Cub Scout New Delivery Method
Executive Talking Points

By now you have heard that, beginning with the 2010–11 school year, the Boy Scouts of America is rolling out a new method for delivering the Cub Scout program. The new delivery method is much like what some of our most successful den leaders have been doing for years: den meetings designed around advancement in the Tiger, Wolf, Bear, and Webelos dens.

Alongside key volunteers and subject matter experts in the Cub Scout program, the National Council has enhanced the Cub Scout delivery method to make something good even better. Over the past four years, we have used the pilot program to test these new changes. The program has been well-assessed with input from more than 11,000 Cub Scout den leaders nationwide.

In the pilot study, Cub Scout retention has increased from 65 percent to 89 percent annually. This means if the new program is successful for everyone, 300,000 more boys will stay in Scouting in the United States each year and will achieve the overall aims of Scouting—the development of their character, citizenship, and fitness.

The Pilot Study Said . . .

- Sixty percent of den leaders said the new program has increased their confidence in delivering the Cub Scout program to their den.
- Eighty percent said the resources made meeting preparation easier, and they are satisfied with the activities and resources.
- Ninety-five percent would recommend the new program to other den leaders.
- Ninety-seven percent were satisfied with the resources provided.

The BSA has been working diligently to refine this method to make it the best it can be. It will help packs and dens be more successful. Your adult leaders will find their Scouting experience even more rewarding as they teach and serve the Cub Scouts in their dens and watch their boys grow into fine young men.

Training

- **Fast Start for Cub Scout Leaders** has been updated to reflect the new delivery method. It is available now at www.scouting.org/myscouting using your MyScouting account.
- **Position-Specific Leader Training** has been updated to reflect the new delivery method. It also now combines the main portion of the training into one module, and minimodules are used to support specific leader positions.
    - It is available now in the instructor-led version at your local Scout shop or at www.scoutstuff.org.
    - It will also become available on June 20 for the first time in an online version, intended for individual training only.
- Den leaders can now receive all training necessary to become “fully trained” online.
    - Youth Protection training
    - This Is Scouting
    - Fast Start for Cub Scout Leaders
    - Position-Specific Leader Training

What Hasn't Changed

- Cub Scout handbooks
- Advancement requirements
- Electives
- Academics and Sports belt loops and pins
- Family-related achievements and activities

What Has Changed

- *Program Helps* has been eliminated, replaced by the *Den & Pack Meeting Resource Guide*.
- Pack themes, such as circus or pirates, have been replaced with **Cub Scouting's 12 Core Values**.
- Roundtable themes have been changed to focus on the pack theme for the coming month, using **Cub Scouting's 12 Core Values**.
- "Share, Discover, Search" is no longer part of the Tiger Cub den meeting structure.

The *Den & Pack Meeting Resource Guide* is now available. You can find it at your local council Scout shop or at www.scoutstuff.org.

Individual meeting plans are available today.

Tiger Cub Den Meeting Plans
http://scouting.org/scoutsource/CubScouts/Leaders/DenLeaderResources/DenandPackMeetingResourceGuide/TigerDenPlans.aspx

Wolf Cub Scout Den Meeting Plans
http://scouting.org/scoutsource/CubScouts/Leaders/DenLeaderResources/DenandPackMeetingResourceGuide/WolfDenPlans.aspx

Bear Cub Scout Den Meeting Plans
http://scouting.org/scoutsource/CubScouts/Leaders/DenLeaderResources/DenandPackMeetingResourceGuide/BearDenPlans.aspx

Webelos Den Meeting Plans
http://scouting.org/scoutsource/CubScouts/Leaders/DenLeaderResources/DenandPackMeetingResourceGuide/WebelosDenPlans.aspx

Arrow of Light Den Meeting Plans
http://scouting.org/scoutsource/CubScouts/Leaders/DenLeaderResources/DenandPackMeetingResourceGuide/ArrowofLightDenPlans.aspx