



Program Planning - Advancement

CUB SCOUTS

- <https://www.scouting.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/08/Required-Adventures-Chart-for-Ranks.pdf> is a one-page *Badges of Rank Requirements* handout for parents.
- Set aside one pack meeting in the Fall to discuss and encourage scouts to work on the religious award of their faith.
- Plan one pack meeting to highlight Special Needs.
 - Use American Sign language to open the meeting
 - Invite a scout or parent who has a special need to discuss how they cope with their disability
 - Set up stations for scouts to experience facing varied challenges (visual, mobility, dexterity)
 - Wolfs (Cubs Who Care) ; Webelos (Aware and Care Elective)
- Plan activities to attain **Summertime Pack Award**
 - Meet as a pack once a month during JUN, JUL, AUG
 - Examples: zoo hike, summer concert in the park, attend a festival





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- Set up one Troop Meeting in the Fall to discuss and describe all the Positions of Authority.
- Review your troop's policy and procedures related to the merit badge process with your Scouts, parents, guardians, and leaders.
 - Is the counselor registered and approved by GSLAC or another BSA Council?
 - Did the Scout get the Scout Master's approval **prior** to seeing the counselor?
 - Did the scout complete all the requirements?
 - Did the Scout Master insist the scout complete any and all prerequisites prior to attending a Merit Badge University or camp?
- Set up a one evening session for a **Parents ONLY** meeting via Zoom
 - Get feedback on troop's methods for advancement
 - Discuss the troop's program calendar
 - Provide training on setting up the Parent Portal for Summer Camp, credentials for ScoutBook, and the MyScouting App for their smartphone

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