

## Cub Scout Advancement Plan Guide

Rank	Grade	Achievement		Timeframe	Comments
		Required	Electives		
<b>Bobcat</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade  OR Entry into Cub Scouting	8 Requirements	None	As soon as possible upon entering Cub Scouting at age 8 or older.	A boy's first step after registering as a Cub Scout, regardless of age, is to pass the Bobcat Requirements. When a boy has learned these, his parent/guardian approves and signs his book. He is then eligible to receive his Bobcat badge and can begin working on the rank appropriate for his grade or age. The badge will be presented at the Pack meeting.
<b>Wolf</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade	12 Achievements	Arrow Point Electives – 22 different electives with more than 100 projects available	<u>Achievements</u> – End of 2 <sup>nd</sup> grade.  <u>Electives</u> – End of 2 <sup>nd</sup> grade.	<u>Achievements:</u> A boy must complete all 12 of the required achievements to the satisfaction of his Akela. Upon completion, the boy will be presented the badge at the next Pack meeting.  <u>Electives:</u> After the boy has earned his Wolf Badge, he is encouraged to work on the 22 Wolf Electives. When he completes 10 elective projects, he earns a Gold Arrow Point that is worn under the Wolf badge on his uniform. For each additional 10 elective projects completed, he earns a Silver Arrow Point. These will be presented during Pack meeting. There is no limit on the number of Arrow Points that can be earned.

**SPECIAL NOTE:** Cub Scout ranks are set up on a grade-age level, except for Bobcat, which all boys must earn. The Wolf rank is for those in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade (or age 8); Bear is for 3<sup>rd</sup> grade (or age 9); Webelos Badge is for 4<sup>th</sup> grade (or age 10); and the Arrow of Light Award is for Webelos in the 5<sup>th</sup> grade.

Each boy should be encouraged to earn the rank for his grade/age. If a boy is close to earning a badge of rank when the school year ends, he may be allowed some extra time to finish before going on to the next rank. If a boy is unable to complete a rank before moving on to the next grade, he will not be held back. He simply will not have the opportunity to earn that rank. He will then begin on the next rank as appropriate for his grade/age level. Please be aware, he can not 'go back' and work on advancements designed for younger boys. A new Webelos Scout must, however, earn the Webelos badge before he can earn the Arrow of Light Award.

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<b>Wolf</b> <b>Bear</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade	Special	None	During 2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade During 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade	<p><b>Immediate Recognition:</b> As a Cub Scout completes his achievements for the Wolf or Bear rank, the den leader will make sure he is recognized. Upon completion of 3 of the 12 Wolf achievements, the boy will be presented the Progress Toward Ranks patch plus a yellow bead. The patch is buttoned to his right pocket. When he completes another 3 achievements, he will receive another yellow bead. This procedure will continue until he completes all his 12 required achievements. This will provide him a total of 4 yellow beads.</p> <p>This same process is used for Bears except with red beads. The Progress Toward Ranks patch is not worn when the boy advances to Webelos.</p>
<b>Bear</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade	Complete 12 of the possible 24 Achievements.	Arrow Point Electives	<p><u>Achievements</u> – until end of 3<sup>rd</sup> grade.</p> <p><u>Electives</u> – until completion of 3<sup>rd</sup> grade or turns 10.</p>	<p><u>Achievements:</u> There are 24 achievements in four different categories. He must complete 12 of these to earn the Bear badge. These requirements are somewhat more challenging and difficult than for Wolf. The badge will be presented to the boy during a Pack meeting.</p> <p><u>Electives:</u> When he has earned his Bear badge, he may work on electives in the Bear book for credit toward Arrow Points. Any achievement requirements that a boy did not use to earn the Bear badge can be used as electives toward Arrow Points. He may work on electives until he completes the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade or turns 10.</p>

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<b>Webelos</b>	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Webelos Badge - complete 8 of the 20 available activities.	Compass Point Electives	<p>Webelos Badge – Usually by end of 4<sup>th</sup> Grade but no later than end of 5<sup>th</sup> Grade.</p> <p>Electives – Any time after earning Webelos Badge but by end of 5<sup>th</sup> Grade.</p>	<p>Webelos encompasses 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grades. This is their first step in transition from Cub Scouting to Boy Scouting.</p> <p><u>Achievements:</u> In order to earn the Webelos badge, a Webelos Scout is required to earn eight of the 20 available activity badges. Certain activities are required for Webelos and others for Arrow of Light. He will pass most Webelos badge requirements with the help of his den leader or badge counselors. Badge areas focus on hobby and career fields ranging from science to sports. When a badge is earned, the badge will be presented at a pack meeting.</p> <p><u>Compass Points:</u> After completing the Webelos badge, the Scout may receive compass points for earning additional activity badges. The compass points emblem is presented to the boy who has earned four activity badges in addition to those required for the Webelos badge. A metal compass point is awarded for each additional four activity badges earned.</p>
<b>Webelos</b>	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Arrow of Light – after earning Webelos Badge but by end of 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade.	Compass Point Electives	By end of 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade.	<p><u>Arrow of Light:</u> After completing all the Webelos badge requirements, the scout may earn the Arrow of Light Award, which is the highest award a boy can earn as a Cub Scout and is the only Cub Scout badge authorized to be worn on a Boy Scout uniform. Arrow of Light requirements give him a chance to practice Scout skills, earn more activity badges and learn about Boy Scouting.</p>