

RECOGNITION



Everyone likes to be recognized for the effort they put into scouting. Whether it's a boy, a leader, parent, or other adult that gives their time, it always shows good will to have them stand out in the den or pack. This not only for the appreciation of the recognized, but also to encourage participation from everyone else.

The Cub Scout program recognizes the efforts of the people involved in Cub Scouting with numerous recognition's for both boys and adults.

TIGERS

The new Tiger Cub program has installed recognition for boys instantly, and at the end of each big activity.

Tiger's can now wear on their belts a leather totem for beads that are given to the boy by their parents. These beads are awarded for learning the Tiger Cub motto and promise, for doing family activities, and den activity participation.

Paws are also awarded for participating in Big Activities. A good way to recognize Tiger's at your pack meetings is to award the Paws there.

See Tiger Cub Guide book for more information.

CUB SCOUTS

Cub Scout recognition begins with the Bob Cat award. Along with the award for the boy is a 'Mother's' pin that signifies that the scout has reached that rank. Instant recognition for the Wolf and Bear program follows with the awarding of beads on their shirt totem for every four achievements they do. This is done in a den meeting, usually at the closing ceremonies. Once one boy starts to earn his beads it is contagious, and the other boys in the den will follow.

Even before a boy starts to wear his beads, recognition can be given on a den totem for every achievement he has completed. While most dens award beads, you can be very creative with your den totem. Find small items that symbolize the achievements that the boys will complete and glue them on a small clothespin. You will be surprised at how this can become a treasure for a child at the end of their Cub Scout trail.

Recognizing the rank badges is done at a pack meeting, with a ceremony.

WEBELOS

Webeloes earn Activity Pins usually once a month. Again, you can use your den totem to attach a second pin. Take time to recognize the accomplishment of an activity pin in your meeting, you may have a special award for each boy such as a plastic hammer for craftsman, a small bird to be worn around the neck for Naturalist, and even a pine cone for Forester.

WORLD CONSERVATION AWARD

This award can be earned by any Cub or Webelo scout. Follow the directions in the Cub Books for more information.

RELIGIOUS REWARDS

Too many to mention here, see your resource center for particulars.

ADULT RECOGNITION

Adults, just like children need to be rewarded for their efforts. Registered Leaders can be recognized immediately by awarding up to three knots that they can wear on their uniform.

The Arrow of Light rank Award and Eagle rank Award are the only knots that can be earned as a scout, and worn as an adult.

So, what about all those knots and everything else that a scouter might have on there uniform. There are six knots that can be earned as a registered Cub Scout leader.

- Tiger Cub Group Coach Award
- Den Leader Award
- Den leader Coach award
- Webeloes Leader Award
- Cubmaster Award
- Cub Scouter Award

Each award has specific requirements, but all require that the registered scouter is trained, and that the signoff for this award is done by a district representative. You may get the requirements at your local resource center.

PLAQUES AND CERTIFICATES

Plaques and certificates can be purchased at your local resource center. There are almost too many to mention, but the Scout catalog carries 14 pages of selections. Many can be inscribed with the recipient's name.

PATCHES

Temporary patches that are worn over or on the right pocket are also another great recognition for both boys and registered leaders. There is also available, a red vest that can be worn with all patches sewn on. Remember that you are only to wear one temporary patch at a time.

THE FUN STUFF

So what do you do for the parent who won't sign an application but always hangs around to help?

How about those special times in your den meeting when some parent makes cookies, or handles the Scouting for food drive?

How about pack participation from a den?

Punny awards, make all the difference, really to say thankyou and recognize the givers in your world.

It takes less than 10 minutes and some imagination to deliver an award of thanks and it can really be a lifetime memory for the recipient.

CLASSICS

Cut out of paper with a piece of yarn, or an ornament hand made from a cookie cutter and baking dough (see how to book)

A HAND or patting yourself on the back -
A FOOT for keeping us on the right path
A TRAIN for training us or being trained

THREE Dimensional Awards

A HAT for 'Hats off to you'

A TOP for 'Your Tops' in what you do

A MEGAPHONE for 'Thanks for bringing this to our attention for leading an activity

A HAMMER for a 'smashing good job'

A MUSICAL NOTE for leading a song in the den or pack, or a parent that will accompany you.

A FOOTBALL (nerf or otherwise) for taking the ball and running with it

LIFE SAVER AWARD for coming to the rescue

Order of the SPARE MARBLES - Marbles in a bag for the leader who has lost his

DOG BISCUIT - 'Dog gone good job'

TRAIN TRACK - 'Keeping on the right track'

ANIMALS

FROG for jumping in

CAT for a 'PURRRFECT' job

BEAR for a 'BEARY' goo job

FRUITS

Doing a 'GRAPE' job

Doing a 'BERRY' good job

A BANANA for the parent or leader with appeal

A 'Peachy' job

So you get the idea!

The purpose of these awards again is to recognize the effort of individuals or groups that have done a service. So DIG IN (small shovel) and get those awards out to the people that deserve them.