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# Cub Scout Leader Roundtable

## *Planning Summertime Activities*



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# Purpose of Summertime Activities

- It is important to take a rest during summer
- Pack doesn't need to take a hiatus, just take a break from regular den and pack meetings.
- Switch your focus to activities, especially outdoors
- Give your den leaders a rest.
- Ask other leaders to step up to take on a single activity as their sole responsibility for the summer.





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# National Summertime Activity Award



- Recognition for packs and Scouts.
- Pack must plan at least 3 activities, in June, July and August.
- Scouts earn the pin for attending 3 activities. Day camp can count as one of the three.





## How to plan a Summertime Program

- Program Planning Conference or April/May pack leaders meeting
- Identify which leaders will head up an activity, try to give den leaders a break.
- Let activity leaders choose an activity and date that works for them. They become the contact for that activity.
- Use district and council activities like day camp or family camp.
- Email, post and have hard copy list to distribute at May pack mtg.





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# Guidelines for activities

- Keep it simple, Make it Fun
- Activities don't need to be elaborate or cost money.
- There is nothing wrong with having a play day or picnic at the park.
- Consider doing only one costly activity.
- Plan activities to include the whole family, these aren't drop off activities.





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# Cub Scout Outdoor Activity Award

An additional award that Scouts can earn if they also attend day camp.

Additional requirements must be completed based on age.

Can be re-earned over several years.



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# Follow the Guide to Safe Scouting

- All regular rules for safety apply.
- Make sure you have two deep leadership and observe all barriers to abuse.
- Pack family campouts require one leader to be Baloo trained.
- Review your Guide to Safe Scouting to ensure compliance.





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# “Back to the Pack” Gathering

- At the end of the summer either right before or after school starts.
- An informal gathering for the whole family to kick off the fall.
- Give out awards earned during the summer.
- Consider a campfire format with songs/skits
- End with s’mores or an ice cream social.

