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Michigan Crossroads Council

Changes to Cub Scouts for 2024

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- Leader in Pack 149 since 1988
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- Changes will take effect on June 1, 2024.
- Scouts can complete work on their current badge under the old requirements until August 31, 2024.





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- Note:

These changes are still being finalized. We expect more information in the coming months. Stay tuned!





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Brief History of Cub Scouts

- 1924 - BSA Executive Board recommends a program for younger boys.
- 1930 - “Cubbing” is created as a program separate from Boy Scouts.





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- Cubbing is based on *Jungle Book* by Rudyard Kipling, a friend of Robert Baden-Powell.
- Initially run by older boys from a Troop.
- Boys could join at age 9.





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- 1936 - *Den Mothers* added. It is the only leadership position a woman could hold in the BSA.
- 1945 - Program name changed from Cubbing to Cub Scouting.





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- 1949 - Joining age lowered to age 8.
- 1953 - First Pinewood Derby was held in California.
- 1954 - Webelos Rank introduced for age 10-1/2





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- The ranks now consist of *Wolf, Bear, Lion and Webelos.*
- 1959 - Bobcat Award introduced as a metal pin. It is not worn on the uniform!





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- 1967 - The original Lion rank is discontinued.
- 1967 - Men can become Den Leaders.
- 1976 - Women allowed to serve as Cubmasters.





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- 1977 - new Webelos rank added. Old Webelos requirements become the Arrow of Light.
- 1982 - Tiger Cubs introduced as a standalone program not officially part of the Pack.





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- 1980's - Uniforms updated by designer Oscar de la Renta.
- 1990's - Tiger Cubs groups integrated into the Pack as Tiger Cub Dens.





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- 2004 - Tiger Cub Uniforms become the official blue uniform shirt with Orange neckerchief and hat front.
- 2014 - The Cub Scout oath and Law of the Pack are dropped in favor of the Scout Oath and Law.





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- 2015 - Major changes to program. Adventure loops introduced. Tiger Cubs changes to just Tiger rank.
- 2018 - Lion program adopted nationwide after testing in some areas.
- 2018 - Girls welcomed to Cub Scouts.





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- 2023 - Updates to the whole Cub Scout Program announced to take effect in 2024.





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Why the Change?



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- Simplify the requirements.
- Be consistent across grades.
- Increase achievement of certain topics like STEM and conservation.





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- Each rank is associated with a grade.
- Each rank will have six required adventures plus two electives.
- Elective adventures are doubled.





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- Required adventures:
 - Character & Leadership
 - Outdoors
 - Personal Fitness
 - Citizenship
 - Safety
 - Family and Reverence



2024-2025

Cub Scout Badges of Rank Requirements

The Bobcat Adventure is designed to be the first required Adventure.

Each badge of rank is earned by completing six required and two elective Adventures.

The six required Adventures are focused on the aims and focus areas of the BSA.

 LION Kindergarten	 TIGER 1 st Grade	 WOLF 2 nd Grade	 BEAR 3 rd Grade	 WEBELOS 4 th Grade	 ARROW OF LIGHT 5 th Grade
 BOBCAT Character/Leadership	 BOBCAT Character/Leadership	 BOBCAT Character/Leadership	 BOBCAT Character/Leadership	 BOBCAT Character/Leadership	 BOBCAT Character/Leadership
 MOUNTAIN LION Outdoors	 TIGERS IN THE WILD Outdoors	 PAWS ON THE PATH Outdoors	 BEAR HABITAT Outdoors	 WEBELOS WALKABOUT Outdoors	 OUTDOOR ADVENTURER Outdoors
 FUN ON THE RUN Personal Fitness	 TIGER BITES Personal Fitness	 RUNNING WITH THE PACK Personal Fitness	 BEAR STRONG Personal Fitness	 STRONGER, FASTER, HIGHER Personal Fitness	 PERSONAL FITNESS Personal Fitness
 KING OF THE JUNGLE Citizenship	 TEAM TIGER Citizenship	 COUNCIL FIRE Citizenship	 PAWS FOR ACTION Citizenship	 MY COMMUNITY Citizenship	 CITIZENSHIP Citizenship
 LION ROAR Personal Safety	 TIGER ROAR Personal Safety	 SAFETY IN NUMBERS Personal Safety	 STANDING TALL Personal Safety	 MY SAFETY Safety/First Aid	 FIRST AID Safety/First Aid
 LION'S PRIDE Family/Reverence	 TIGER CIRCLES Family/Reverence	 FOOTSTEPS Family/Reverence	 FELLOWSHIP Family/Reverence	 MY FAMILY Family/Reverence	 DUTY TO GOD Family/Reverence
 2 Elective Adventures	 2 Elective Adventures	 2 Elective Adventures	 2 Elective Adventures	 2 Elective Adventures	 2 Elective Adventures



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- Having common required adventures helps facilitate *multi-rank* Dens.
- Small Packs or Packs struggling to find the right Den leader can have multiple grades working on similar adventures.



Common Activities For Required Adventures



Lion Mountain Lion

Requirement 2
Take a walk outside
spending at least 20
minutes exploring the
outdoors with your
Cub Scout Six
Essentials.



Tiger Tigers in the Wild

Requirement 3
Take a walk outside
spending at least 20
minutes exploring the
outdoors with your
Cub Scout Six
Essentials.



Wolf Paws on the Path

Requirement 5
Take a walk outside
for at least 30
minutes to explore
nature in your
surroundings. Describ
e four different
animals that you
could see on your
walk.



Bear Bear Habitat

Requirement 5
Go on a 1 mile
walk. Identify six
signs of any
mammals, birds,
insects, reptiles, or
plants. Discuss the
Leave No Trace
principals.



Webelos Webelos Walkabout

Requirement 5
Using the buddy
system, walk your
planned 2
miles. Discuss what a
helpful buddy does in
an outdoor
environment and
what to do if
separated from the
group.



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- Bobcat rank is discontinued
 - Each rank will have a Bobcat requirement relating to Character and Leadership.
 - Requirement will be tailored to age level.





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- Bobcat rank is discontinued
 - When the Bobcat pin was introduced in 1959, Cubs were only age 8 to 11. One set of requirements was fine.





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- Bobcat rank is discontinued
 - Since Cub Scouts now cover six grades, the values of Scouting mean something very different to a Kindergartener than they do to a fifth grader.



Bobcat Required Adventure Requirements

Earned each year, not just once when you first join.

LION – KINDERGARTEN

1. Get to know the members of your den.
2. Have your adult partner or den leader read the Scout Law to you.
Demonstrate your understanding of being friendly.
3. Share with your adult partner, during a den meeting or at home, a time when you have demonstrated the Cub Scout motto "Do Your Best."
4. At home, with your parent or legal guardian do the activities in the booklet "How to Protect Your Children from Child Abuse: A Parent's Guide."

BEAR – 3RD GRADE

1. Get to know members of your den.
2. Recite the Scout Oath and Scout Law with your den and den leader.
3. Learn about the Scout Oath. Identify the three points of the Scout Oath.
4. With your den Create a Den Code of Conduct.
5. Learn about the denner position and responsibilities.
6. Demonstrate the Cub Scout sign, Cub Scout salute and Cub Scout handshake. Show how each are used.
7. Share with your den, or family, a time when you demonstrated the Cub Scout motto "Do Your Best." Explain why it is important to do your best.
8. At home, with your parent or legal guardian do the activities in the booklet "How to Protect Your Children from Child Abuse: A Parent's Guide."

ARROW OF LIGHT – 5TH GRADE

1. Learn about the patrol method and discuss the benefits.
2. Choose a Patrol name and elect a patrol leader.
3. Make a patrol flag that includes everyone's name.
4. Recite the Scout Oath and Scout Law with your patrol.
5. With your patrol develop a Code of Conduct.
6. Demonstrate the Scouts BSA sign, salute, and handshake. Show how each is used.
7. With your patrol or with your parent/legal guardian visit a Scouts BSA Troop.
8. At home, with your parent or legal guardian do the activities in the booklet "How to Protect Your Children from Child Abuse: A Parent's Guide."



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- Should we still do a Bobcat Ceremony?
 - Yes! We strongly encourage celebrating the accomplishment.
 - This is typically the first adventure earned each year and all Scouts can participate.





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- Why were STEM awards discontinued?
 - As a separate program, only about 1.5% of Scouts earned them.
 - In contrast, about 15% earn any given elective adventure.



Reimagine Awards to Adventures

Awards have an attachment rate of 1.5%
Between 0% and 3%



Elective Adventures have an
attachment rate between
15% and 25%



CUB SCOUT ELECTIVE ADVENTURES



Kindergarten
16 Electives

Build It Up, Knock It Down
Gizmos and Gadgets
I'll Do It Myself
On Your Mark
Pick My Path
Ready, Set, Grow
Count On Me
Everyday Tech
Go Fish
Let's Camp
On a Roll
Race Time
Time to Swim
World Conservation
Archery
Slingshot



1st Grade
20 Electives

Curiosity, etc.
Floats and Boats
Good Knights
Rolling Tigers
Safe and Smart
Sky Is the Limit
Stories in Shapes
Tiger Tag
Tiger-iffic!
Designed by Tiger
Fish On
Let's Camp
Race Time
Summertime Fun
Tech All Around
Tigers in the Water
World Conservation
Archery
BB Guns
Slingshot



2nd Grade
20 Electives

Adventures in Coins
Air of the Wolf
Code of the Wolf
Cubs Who Care
Digging in the Past
Finding Your Way
Germs Alive!
Paws of Skill
Spirit of the Water
A Wolf Goes Fishing
Computing Wolves
Let's Camp
Paws for Water
Pedal with the Pack
Race Time
Summertime Fun
World Conservation
Archery
BB Guns
Slingshot



3rd Grade
20 Electives

A Bear Goes Fishing
Baloo the Builder
Critter Care
Forensics
Marble Madness
Roaring Laughter
Salmon Run
Super Science
Bears Afloat
Bears on Bikes
Balancing Bears
Let's Camp
Race Time
Summertime Fun
Top Chef Tech
Whittling
World Conservation
Archery
BB Guns
Slingshot



4th Grade
20 Electives

Aquanaut
Art Explosion
Aware and Care
Build It
Earth Rocks!
Catch the Big One
Let's Camp
Math on the Trail
Modular Design
Paddle Onward
Pedal Away
Race Time
Chef's Knife
Summertime Fun
Tech on the Trail
World Conservation
Yoyo
Archery
BB Guns
Slingshot



5th Grade
16 Electives

Engineer
Into the Wild
Into the Woods
Cycling
Estimations
Fishing
High Tech Outdoors
Knife Safety
Paddle Craft
Race Time
Summertime Fun
Swimming
World Conservation
Archery
BB Guns
Slingshot

Adventures Available for All Ranks

BOLD indicates new adventure
Italics indicate existing adventure



Kindergarten



1st Grade



2nd Grade



3rd Grade



4th Grade



5th Grade

Activity						
Pinewood Derby	Race Time - Lion	Race Time - Tiger	Race Time - Wolf	Race Time - Bear	Race Time - Webelos	Race Time – Arrow of Light
Fishing	Go Fish	Fish On	A Wolf Goes Fishing	<i>A Bear Goes Fishing</i>	Catch the Big One	Fishing
Cycling	On a Roll	<i>Rolling Tigers</i>	Pedal with the Pack	Bears on Bikes	Pedal Away	Cycling
Swimming	Time to Swim	Tigers in the Water	<i>Spirit of the Water</i>	<i>Salmon Run</i>	<i>Aquanaut</i>	Swimming
Camping	Let's Camp - Lion	Let's Camp – Tiger	Let's Camp – Wolf	Let's Camp – Bear	Let's Camp – Webelos	Outdoor Adventurer*
Conservation	Champions for Nature – Lion	Champions for Nature – Tiger	Champions for Nature – Wolf	Champions for Nature – Bear	Champions for Nature - Webelos	Champions for Nature - AOL



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- Requirements for all Adventures have been simplified by removing optional requirements such as “Complete requirements 1 and 2 plus at least two others.”
- Average is 5 requirements.



Adventure Requirements

On Average an Adventure has five requirements.

Simplified requirements.

Updated Code of the Wolf Requirements

1. Create a secret code. Send a message to a member of your den or family. Have that person send a message back to you using the same secret code.
2. Build and play a game that requires the use of codes or patterns.
3. Select a single shape. Observe the environment around you. Write down where you see that shape and how it is being used.
4. Using a package that contains a number of different colored items, discover the most common color.



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- How can Scouts wear all these loops on their belt?
 - The intent is that the only loops on the belt be for the rank currently being worked on.





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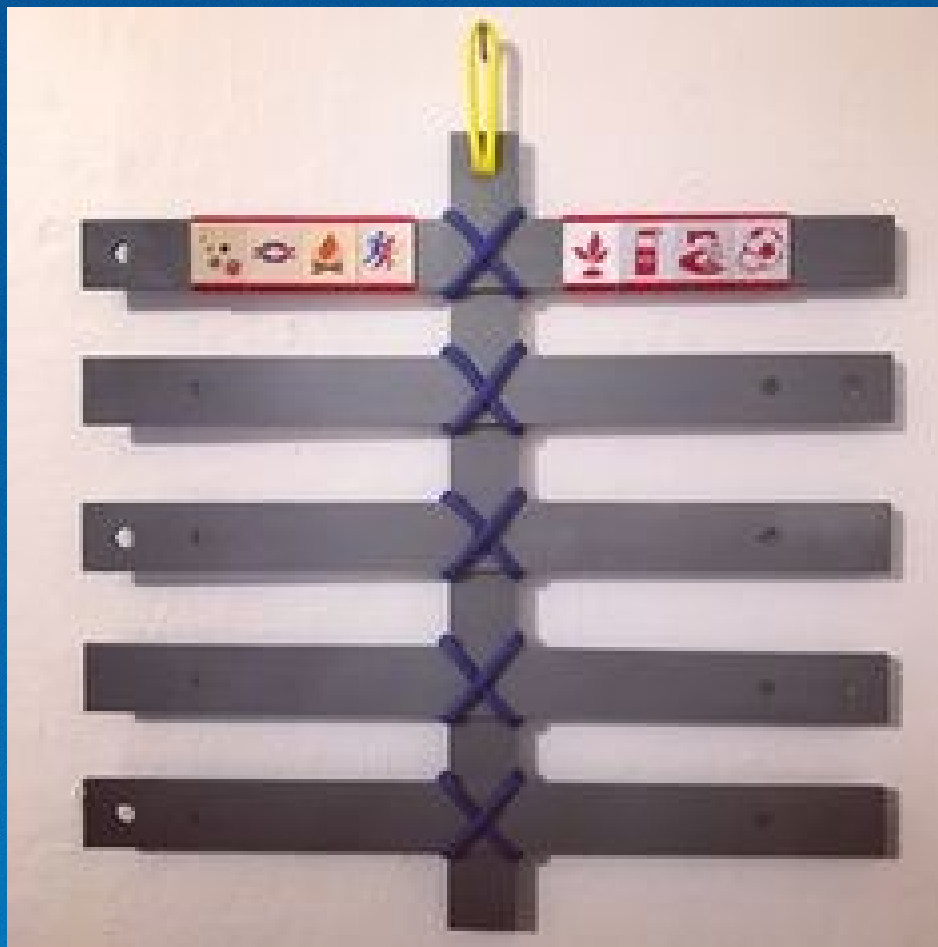
- Loops from previous years can be displayed at home.
- Making a display board could be a great Den activity.





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- Paint stir sticks or cheap rulers work well for this!





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Uniforms

- Lion - **blue** t-shirt or uniform shirt.
- Tiger/Wolf/Bear/Webelos
 - **blue** uniform shirt.
- Rank specific hats, neckerchief and slide are as before.





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Uniforms

- Arrow of Light - **khaki** uniform shirt with blue epaulets.
- There will NOT be a specific Arrow of Light hat, neckerchief or slide.





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Uniforms

- One Den Leader patch for adults.
- One blue belt and socks for youth.
- Square Webelos patch is discontinued.





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Uniforms

- The *Webelos Colors* will be renamed the *Adventure Colors* and will be used by both Webelos and Arrow of Light Scouts to display their Adventure pins.



Badges of Rank and Adventures

Current Cub Scouts do not need to change their uniform.

Lion – Bear badges of rank position on the uniform is based on the order earned.





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Uniforms

- None of this meant is to create a burden on families. If a fourth grader has outgrown their blue shirt, they can purchase a khaki shirt.



ATTENTION! Current 4th grade Webelos



Current 4th grade Webelos should NOT begin work on Arrow of Light.



Current 4th grade Webelos should work on elective Adventures which will not be available next year as an Arrow of Light elective.



Aquanaut



Art Explosion



Aware and Care



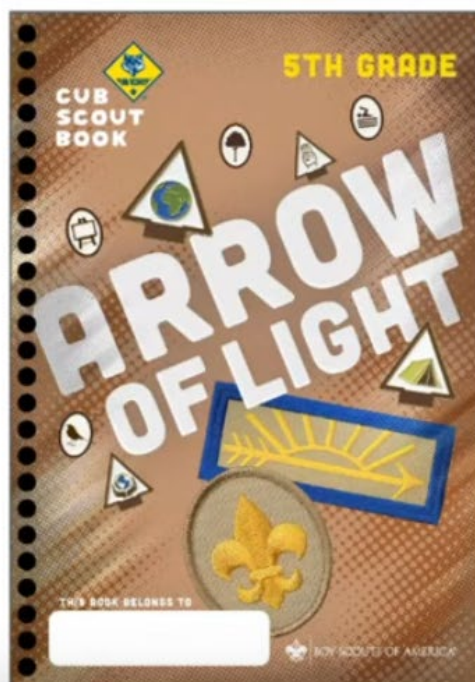
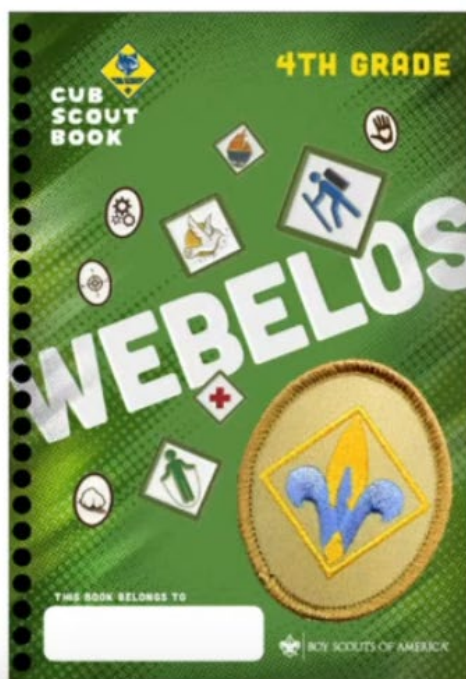
Build It!



Earth Rocks!

Modular Design
Preview Adventure

Webelos and Arrow of Light



Arrow of Light Handbook

Arrow of Light Required and Elective Adventures

Content from Scouts BSA Handbook on the Scout Badge of Rank requirements.

Requirements for Scout Badge of Rank May Not Be Worked On Until the Cub Scout Is In A Scouts BSA Troop.



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- Tentative Program Roll-out
 - April - New Handbooks in Scout shops
 - April - New beltloops and pins in Scout shops
 - May - Updated Position Specific Training
 - June - ScoutBook updated



PLAN NOW for Summer Time Fun



1st Grade



2nd Grade



3rd Grade



4th Grade



5th Grade

Summertime Fun		Summertime Fun		Summertime Fun		Summertime Fun		Summertime Fun	
									

One Requirement

1. Anytime during May through August participate in a total of three Cub Scout activities.

Earning Adventure is not dependent on other's participation.



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- Leader's Guides are being replaced by online help available to leaders and parents at [Scouting.org](https://scouting.org)
 - Over 1,500 *Activity Cards* will be available with specific instructions and information.



Activity Cards for Requirements

Location

-  Indoor
-  Outdoor
-  Travel

Energy Level

- 1- Very low energy - listening
- 2- Low energy — crafts
- 3- Moderate energy — skilled crafts
- 4- High energy — active movements
- 5- Very high energy — running


Requirement 1


Get to know the members of your den


Choose one of the following:


Lion - Kindergarten

Den Flag

 Indoor

 1

 3

 4

Making a den flag builds a sense of team and is a great way to show your den pride throughout the year...

[See Details](#)

Supplies

1. None — no supplies are needed
2. Very little — common household items
- 3- Average - low-cost craft supplies
- 4- Above average — common craft supplies
- 5- Custom — custom or uncommon

Prep Time

1. No prep time needed
2. One to three days ahead of time
3. Three to five days ahead of time
4. A week ahead of time
5. More than a week ahead of time



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