you have the leadership support needed for the event?
 - Do you have the helper support you need to be successful?
 - Cancellations? Better idea suggested?
- Communicate needs and changes to the Pack
- Update budget

REVIEW HOW EVENTS WENT

- At next leadership meeting do a Retrospective of the event
 - what went well?
 - what didn't go well?
 - ideas on how to make it better next time (or should we not do again?)
- Document discussion so it can be looked at for the next annual planning and when next preparating for the event



QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

DO YOUR BEST

CUB SCOUT MOTTO

