



Cub Scouts Additional Awards beyond the Rank

CUB SCOUTING

REVIEW OF ADDITION AWARDS

Why Additional Awards

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You might be asking yourself why are there more awards for cub scouts that are not listed in the books of each rank. Well, this is what I have seen in my 10 years of working with the cub scouts. Scouts like to collect bling (patches, pins etc.). Scouts enjoy learning specially if we make it fun.

Sometimes they may not even realize they are learning, too. Which is the best part! Recognition for going above and beyond creates excitement for the program, helps encourage continuing in ranks.

As you will see Cub Scouts may earn dozens of additional awards that expand upon the basic rank requirements. In addition, Cub Scouts may earn Honor awards to recognize outstanding good deeds.

You can also keep your young people motivated and recognize achievement with your own awards too.

Keep your eyes open for good deeds and teaching moments. Remember award often!

Additional Awards

- ✚ Religious Emblem Awards
- ✚ Nova/Super Nova
- ✚ Emergency Preparedness
- ✚ Outdoor Ethics awareness
- ✚ Outdoor Ethics Action Award
- ✚ Life Saving and Meritorious Awards
- ✚ Cub Scout Outdoor Activity Award
- ✚ International Spirit Award
- ✚ World Conservation
- ✚ Recruiter Strip



REMEMBER KEEP IT SIMPLE!

You might be wondering where to get more information about these additional awards. Most of the information can be found by doing a search on the internet. Like I did! Or you can search the following links I have found very helpful.

The Religious Emblem Program is usually done independently with a scout family and their religious leader. It can also be earned in a group like a den meeting. The program for Cub Scouts is divided into two levels grade 1 to 3 and grades 4 and 5. There are merit badge councilors that would be willing to help. For more information, check out <http://www.praypub.org>

By the way this is the only award the boys can keep on their uniform throughout their scout career. (more bling)

NOVA / Super Nova Program is a great program to keep the boys involved and learn more about the science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. This program is for Wolf and higher. There are four different areas of focus. To do this program you need someone willing to be a councilor that works in the STEM field. For more information, check out <http://www.scouting.org/stem/Awards/CubScout.aspx>

Have I mentioned bling well Nova has it covered with patches pins and medallions.

Emergency preparedness award is an award available for all levels of scouts including leaders. Once the requirements are finished an application is given to council. The

award can be earned more than once as the boys move up in rank. Let's be prepaid for emergencies before they happened. Check out: <http://www.scouting.org/scoutsoure/Media/Publications/EmergencyPreparedness/award.aspx>

Outdoor Ethics Award is the first step in earning the Outdoor Ethics Activity Award. All levels of Cub Scouting can earn this award. If you are interested in outdoor ethics and Leave No Trace check this award out. Let's start making the outdoors a place all in the future. For more information, check out <http://www.scouting.org/scoutsoure/OutdoorProgram/OutdoorEthics/Awards/CubScout.aspx>

Outdoor Ethic Action Award is a continuation of the Outdoor Ethics Award. This has different requirements for each level. Even leaders can earn this award. Let's leave no trace and share the importance of this for the future. Check out <http://www.scouting.org/scoutsoure/OutdoorProgram/OutdoorEthics/Awards/CubScout.aspx>

Life Saving and Meritorious Award This is an award is one where the scouts use the knowledge learned to save a person's life or other outstanding activity. This is a national award and is one that needs to be approved. We may not think the boys are listening or understanding what you are teaching. It may just save a live and more. For the application check out, <http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/LifesavingAward.pdf>

Cub Scout Outdoor Activity Award is an award for all levels of cub scouting. The major requirement is to participate in a cub scout day camp or Webelo resident camp. After that each level has different requirements. Check out, <http://www.scouting.org/Home/CubScouts/Leaders/Awards/CSOutdoorActivityAward.aspx>

This award can be earned more than once and get more bling!

International Spirit Award is a great award for those scouts who like to learn new things specially about different culture's. If your scout travels to other countries and helping others this is an award they can work on. It includes playing a game and learning words from a different language. Check out, <http://www.scouting.org/Home/CubScouts/Leaders/Awards/CSOutdoorActivityAward.aspx>

World Conservation Award is The World Conservation Award provides an opportunity for Wolf, Bear, Webelos and Arrow of Light ranks to think of the world and help locally to preserve and improve our environment. Let's all work together and make a difference in our neighborhoods and more. Check out, http://www.scouting.org/filestore/cubscouts/pdf/512-036_WB.pdf

Recruiter Patch: If a scout recruits another boy into scouts he earns this patch. This is earned once in Cub Scouts but it does not mean you stop recruiting. Packs this is a great way to add another award of your making. Remember reward a lot and reward often.