



A Year of Celebration, A Century of Making a Difference Cub Scout Patch Requirements



Every Scout, adult leader, and Scouting alum should have the chance to be part of our biggest milestone yet—our 100th Anniversary Celebration. Cub Scouts will be a big part of that! We want keep Cub Scouts excited about Scouting while giving them a chance to make a difference—and earn recognition—at an important time in our history. Through *A Year of Celebration, A Century of Making a Difference*, we will do just that.

By demonstrating dedication to five of Scouting's core values, Cub Scouts and others can earn award ribbons to hang from the 100th Anniversary Commemorative patch. *A Year of Celebration, A Century of Making a Difference* is fun, engaging and—most importantly—shows America the impact of Scouting through its commitment to these values. *A Year of Celebration* will be in effect from Sept. 1, 2009, through Dec. 31, 2010.

Program Objectives

- Provide every Scout, leader, and alumna a fun and meaningful way to participate in the 100th Anniversary and earn recognition!
- Increase awareness of Scouting's value to the nation by promoting *A Year of Celebration* activities and by sharing the participation outcomes.
- Engage individuals in fun activities and reward their contributions to Scouting—helping improve both Scout and volunteer retention.
- Spark conversations about Scouting's values, history, and programs—for both positive public awareness and Scout and volunteer recruitment. The more people talk about Scouting, the more they will want to join in!
- Increase overall participation in our 100th Anniversary Celebration by working closely with other national engagement programs.
- Help build stronger local council and unit ties through an exciting and easy-to-use celebration program.

LEADERSHIP

Scouting has a proud tradition of producing great leaders. Self-determination, teamwork, and preparedness are synonymous with Scouts everywhere. For Scouting's 100th Anniversary, let's celebrate this tradition of developing youth leaders.

The Year of Celebration Leadership Award encourages Scouts to explore and reflect upon the qualities of a good leader. The award recipients will work on leadership skills. The Leadership Award rewards participants for reflecting upon and sharing leadership lessons and skills. Scouts earning this award will look to role models, lead groups, and participate in leadership-building activities. Adults and alumni will build their unit leadership skills by emphasizing membership growth, volunteering, and providing role models.

Complete three of the five requirements in each category to earn the ribbon.

1. Explain what makes a good leader and give an example of a Scout (past or present) demonstrating those qualities. Ask your parent or den leader what makes a good leader.
2. Practice being a leader such as being a denner for one week. Write or tell your parent or den leader about what you did during that week.
3. Get a friend to join Cub Scouts.
4. Organize the den to set up and take down chairs at the pack meeting.
5. With the approval of your den leader, plan and lead a den activity.

ACHIEVEMENT

Achievement in Scouting builds self-esteem and fosters collaboration with others. With every rank advanced and award earned, Scouts develop pride in themselves and their units. More than just getting a patch, Scouting's myriad of awards challenge Scouts to excel, have fun, and grow into healthy, prepared adults. In addition to advancement, the award recipient makes an active effort to reflect on personal achievements and those of other Scouts.

The Year of Celebration Achievement Award highlights the possibilities for personal achievement. Scouts will pursue rank advancements, religious emblems, as well as engage adults and alumni in conversation about their own achievements in Scouting.

Complete three of the five requirements to earn the ribbon.

1. Choose something you'd like to do better, and work on it for a week. Write or tell your parent or den leader about your progress.
2. Earn one Cub Scout Academics belt loop and one Cub Scout Sports belt loop.
3. Complete one achievement or activity badge for your rank.
4. Complete one elective for your current rank.
5. Complete one Cub Scout Sports or Academics pin, or the BSA Emergency Preparedness Award or the BSA Physical Fitness Award.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Scouting's contribution to society is most visible in the movement's commitment to community service. Service is interwoven into many of Scouting's honors and is mandatory for earning the higher rank advancements. Through service, Scouts demonstrate that they provide an essential function to their communities.

The Year of Celebration Community Service Award rewards recipients for providing time and resources at no charge for the good of their local community. More than just engage in service, the award recipient must also share their thoughts about why service is crucial to our society and how Scouts today fulfill a 100-year-old legacy of serving communities.

Over the years, the Boys Scouts of America has partnered with several national organizations to accomplish some great service projects. If you are looking for service project ideas, consider the following options:

- [Nothing But Nets](#)
- [Scouting For Food](#)
- [Habitat for Humanity](#)
- [Our National Parks](#)
- [Cell Phones for Soldiers](#)
- [2010 US Census](#)
- [American Red Cross](#)
- [Arbor Day Foundation](#)
- [Take Pride in America](#)
- [The Salvation Army](#)
- [Preserve Our Waterways](#)

Complete three of the five requirements to earn the ribbon.

* Make sure that all service hours are recorded online for "[Good Turn For America](#)."

1. With your parent or den leader, identify a person who serves the community. Write or tell about what that person does for others.
2. With your family or den, help plan and carry out a community service project. Write or tell about the project.
3. With your family and/or den, clean up your Pack's chartering organization's parking lot, a neighborhood park, the school grounds, or other public area.
4. Participate in a nature beautification project such as a tree or natural vegetation planting.
5. Give service to a community organization such as a food bank or feeding station.

CHARACTER

Scouting is a character-building enterprise. Youth learn that personal responsibility and integrity are essential to accomplishing one's goals. They learn to do good turns without expectation of reward. They learn to be brave when challenged to do the right thing.

The Year of Celebration Character Award rewards recipients for engaging in an active conversation about living by the Scout Law. The award involves elements of citizenship, family life, and personal fitness. Scouts will reflect on their own character and values. Adults and alumni will rediscover the impact Scouting makes on their own character.

Complete three of the five requirements in each category to earn that patch.

1. Talk to your parent or den leader about the Cub Scout Promise or Law of the Pack. What

does it say about the kind of character a Scout should have?

2. With your family or den, plan and carry out a game that helps demonstrate one of the Character Connections™. Write or tell about your experience.
3. Talk to your parent or rabbi, minister, cleric, or other religious leader about how trust in God provides inner strength and confidence.
4. Talk to your parent or den leader about honesty. Talk about why it is important to be honest in everything you say and do.
5. Become a friend of a boy who is being left out of the group. Discuss how compassion and cooperation are essential to good character.

OUTDOORS

From campouts to High Adventure, Scouting happens outdoors. Since its inception, Scouting has centered on teaching values through working and playing outside, and fostering respect and understanding of one's natural surroundings.

The Year of Celebration Outdoors Award is geared toward getting individuals active in nature. The recipients must participate in outdoor activities and show growth in personal outdoor skills. They must also demonstrate increased knowledge of nature. Scouts must show understanding of the impact humans can have on ecosystems and why one must Leave No Trace when experiencing the outdoors. Adults and alumni are encouraged to share their outdoor Scouting experiences with Scouts, as well as non-Scouts of all ages. The Award centers on principles of stewardship, discovery, and personal fitness.

Complete three of the five requirements to earn the ribbon.

1. With your family or den, help plan and carry out an outdoor activity. Write or tell about your experience.
2. Describe to your parent or den leader the different kinds of plants and animals you can find around your neighborhood.
3. Earn Cub Scouting's Leave No Trace Awareness Award or the Cub Scout Outdoor Activity Award.
4. Go on a hike with your family or den.
5. Participate in a district or council outdoor experience (day camp, resident camp, etc.).