



## THE CBD CHAT

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#### **Cub Scouting 2015 Update**

At last month's Roundtable we started discussing the new Cub Scout advancement program that was being rolled-out for our next Scouting year; effective as of this coming June 1. There were two main points that were presented...

1. Keep focused on your current plans for this year and giving our boys a great Scouting year! There is a long time between now and June 1st and you shouldn't need to adjust any part of your current program plan.
2. We have a communication plan to educate and update everyone. Please attend Roundtable and watch the CBD Chatter and you will not miss a thing.

At an up-coming Roundtable, we will be giving a full presentation on the details of the up-coming program changes. For those with a deep curiosity, BSA has published a wealth of information at the below URL - newly included are recordings of a set of webinars that provide a full briefing of the new program...

<http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/programupdates.aspx>

With February being the month that many Webelos earn their Webelos badge, we have our first new 2015-16 planning update...

#### **Attention 1st-year Webelos Den Leaders**

With the new Cub advancement program starting June 1st, our Webelos leaders need to prepare for a logistical decision for their boys working towards their Arrow of Light award. Here is the situation that you need to consider...

Our 4th-grade Webelos can keep working in their current program books until they earn their Arrow of Light and graduate into Boy Scouts in February of 2016. They are not required to switch over to the new program on June 1. However, when the new advancement program books become available in May, they can choose to begin work using the new requirements.

If the choice is made for the den to follow the new program, the seven Arrow of Light requirements must be satisfied as follows:

1. Complete the four required adventures from the new program
2. The three elective requirements may utilize either (a) the new adventure electives, or (b) activity pins earned under the current program but NOT USED to fulfill the Webelos badge requirements.

For most dens, this will be a question of timing...

If most of your den has completed the Webelos badge requirements by February, please keep the boys energized and working towards their Arrow of Light in the current program book.

If your den will be wrapping up the Webelos badge requirements in the April or May time frame, maybe you want to work on some other activities and wait for the new program books to become available.

Your boys could be the first to earn the Arrow of Light badge using the new program.

There are a pair of important considerations that involve new Webelos Scouts that might join your den and pack:

1. As of June 1, we expect that the old program book will no longer be available. If your den is staying with the current Arrow of Light advancement requirements and you have new boys join the Webelos den after June 1, you may want to prepare a plan for providing a new Webelos Cub Scout their own copy of the current requirements.
2. As of the 2015-16 year, new Webelos Scouts are no longer required to earn the Webelos badge before they can earn the Arrow of Light. New Webelos Scouts can begin working on their Arrow of Light in conjunction with the rest of the den.

If you are a Webelos den leader in an LDS Scouting unit, it is recommended that you review the following BSA publication.

[http://www.scouting.org/filestore/program\\_update/pdf/CS%20Program%20Transition.pdf](http://www.scouting.org/filestore/program_update/pdf/CS%20Program%20Transition.pdf)