

CUB SCOUT ACADEMICS AND SPORTS PROGRAM

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INTRODUCTION

The Cub Scout Academics and Sports program is a supplemental enrichment program that complements the existing Cub Scouting program. The object of the program is to help Tiger Cubs, Cub Scouts, and Webelos Scouts learn new skills or improve those they already possess—not simply to provide an opportunity for them to earn additional recognition.

All registered Tiger Cubs, Cub Scouts, and Webelos Scouts may participate in the Academics and Sports program. Adult participation by a parent or adult relative is strongly recommended for Cub Scouts and Webelos Scouts and is required for Tiger Cubs.

Participation in the program may take place individually or with the family, in the den or pack, or in the school or community.

Purposes of the Cub Scout Academics and Sports Program

By taking part in the Cub Scout Academics and Sports program, boys will

- Learn new physical skills and techniques
- Increase their scholarship skills
- Develop an understanding of sportsmanship
- Enjoy teamwork
- Develop physical fitness
- Discover new and build on old talents
- Have fun
- Do their best

Pack leaders should encourage dens and families to get involved in the program and make sure that they have opportunities to participate. Many of the academic subjects and sports may become activities a boy will enjoy for the rest of his life.

IMPLEMENTING THE PROGRAM

Use the *Cub Scout Academics and Sports Program Guide* (No. 34299) as the main resource to implement the program.

One member of the pack committee should be responsible for coordinating the program. That person oversees the integration of the Academics and Sports activities into the pack program. This person also ensures that requirements for the different activities are available to boys, families, and dens so that all boys have opportunities to earn awards.

Pack leaders should also define how program costs are to be budgeted, how requirements will be verified, when and how recognition will take place, and what constitutes a den or pack tournament.

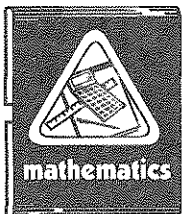
Pack leadership can begin deciding how to incorporate the Academics and Sports activities into the pack program during the annual pack program planning conference. Using a list of Cub Scout Academics subjects and Sports activities, the committee reviews the annual program and decides where they might fit in the overall program.

Cub Scout Academics		
Art	Geography	Mathematics
Astronomy	Geology	Music
Chess	Heritages	Science
Citizenship	Language and Culture	Weather
Collecting	Map and Compass	Wildlife
Communicating		Conservation
Computers		
Cub Scout Sports		
Badminton	Gymnastics	Snow Ski and Board Sports
Baseball	Ice Skating	
Basketball	Marbles	Softball
Bicycling	Physical Fitness	Swimming
Bowling		Table Tennis
Fishing	Roller Skating	Tennis
Flag Football	Soccer	Ultimate
Golf		Volleyball

When the academic subjects and sports activities that will be part of the pack's program are selected, copies of the subjects' requirements and resources from the *Cub Scout Academics and Sports Program Guide* should be given to each boy and his adult participant. Individual boys may work on other Academics and Sports topics, so providing a list of all available subjects may be helpful for families. Tiger Cubs are required to have their adult partners participate in the program with them.

RECOGNITION

Recognition items are available for boys who participate in the Cub Scout Academics and Sports program. Each activity has two levels of involvement and recognition: the belt loop and the pin.



The Belt Loop. Belt loops are awarded to boys who complete the three belt loops' requirements in the academic subject or sport. Webelos Scouts may earn belt loops and pins a second time to qualify for Webelos activity badges. All boys may earn belt loops more than once;

however, leaders should encourage boys to try different requirements to earn the pin. Belt loops are worn on the blue Cub Scout belt.



The Pin. Once a boy has earned the belt loop, he may choose to stop; however, some boys will want to continue with the activity. They may complete additional requirements to earn the pin. Pins are not worn on the uniform but may be placed on the Academics and Sports letter ("C") that boys may purchase.

Other Recognition Items. The Academics and Sports letter, pocket certificate, activity medal, trophy, and participation emblem are also available for use in the program. Participating Tiger Cubs, Cub Scouts, and Webelos Scouts may be awarded the belt loops and pins, pocket certificates, and activity medals; trophies and participation emblems may be awarded to both boys and adults.

Refer to the *Cub Scout Academics and Sports Program Guide* (No. 34299) for use of the Den Recognition Report and for more detailed information on recognition items.

Financing. Packs are encouraged to include the cost of Academics and Sports program recognition items in their annual budgets. Packs may consider charging a fee to each participating boy and adult to cover the cost of the awards. Packs should have a clear policy in place to determine whether the pack or the boy's family will be responsible for the cost of awards that boys earn more than once.

CUB SCOUT SHOOTING SPORTS

Archery and BB gun shooting are restricted to day camps, Cub Scout/Webelos Scout resident camps, council-managed family camping programs, or to council activities where there are properly trained supervisors and all standards for BSA shooting sports are enforced. Archery and BB gun shooting are not to be done at the pack level.

Archery and BB gun shooting belt loops and sports pins may only be earned at the camps and activities listed above.

These programs are designed to emphasize safety and marksmanship development under the direction of trained range officers using nationally approved instructional methods.