

## For Pack 12 Den Leaders: Where can you find help?

1) There are detailed suggestions for den meetings for each of the adventures online. You can go to the den level you are interested in if you click on the qr codes in the handbooks or go to <https://www.scouting.org/programs/cub-scouts/adventures/> .

Each adventure has the requirements listed and about three activities you can choose from to complete each requirement. The activities are each given codes which tell if the activity is for the indoors or outdoors or travel is involved; how high an energy activity it is (low = 1 to very high = 5); supplies needed (1 = none to 5 = uncommon, custom supplies); and time needed to prepare for the den leader to prepare for the activity (1 = minimal to 5 = something needs to be done more than a week ahead of time).

2) There are cub scout handbooks for each den. Pack 12 has provided a hard copy of the handbook for each level in the den boxes. You can also buy your own copy the Raleigh Scout Shop. Hard copies and downloaded copies are also available at <https://www.scoutshop.org/>. Do not buy these on Amazon; they cost a lot less on the scouting site.

3) If you are managing a two-grade-level den, the new 2024 program changes have made it much easier. Here is a file which shows the requirements for different dens side-by-side: <https://danbeard.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/05/Cub-Scout-Adventure-Requirements-Side-by-Side-Ranks.pdf> .

4) Your Committee Chair has made a Pack 12 suggested monthly schedule which will complete the required adventures needed by the end of the year. You will also need to complete two optional adventures during the year. We will have some make-up meetings at the end of the year, or parents can complete requirements with their cubs if they miss meetings.

5) Using Scoutbook to keep track of your den's accomplishments is necessary and easy once you get used to the program. You can also email or give a list after each meeting and your Committee Chair (doubling as the Advancement Chair) will enter them for you. This will be set up to use as soon as we get the dens established for 2024/2025. You can find Scoutbook by going to <https://scoutbook.scouting.org/?Redir=%2Fmobile%2Fdashboard%2FDefault%2Easp%3F> . You will need to log in using your login for scouting.org.

6) There are a number of non-bsa links which are useful. However, some sites on the internet may reference an earlier version of the cub scout program with different requirements. Double check with your Adult Partner Guide (for Lions and Tigers) or the scout handbook (for Wolves, Bears, Webelos and Arrow of Light) if you aren't sure.

"Scouter Mom" has a lot of ads but good ideas: <https://scoutermom.com/>  
<https://www.boyscouttrail.com/> has a lot of material including skits and songs.

7) Den Leader Training: One of the great things about Scouting is that there is convenient on-line training available. All registered scout leaders should complete the training for their position. Assorted types of in-person training are also held several times a year. Log into <https://my.scouting.org/> Create a log-in if you haven't already.

Do the Youth Protection Training if you haven't already done it.

Find the Cub Scout Den Leader & Assistant Training. It will take a total of about 2 hours, but you can do it in sections.