

# Bear Cub Scouts

**Summer between 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade:** Achievement 23: *Sports, Sports, Sports*, requirement 23e: Attend your local high school baseball or football game. Wear your adult uniform and have the boys wear their uniforms. Achievement 3: *What Makes America Special*, requirement 3g: Remind the boys to display the American flag on three national holidays this summer (Memorial Day, Flag Day, Independence Day, Labor Day). Participate in pack summer activities. Boys may earn Summertime Pack Award.

**If any new boys have joined your den, make certain they complete the Bobcat Badge before beginning other advancement. Distribute the Parent and Family Talent Survey (in resource folder on this CD) to the parents of new boys, asking them to complete and return it to you at the next meeting. Remind boys of behavioral expectations at den meetings. Wear your adult uniform to all meetings and remind boys to wear their uniforms. A snack at den meetings is optional, depending on the time of your meeting. Den dues may be collected at each meeting or at the beginning of the year. You may wish to distribute a parent information letter (samples in resource folder on this CD) at the conclusion of each meeting. The letter informs parents what was completed at each meeting and provides information on upcoming den and pack meetings and activities.**

## Cub Scout Promise

I, \_\_\_\_\_name\_\_\_\_\_, promise to do my best  
To do my duty to God and my country,  
To help other people, and  
To obey the Law of the Pack.

## Pledge of Allegiance

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America  
And to the republic for which it stands,  
One nation under God, indivisible,  
With liberty and justice for all.

**Meeting #1** Achievement 14: *Ride Right*, Achievement 8: *The Past is Exciting and Important* (partial)

### Preparation and materials needed:

Make arrangements with a bicycle shop to bring your boys for a field trip. Give a copy of requirements 14a, 14c, 14d, 14e to shop manager, so the requirements can be completed during the field trip. Submit a Local Tour Permit to your council two weeks prior to event. (See the Resource Folder on this CD to find a Local Tour Permit.) Communicate with parents to make sure all boys have access to a bike and proper helmet. Arrange transportation to bicycle shop or meet there. Determine where a safe place would be to complete the one mile bike ride. Prepare a family history chart (requirement 8d) (below)

for distribution to each boy at the end of the meeting. Bring index cards printed with the Cub Scout Promise for use by any new boys and adults during the flag ceremony.

**Helpful hint:** A good time to complete Achievement 14 is on one of the last few weekdays prior to the start of the school year. It takes several hours to complete. By doing it on a weekday, there will be no conflict with organized sports or summer weekend family plans. By the end of the summer, the boys will likely have learned to ride a bike, if they did not know how to do so previously. Give the parents of non-bike riders advance notice of this early in the summer, so the boys have time to learn how to ride.

**Gathering:**

As boys arrive, remind them of appropriate behavior at the bike shop. Say the Pledge of Allegiance, using the flag on the denner's uniform. Distribute index cards printed with the Cub Scout Promise for use by any new boys and adults.

Collect den dues. You may wish to collect den dues for the full year at the beginning of the year.

Record attendance

**Advancement:**

Achievement 14: *Ride Right* Field trip to a local bicycle shop to complete 14a, 14c, 14d, 14e at bike shop. Complete 14b and 14f in a safe area following the bike shop visit.

Have boys complete 14g with their families.

**Closing:**

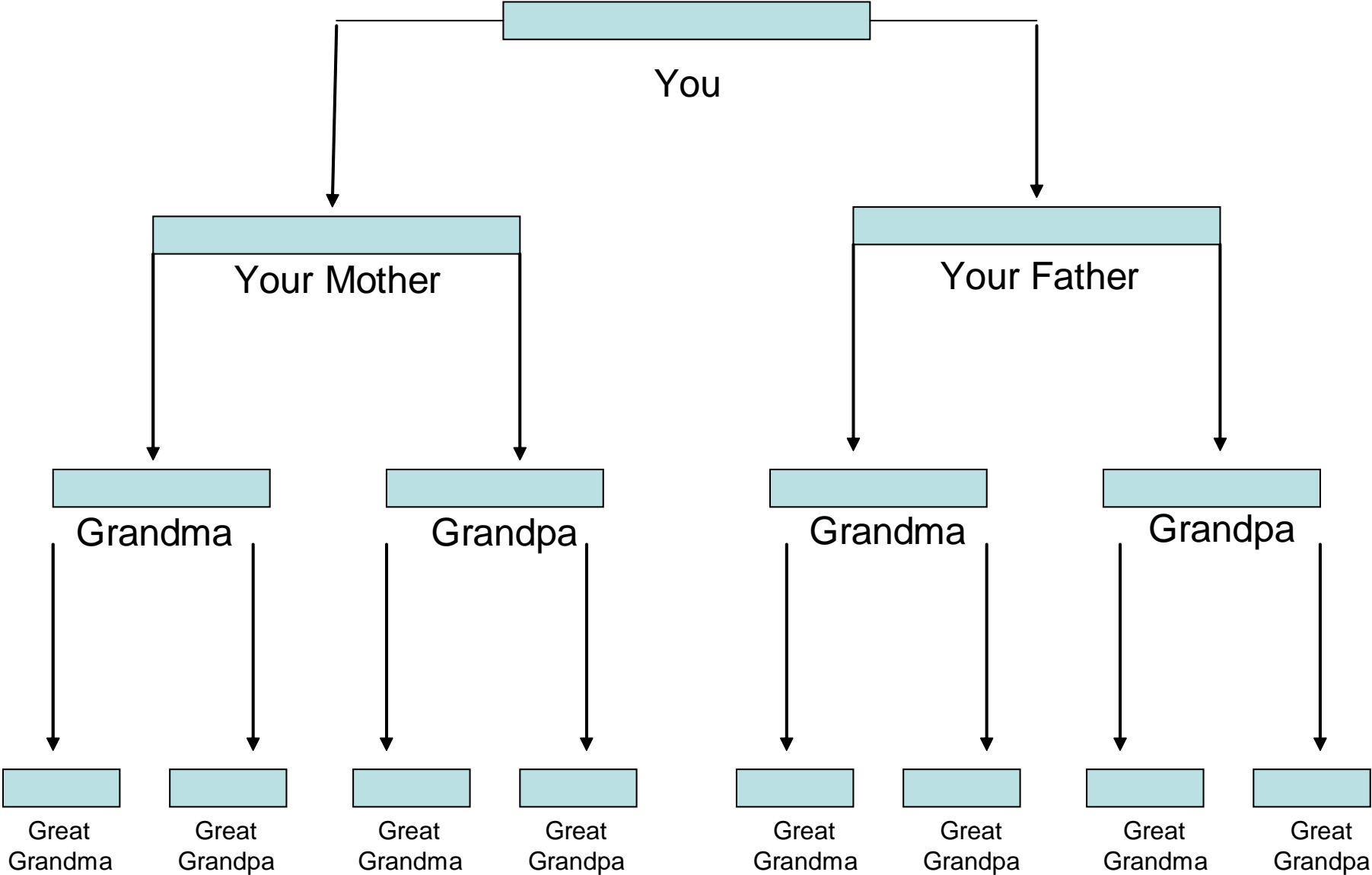
Following the one mile bike ride, have a snack.

Hand out parent information letter

Hand out a family history chart (requirement 8d) (below) to be completed and returned at the next den meeting.

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**Achievement 8: The Past is Exciting & Important, requirement d**



**Meeting #2** Achievement 3: *What Makes America Special?(partial)*, Achievement 8: *The Past Is Exciting and Important*

**Preparation and materials needed:**

Make arrangements to take a field trip to a local historical place of interest. Invite someone who was a Cub Scout a long time ago and who has lived in the area for a long time to accompany your den. Ask that person to be prepared to tell the boys what Cub Scouting and the community were like long ago. Also, ask the person to complete 8g, the Character Connection, with the boys. Submit a Local Tour Permit to your council two weeks prior to your field trip. Requirement 8a will be completed later in the year.

**Gathering**

Introduce guest

Snack

Collect den dues

Record attendance

**Opening ceremony:**

Say the Pledge of Allegiance, using the flag on the denner's uniform.

**Advancement:**

Achievement 3 *What Makes America Special?*, requirement 3d: Visit a place of historical interest. We visited a local historical house. Achievement 8: *The Past Is Exciting and Important*, requirement 8b: Find someone who was a Cub Scout a long time ago. Our tour guide (guest) at the historical house was a Cub Scout a long time ago. He also completed requirements 8e and 8g with the boys. Collect completed family history chart from each boy (requirement 8d).

**Closing:**

Hand out parent information letter

**Meeting #3** Achievement 3: *What Makes America Special? (completion)*, Achievement 16: *Building Muscles (partial)*

**Preparation and materials needed:**

American flag, state flag, den flag

**Gathering:**

While eating their snack, starting with the denner, have each boy tell what makes America special to him (requirement 3a). Also complete the Citizen Character Connection (requirement 3j).

Collect den dues

Record attendance

**Opening ceremony:**

Flag ceremony. Have the denner carry the American flag at each den meeting. Rotate denners alphabetically. Recite Pledge of Allegiance and Cub Scout Promise.

(requirement 3f)

**Advancement:**

Achievement 3: *What Makes America Special?* Requirements 3a and 3j were completed during snack time. The boys have likely completed 3b in school. Have them summarize the contributions of two famous Americans. 3d was completed at the previous meeting. Requirement 3e: learn about your state and its flag. Requirement 3g was completed over the summer. If you have access to an outdoor flag pole, complete 3h. Achievement 16: *Building Muscles*, requirement 16b: compete in six different two-person contests.

**Closing:**

Closing ceremony: Retire the Colors

Hand out parent information letter

Clean up

**Boys receive their first red bead for Progress Toward Ranks today.**

**Meeting #4** Achievement 7: *Law Enforcement Is a Big Job (partial)*

**Preparation and materials needed:**

Make arrangements for a field trip to your local police station. Ask if finger prints can be taken during the visit. Remind the boys to bring their Bear Handbooks. Submit a Local tour Permit to your council two weeks prior to your field trip.

**Gathering:**

Introduce police officer to the den.

Collect den dues

Record attendance

While the boys are having their snack, ask the officer to complete 7b and 7f with the boys.

**Opening ceremony:**

Using the police station flag, recite the Pledge of Allegiance. Ask the personnel present to join you. Recite the Cub Scout Promise.

**Advancement:**

Achievement 7: *Law Enforcement Is a Big Job*. Ask to have the boys' fingerprints imprinted in their Bear Handbooks (requirement 7a). Ask the parents to complete 7c, 7d, and 7e at home. Take a tour of the police station.

**Closing:**

Thank police officer

Hand out parent information letter. Ask parents to complete 7c, 7d, and 7e at home.

**Meeting #5** Achievement 7: *Law Enforcement Is a Big Job (completion with parents)*,

Achievement 1: *Ways We Worship*, Achievement 20: *Sawdust and Nails (partial)*

**Preparation and materials needed:**

American flag, den flag, paper and pencils, wood as listed for requirement 20b, saws, hammers, nails, safety glasses, gift wrap, tape, markers

**Gathering:**

Complete Achievement 1: *Ways We Worship*, requirements 1a and 1b during snack time.

Collect den dues

Record attendance

**Opening ceremony:**

Flag ceremony

**Advancement:**

Remind boys to check things off their lists for 1b as they complete them during the week.

Achievement 20: *Sawdust and Nails*, requirement 20b: We built our own toolboxes.

This requirement requires additional adult helpers at your meeting. The toolboxes were given as holiday gifts to the boys' parents.

**Closing:**

Retire the colors

Hand out parent information letter

Clean up

**Meeting #6** Achievement 20: *Sawdust and Nails (completion)*

**Preparation and materials needed:**

Make arrangements with a local hardware store for a field trip. Discuss requirements 20a and 20c with store personnel. Submit a Local Tour Permit to your council two weeks prior to the field trip. Bring safety glasses.

**Gathering:**

Have snack en route to hardware store.

Collect den dues

Record attendance

**Opening ceremony:**

Go to the flag department of the hardware store and recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

Invite store employees to join you. Recite Cub Scout Promise.

**Advancement:**

Achievement 20: *Sawdust and Nails* Complete requirements 20a and 20c.

**Closing:**

Thank hardware store personnel

Clean up

Hand out parent information letter

**Boys receive their second red bead for Progress Toward Ranks today.**

**Meeting #7** Achievement 9: *What's Cooking?*

**Preparation and materials needed:**

Make arrangements to go to someone's home to use the kitchen. Purchase ingredients to make oatmeal cookies listed on page 81 of the Bear Handbook. Purchase 4 lbs. of white chocolate and 60 small candy canes to make peppermint candy. Have smocks for all boys and adults. Have plastic bags or other containers for each boy to take home treats.

**Gathering:**

Collect den dues

Record attendance

Put on smocks and wash hands with soap

**Opening ceremony:**

Recite the Pledge of Allegiance and Cub Scout Promise

**Advancement:**

Achievement 9: *What's Cooking ?*, requirement 9f: Make peppermint candy as a dessert for your family. Ingredients for each batch (We made two batches.): 2 lbs. white chocolate, 30 small peppermint candy canes. Using a small hammer, have two boys crush the candy canes inside the cellophane wrappers. After being crushed, open the wrappers and dump the candy pieces into a bowl. Two other boys put the white chocolate into a large glass bowl. Microwave white chocolate on medium power for six minutes. Stir. Microwave for two more minutes. Stir. Add crushed candy. Stir. Microwave one minute on medium. Pour mixture into jelly roll pan lined with heavy foil. Spread evenly in pan. Refrigerate for one hour. Break peppermint candy bark into small pieces.

While peppermint candy is hardening in refrigerator, complete requirement 9a: make oatmeal cookies. See page 81 of the Bear Handbook for recipe.

Requirement 9c: The boys have likely completed this at home.

Requirement 9d: Make a list of junk foods while the peppermint candy is hardening and the oatmeal cookies are baking.

**Closing:**

Put candy and/or cookies into plastic bags or other containers for each boy.

Clean up

Hand out parent information letter

Send home treats with each boy

**Meeting #8** Achievement 11: *Be Ready*

**Preparation and materials needed:**

American flag, den flag, flashlight, blanket, rope, cell phone, pole or branch

**Gathering:**

During snack time, we discussed requirement 11g, the Character Connection for Courage

Collect den dues

Record attendance

**Opening ceremony:**

Flag ceremony

**Advancement:**

Achievement 11: *Be Ready*, requirements 11a, 11b, 11c, 11d, 11g: The boys worked in pairs and made up skits and acted them out for each emergency situation described in the book. I brought a few props to the meeting for this. Requirement 11e: Ask the boys and their parents to plan an escape route from their home and have a practice drill.

**Closing:**

Retire the Colors

Hand out parent information letter

Clean up

**Meeting #9** Achievement 16: *Building Muscles (completion)*, Achievement 13: *Saving Well, Spending Well (partial)*

**Preparation and materials needed:**

American flag, den flag

**Gathering:**

Snack

Collect den dues

Record attendance

**Opening ceremony:**

Flag ceremony

**Advancement:**

Achievement 16: *Building Muscles*, requirements 16a and 16c. 16b was completed during meeting #3, but could be repeated.

**The boys have now earned their third red bead for Progress Toward Ranks.**

Achievement 13: *Saving Well, Spending Well* I asked the parents to complete this at home with the boys. They have likely completed all of these requirements at home already.

**Closing:**

Retire the Colors

Hand out parent information letter. Remind parents to complete Achievement 13 at home

Clean up

**Meeting #10** Achievement 13: *Saving Well, Spending Well (completed at home)*, Achievement 15: *Games, Games, Games*

**Preparation and materials needed:**

American flag, den flag, equipment for any two games listed in requirement 15a and for any games you will play to complete 15b and 15c.

**Gathering:**

Snack

Collect den dues

Record attendance

**Opening ceremony:**

Flag ceremony

**Advancement:**

Achievement 15: *Games, Games, Games*, requirement 15a: Play any of the two games listed. If the weather does not permit them to be played outdoors, play the games indoors. Complete 15b and 15c.

**Closing:**

Retire the Colors

Hand out parent information letter

Clean up

**Meeting #11** Achievement 17: *Information, Please*, Achievement 8: *The Past Is Exciting and Important*

**Preparation and materials needed:**

Make arrangements to visit a newspaper office and talk to a news reporter. Ask the reporter to see back issues of the newspaper from the dates all boys in your den were born. Submit a Local Tour Permit to your council two weeks prior to your field trip.

**Gathering:**

Have snack en route to the newspaper office.

Collect den dues

Record attendance

**Opening ceremony:**

Using a flag in the newspaper office or the flag on your denner's uniform, recite the Pledge of Allegiance and Cub Scout Promise. Note: If the reporters are on deadline, you may not be able to do this.

**Advancement:**

Achievement 17: *Information, Please*, requirement 17c. We also completed requirement 8a from Achievement 8: *The Past Is Exciting and Important*. We have already completed Achievement 8, but it was fun for the boys to see a copy of the front page of the newspaper from the day they were born. Achievement 17, requirement 17b: We played a game of charades.

Requirement 17d: The boys have completed this at school.

**Closing:**

Thank newspaper reporter

Hand out parent information letter

**Boys receive their fourth red bead for Progress Toward Ranks today and they will receive their Bear Badge at the Blue and Gold Dinner.**

**Meeting #12** Elective 23: *Maps***Preparation and materials needed:**

American flag, den flag, United States map showing time zones, state map, paper, pencils

**Gathering:**

Snack

Collect den dues

Record attendance

**Opening ceremony:**

Flag ceremony

**Advancement**

Elective 23: *Maps*, requirements 23a, 23b, 23c, 23d, 23e

**Closing:**

Retire the Colors

Hand out parent information letter

Clean up

**Meeting #13** Achievement 5: *Sharing Your World With Wildlife (partial)***Preparation and materials needed:**

American flag, den flag, B.S.A. bird house kits (BSA Supply No. #7201, #17185, #17083) hammers, safety glasses, hot glue guns and glue sticks

**Gathering:**

Snack

Collect den dues

Record attendance

**Opening ceremony:**

Flag ceremony

**Advancement:**

Achievement 5: *Sharing Your World With Wildlife* (We worked on this achievement for Arrow Point credit.) Requirement 5b: We started building birdhouses, using the B.S.A. birdhouse kits. We discussed 5c and 5e. The boys have likely completed 5d with their family or on a school field trip.

**Closing:**

Retire the Colors

Hand out parent information letter

Clean up

**Meeting #14** Achievement 5: *Sharing Your World With Wildlife (completion)*, Elective 10b: *Make animal masks from paper bags.***Preparation and materials needed:**

American flag, den flag, unfinished bird houses, hammers, safety glasses, paint, smocks, paper grocery bags, construction paper, glue sticks, markers

**Gathering:**

Snack

Collect den dues

Record attendance

**Opening ceremony:**

Flag ceremony

**Advancement:**

Requirement 5b, completed and painted bird houses.

Elective 10b: Make animal masks from paper bags for Noah's Ark skit to be performed at pack meeting.

**Closing:**

Retire the colors

Hand out parent information letter

Clean up

Den leader keeps bird houses because the paint is still wet. Bird houses go home at the next meeting.

## **Bear Cub Scouts**

### **Noah's Ark Skit Meeting #14**

**Have boys make animal masks, using paper grocery bags. Each boy portrays one animal.**

Glue each animal's verse onto an index card. The boys may read from the cards or memorize their lines.

#### **Lion**

It's evident that, although I'm a cat,  
You never would call me a kitty.  
I'm king of renown, with a mane for a crown  
And my roar is tremendous, not pretty!

#### **Zebra**

You may be right when you say I'm white  
With stripes of black – how amusing!  
Or am I black with white rick-rack?  
It's really most confusing

#### **Leopard**

At the sound of a shot,  
I quickly change my spot,  
When hunters are out to pursue me.  
But I can't, as they say, change the spots I display,  
They seem to be glued right to me!

#### **Elephant**

An old piano key might be made out of me,  
And I need a giant tent for my bunk.  
If you ride on my back, I hope that you pack  
Peanuts, not clothes, in my trunk!

#### **Walrus**

On a hot summer day, you will envy my play

As I swim for my recreation.  
My tusks and my skin  
Bring good money in,  
And my moustache is quite a sensation!

**Rhinoceros**

Some folks feel that I lack appeal,  
Because my complexion is horrid.  
But I must confess, I'm a real clumsy mess,  
With my horns on my nose and my forehead!

**Dove**

I flit and I fly up in the sky  
But all I see is water.  
If I could just stand, that would mean I've found land,  
And we all will live happily after.

**When the last animal has recited his verse, all animals say in unison, "We hear Noah calling!"**

**Meeting #15** Achievement 6: *Take Care of Your Planet (partial)*

**Preparation and materials needed:**

Make arrangements for a field trip to a recycling facility. Submit a Local Tour Permit to your council two weeks prior to the field trip.

**Gathering:**

Eat snack en route to recycling facility

Collect den dues

Record attendance

**Opening ceremony:**

Using the flag on the denner's uniform, recite the Pledge of Allegiance. Recite the Cub Scout Promise.

**Advancement:**

Achievement 6: *Take Care of Your Planet*, requirement 6c: We visited a recycling facility.

**Closing:**

Hand out parent information letter

**Meeting #16** Achievement 6: *Take Care of Your Planet (completion)*

**Preparation and materials needed:**

Determine site where your den could plant a tree. Obtain necessary permission. Bring: tree to be planted, shovels, work gloves, water

**Gathering:**

Snack

Collect den dues

Record attendance

**Opening ceremony:**

Using the flag on your denner's uniform, recite the Pledge of Allegiance. Recite the Cub Scout Promise.

**Advancement:**

6a has been completed at home. 6b: Plant a tree. All boys take turns digging the hole.

Gently lower the tree into the hole. Fill around root ball with soil. Water the tree.

Continue to water the tree in the weeks and months following planting.

**Closing:**

Hand out parent information letter.

**Meeting #17**

Annual trip to an ice cream shop to reward year-long good behavior.

Hand out parent information letter, outlining Webelos activities planned for the summer.

**Sign each boy's book for all other electives you know the boy has completed. Achievements that were not used for completion of the Bear Badge may be counted toward electives. Some electives may have been completed at school, on a sports team, or as part of a Cub Scout pack activity. Ask parents to sign for any other electives the boy has completed. Tally them to make sure each boy receives as many arrow points as possible by the end of the school year.**

**Some boys earned the religious emblem of their faith. Most boys earned the Summertime Pack Award. Some boys earned the Cub Scout Outdoor Activity Award.**