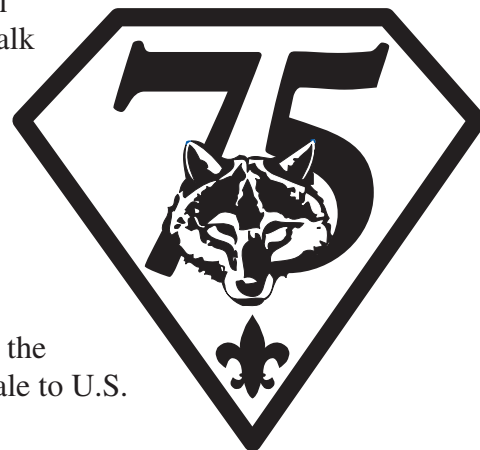


# 75th Anniversary of Cub Scouting

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## The Events of 75 Years of Cub Scouting—A Chronology

- 1910** Boy Scouts of America incorporated on February 8. National Executive Board formed. Baden-Powell visited America to talk with leaders. President Taft became first honorary president of the BSA; Theodore Roosevelt first honorary vice-president.
- 1911** The National Executive Board recognized the need for a younger boy program.
- 1912** *Boys' Life* magazine became official publication.
- 1918** James E. West, Chief Scout Executive, secured the rights for the American printing of the British *Wolf Cub's Handbook* for sale to U.S. Wolf Cub packs.
- 1920** The first National Training Conference for Executives emphasized the need for a younger boy program.
- 1924** The National Executive Board proposed “adoption of a younger boy program at the earliest date, should be kept entirely distinct from Scouting, should prepare for graduation into the Scout movement.”
- 1927** A portion of a Laura Spelman Rockefeller grant of \$50,000 supported a research and development project on the younger boy program. Dr. Huber William Hurt named full-time executive for the committee, which was to “report to the National Executive Board at the earliest date.”
- 1929** The National Executive Board approved demonstration Cub units.
- 1930** The National Executive Board heard the Hurt committee report and approved the Cub program “controlled experiment” as of February 10. The board authorized Cub packs to register with the BSA starting April 1 for those packs qualifying under “special permit” requirements to assure adequate resources and leadership. Inaugural Cub books included those for Wolf, Bear, and Lion ranks; *Parents' Cub Book*; and *Cub Leader's Outline*. Uniforms for boys were issued (\$6.05 complete) and 5,102 boys and 1,433 pack leaders in 243 packs were registered during the first year.
- 1932** First *Cubmaster's Pack Book* and *Den Chief's Den Book*.
- 1933** “Experimental” restrictions removed as of May 25<sup>th</sup>; Cubbing to be “aggressively promoted as a part of the Boy Scout program.”
- 1936** Registration of den mothers made “optional”; before this year, den mothers not permitted to register. Smocks available for den mothers.



- 1937** First *Den Mother's Den Book*. Cubmobile racer introduced.
- 1938** Bobcat pin introduced for civilian wear only. Den mother's badge approved. New den chief's shoulder cord. *How Book of Cubbing* published.
- 1939** *Cubbing Guidebook* and new manual for den mother training were produced. Pow wows and roundtables began in many councils.
- 1940** Themes introduced into Cubbing. Den chief training course launched.
- 1941** Webelos rank created for 11½-year-old boys with the Lion badge. Accumulated badges could be worn on uniforms, rather than only the most recent badge.
- 1942** Boys allowed rank corresponding to age if late entry into the program (no need for catch-up).
- 1943** In program literature, first reference by name to blue and gold banquet. Packs sold War Bonds and War Stamps.
- 1944** Literature and uniform shortages due to wartime priorities. Packs collected grease, newspapers, and milkweed floss. Many packs had Victory Garden programs.
- 1945** "Cubbing" changed to "Cub Scouting." New bars for denners and assistant denners.
- 1947** Uniform revision: long trousers for boys.
- 1948** All den mothers must register with the BSA (registration optional previously).
- 1949** Age levels for Cub Scouting changed to 8, 9, and 10, with boys entering Boy Scouting at 11. At the end of the 20<sup>th</sup> year, for the first time Cub Scouting had more than a million boys registered at some time during the year, a 25 percent gain over the previous year.
- 1950** Cub Scout Promise changed to add the line "to do my duty to God and my country."
- 1951** Wolf book revised to the reading level of the 8-year-old boy.
- 1953** First pinewood derby held in California.
- 1954** Webelos den created for 10½-year-old boys. New Webelos den badge. Lion book changed to Lion-Webelos book. Pack numerals colors changed. Minimum age for den mothers and assistant Cubmasters changed from 18 to 21.
- 1955** Pinewood derby became part of Cub Scout program. New den mother's uniform skirt and blouse offered. More than two million Cub Scouts were registered during the year for the first time.
- 1956** Webelos day camp program introduced. Den Mother's Training Award introduced. First Cub Scouting books in Braille.
- 1957** Increased emphasis on Cub Scouting for boys with disabilities. Bike safety highlighted.
- 1958** New *Webelos Den Book* with meeting outline helps for Webelos den leaders.
- 1959** Bobcat pin introduced for the uniform.
- 1960** Golden Jubilee of Scouting and 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Cub Scouting in the United States. Special coin and patches issued.
- 1963** Cub Scout Advisory Group recommended the den mother's tie as an alternate to the neckerchief.
- 1964** National Summertime Pack Award created to encourage year-round Cub Scouting. Cub Scout Swim Plan introduced.
- 1965** For the first time Cub Scouting broke through the three-million mark for boys registered during the year.

- 1967** Cub Scout advancement program overhauled. Lion rank discontinued in favor of new Webelos Scout program with its distinctive uniform and 15 activity badges. Den leader coach position created.
- 1968** National Executive Board approved Cub Scout day camps. Membership fees increased to \$2 for adults and \$1 for boys.
- 1970** National Summertime Pack Award stressed. Project SOAR (Save Our American Resources) launched throughout Scouting.
- 1971** Cub Scout Promise dropped “to be square”; added “to help other people.”
- 1972** New embroidered badges for Bobcat, Wolf, Bear, and Webelos ranks. School grade as well as age considered for joining requirement. Cub Scouts accounted for 51 percent of BSA youth membership.
- 1973** Achievements and electives updated. New Webelos den leader and Cubmaster neckerchiefs. Immediate Recognition Kit introduced. Cub Scout Leadership Development kit introduced.
- 1974** Cub Scout Bicycle Safety and Cub Scout Physical Fitness programs introduced.
- 1975** Webelos-to-Scout transition program launched. Learn-to-Swim program promoted. New literature for leaders of Cub Scouts with disabilities. Den chief’s cord repositioned on the uniform.
- 1976** Women could now serve as Cubmasters and assistant Cubmasters. *Cub Scout Family Book* prepared and Cub Scout Family Award designed.
- 1977** Cub Scout program year changed to coincide with the school year.
- 1978** Five ranks established in Cub Scouting: Bobcat, Wolf, Bear, Webelos, Arrow of Light Award. Training awards updated. Family camping encouraged.
- 1979** Wolf book rewritten. New Bear neckerchief. Arrow of Light Award square knot introduced.
- 1980** Golden Jubilee of Cub Scouting in the United States. The 30 millionth Cub Scout since 1930 was registered. New designer uniforms for boys and leaders. Cub Scout Family Award now standard. New *Den Chief Handbook* and the first Cub Scout Action Books for boys in low-income, rural, and Hispanic areas.
- 1982** The 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of World Scouting. Tiger Cubs BSA introduced at National Council meeting in Atlanta. *Cub Scout Leader Book* published, replacing five other books.
- 1984** Extended camping approved for Webelos Scouts. *Big Bear Cub Scout Book* introduced.
- 1985** The 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America. New Cub Scout Sports program introduced. *Cub Scout Leader How-To Book* published.
- 1986** Cub Scouting expanded to serve all elementary school grades. Five additional Webelos activity badges introduced, with a two-year Webelos program and a new *Webelos Scout Book*. Whittling Chip card introduced.
- 1987** BSA Family program developed. Fast Start training video for Tiger Cub organizers. Cub Scout Sports now numbered 20.
- 1988** Webelos Woods introduced to aid in Webelos-to-Scout transition. February (or March) graduation of Webelos Scouts into troops encouraged. Tiger Tracks introduced. Webelos colors discontinued.
- 1989** Webelos colors brought back. World Crest emblem approved for wear by all Scouts and Scouters.
- 1990** Badge created for Tiger Cub coach.

- 1991** Cub Scout Academics introduced. Ethics in Action program launched. *It Happened to Me* Youth Protection video introduced. *Guide to Safe Scouting* created.
- 1992** Tiger Cub coaches included in basic training. Tiger Cub Group Coach Award added to training awards.
- 1993** New addition to Bobcat requirements. Pack charters extended to include Tiger Cubs. Continuum-of-training concept launched.
- 1994** New four-hour basic training introduced. Quarterly Leadership Updates and Unit Leadership Enhancements added to supplemental training. National Den Award introduced.
- 1995** Tiger Mania. Tiger Cub groups became dens. Fast Start training revised. *Boys' Life* created Cub Scout edition.
- 1996** Tiger Cub emblem created to wear on Cub Scout uniform. Belt totem for Tiger Cubs introduced.
- 1997** Cub Scout Academics and Sports program opened to Tiger Cubs. Female leaders allowed to wear either blue and gold uniform or khaki and tan uniform.
- 1998** Cub Scout family camping redefined. Training 2000 Award introduced. Revised Wolf and Bear books introduced.
- 1999** *Cub Scout Ceremonies for Dens and Packs* published. The letter "C" replaced the "A" and "S" for Cub Scout Academics and Sports; program underwent major revision.
- 2000** Pack family camping approved. BALOO training introduced. Pack trainer position introduced and den leader coach position eliminated. *BSA Family Activity Book* and requirements to earn BSA Family Award revised. "Climb on Safely" introduced to allow Cub Scouts to climb and rappel in a controlled environment.
- 2001** Character Connections and core values introduced; Ethics in Action program ended. Purposes of Cub Scouting revised. Training continuum revised to include New Leader Essentials for all leaders, Cub Scout Leader Specific Training, and Wood Badge for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century for all leaders in Scouting. *Tiger Cub Handbook*, Tiger Cub rank, and achievements and electives for Tiger Cubs introduced. Optional oval Webelos badge created. Tiger Cub den leader replaced Tiger Cub coach position; Tiger Cub Den Leader Award created. *Cub Scout Program Helps* included Tiger Cub den meeting plans. Major revision of *Cub Scout Leader Book*; *Cub Scout Leader How-To Book* rewritten. Cub Scout training award requirements revised, including changes in tenure and adding Youth Protection training.
- 2002** Age-appropriate guidelines adopted. Leave No Trace Frontcountry Guidelines and Leave No Trace Award introduced. All Cub Scouts could now earn the Whittling Chip. New caps for all ranks. "Power Pack Pals" comics introduced.
- 2003** Wolf, Bear, and Webelos handbooks revised. All handbooks had Character Connections activities included as part of advancement requirements. Bobcat requirements changed to include core value of honesty as part of learning Cub Scout Promise. New Fast Start training video created.
- 2004** National "Good Turn for America" launched. Updated Outdoor Skills for Webelos Den Leader training introduced. 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Award and Cub Scout Outdoor Activity Award introduced. Official Tiger Cub uniform changed to the blue shirt with orange neckerchief and appropriate insignia. A new Cub Scout Hispanic outreach initiative known as Soccer and Scouting was launched.
- 2005** Cub Scouting celebrates 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, "75 Years of Fun, Family, and Friends."