

Pack _____ of _____ District
2021 Scouting's Journey to Excellence
"The BSA method for annual planning and continuous improvement"

Item	Objective	Bronze Level	Silver Level	Gold Level	Bronze Points	Silver Points	Gold Points
Planning and Budget					Total Points: 200		
#1	Planning and Budget: Have a program plan and budget that is regularly reviewed by the pack committee, following BSA policies relating to fundraising. (Virtual/remote meetings are acceptable.)	Have an annual program plan and budget adopted by the pack committee.	Achieve Bronze, plus pack conducts a planning meeting involving den leaders for the following program year.	Achieve Silver, plus pack committee meets at least six times during the year to review program plans and finances.	50	100	200
Membership					Total Points: 500		
#2	Building Cub Scouting: Recruit new youth into the pack in order to grow membership.	Conduct a formal recruitment program by October 31 or use a personalized invitation method and have current pin on beascout.org.	Achieve Bronze, and either increase youth members or have at least 40 members.	Achieve Silver, and either increase youth members by 5% or have at least 60 members.	50	100	200
#3	Retention: Retain a significant percentage of youth members.	Reregister 60% of eligible members.	Reregister 65% of eligible members.	Reregister 75% of eligible members.	50	100	200
#4	Webelos-to-Scout transition: Have an effective plan to graduate Webelos Scouts into troop(s).	With a troop, hold two joint activities (live or virtual) or 75% of second year Webelos have completed "The Scouting Adventure."	60% of eligible Webelos register with a troop.	80% of eligible Webelos register with a troop.	25	50	100
Program					Total Points: 900		
#5	Advancement: Achieve a high percentage of Cub Scouts earning rank advancements.	50% of Cub Scouts advance one rank during the year or 50% of families are connected through Scoutbook.	60% of Cub Scouts advance one rank during the year.	75% of Cub Scouts advance one rank during the year.	100	200	300
#6	Outdoor activities: Conduct outdoor activities and field trips. (includes pack coordinated family home-centered activities)	Each den has the opportunity to participate in three outdoor activities or field trips during the year.	Each den has the opportunity to participate in four outdoor activities or field trips during the year.	Each den has the opportunity to participate in five outdoor activities or field trips during the year.	50	100	200
#7	Day/resident/family camp: Cub Scouts attend day camp, family camp, and/or resident camp. (includes council-offered alternatives)	33% of Cub Scouts participate in a camping experience or have improvement over the prior year.	50%, or 33% and have improvement over the prior year.	75%, or 50% and have improvement over the prior year.	50	100	200
#8	Service projects: Participate in service projects. (includes home engagements serving others)	Participate in two service projects and enter the hours on the JTE website.	Participate in three service projects and enter the hours on the JTE website.	Achieve Silver, plus at least one of the service projects is conservation-oriented.	25	50	100
#9	Pack and den meetings and activities: Dens and the pack have regular meetings and activities. (Virtual/remote meetings are acceptable.)	Hold eight pack meetings a year. Den or pack meetings have started by October 31.	Achieve Bronze, plus dens meet at least twice a month during the school year.	Achieve Silver, plus earn the Summertime Pack Award.	25	50	100
Volunteer Leadership					Total Points: 400		
#10	Leadership recruitment: The pack is proactive in recruiting sufficient leaders.	Have a registered assistant Cubmaster.	Achieve Bronze, and prior to recruiting event, the committee identifies pack and den leadership for the next year.	Achieve Silver, plus every den has a registered leader by October 31.	50	100	200
#11	Trained leadership: Have trained and engaged leaders at all levels. All leaders are required to have youth protection training. (Online/remote training is acceptable.)	Cubmaster or an assistant Cubmaster or pack trainer has completed position-specific training.	Achieve Bronze, plus the Cubmaster and den leaders have completed position-specific training or, if new, will complete within three months of joining.	Achieve Silver, plus two-thirds of committee members have completed position-specific training.	50	100	200

- Bronze:** Earn at least 525 points by earning points in at least 7 objectives. **Total points earned:** _____
- Silver:** Earn at least 800 points by earning points in at least 8 objectives.
- Gold:** Earn at least 1,050 points by earning points in at least 8 objectives and at least Bronze in #6. **No. of objectives with points:** _____

- Our pack has completed online rechartering by the deadline in order to maintain continuity of our program.*
- We certify that these requirements have been completed:*

Cubmaster _____ Date _____

Committee chair _____ Date _____

Commissioner _____ Date _____

This form should be submitted to the Scout service center or your unit commissioner, as directed by your council.

Scouting's Journey to Excellence

2021 Pack Planning, Performance, and Recognition

Journey to Excellence uses a balanced approach to measure performance. It guides program planning before the year begins, monitors activities for continuous improvement during the year, and recognizes performance at the end of the year. In planning your strategy, use actual numbers from the previous year to guide your performance improvement goal planning. The period for measuring performance will be the calendar year.

Planning and Budget Measures	
1	The pack has a program plan and budget that is reviewed at all pack committee meetings, and the pack follows BSA policies relating to fundraising and fiscal management as found on the Unit Money-Earning Application form and any other publication that the council has developed for fundraising and fiscal management. Program plans and budget are reviewed with den leaders and parents at the start of the program year. The pack's program plan should be shared with the unit commissioner. Committee meetings may be held remotely.
Membership Measures	
2	A formal recruitment event is conducted to serve the diversity of the local community and new members are registered by October 31, 2021. On December 31, 2021, the pack has an increase in the number of youth members as compared to the number registered on December 31, 2020. A membership growth plan template can be found at www.scouting.org/membership . The pack has an up-to-date pin on the "Be a Scout" website. Given current challenges, holding large formal recruiting events may not be possible. Bronze may be achieved by developing and implementing a Cub Scout recruiting plan involving direct personal invitations for youth to join.
3	Number of youth members on the most recent charter renewal (A) divided by the number of youth registered at the end of the prior charter year (B) minus any age-outs (C). Total = $(A) / (B-C)$. Age-outs are youth who are too old to reregister as Cub Scouts. If the pack has a December charter, use the one expiring on December 31, 2020; otherwise use the one expiring during 2021.
4	Hold at least two joint activities with a troop or troops, and have graduating boys or girls register with a troop. "The Scouting Adventure" for second-year Webelos is described in the Webelos Scout Handbook. If the pack has no second-year Webelos Scouts, this requirement is met at the Bronze level.
Program Measures	
5	Total number of Cub Scouts advancing at least one rank (Bobcat, Lion, Tiger, Wolf, Bear, Webelos, Arrow of Light) during the calendar year (A), divided by the number of youth registered at the end of the year (B). Advancement = $(A) / (B)$. The pack is encouraged to use Scoutbook to track each individual's advancements.
6	The pack has activities and field trips in the outdoors, which could include outdoor pack meetings, hikes, family campouts, parades, outdoor service projects, etc. All dens have the opportunity to participate. Given constraints for large gatherings in some communities, coordinated activities involving families at home may be counted.
7	Cub Scouts attend an in-council or out-of-council Cub Scout day camp, family camp, and/or Cub Scout resident camp in 2021. STEM programs either as a day camp or resident camp are also included. All levels are total number of different Cub Scouts attending (A) divided by total number of Cub Scouts registered in the pack as of June 30, 2021 (B). Total = $(A) / (B)$. Virtual alternatives are acceptable. These include virtual camping programs and other remote activities.
8	The pack participates in at least two service projects during the year and enters them on the Service Hours website or through Scoutbook. The projects may be completed as joint projects with other organizations. At least one project must benefit the chartered organization. Service projects may include home-centered efforts providing they serve others outside the home.
9	Have at least eight pack meetings or activities within the past 12 months, with one of those meetings being to review the pack's program plans and asking for parental involvement in the pack. Den meetings start by October 31, 2021 and all dens meet at least twice each month within the past year. Pack earns the Summertime Pack Award.
Volunteer Leadership Measures	
10	The pack has a Cubmaster, an assistant, and a committee of at least three members. Ideally, the chartered organization representative should not be dual registered as one of the committee members. The pack identifies persons for next year's leadership for existing dens, including Cubmaster, Den Leaders, and Webelos Den Leaders prior to the start of the program year. All dens have a registered leader by October 31, 2021. Program plans are shared with parents at pack meetings.
11	All leaders have completed youth protection training. Bronze: Cubmaster, an assistant, or pack trainer has completed position-specific training. Silver: Bronze, plus the Cubmaster and den leaders have completed position-specific training or, if new, will complete within three months of joining. Gold: Silver, plus 2/3 of committee members (including chartered organization representative) have completed training. Virtual training courses may be acceptable.

Scoring the pack's performance: To determine the pack's performance level, you will use the above information to determine the points earned for each of the 11 criteria and then add those individual point scores to determine a composite score. Count only the highest point total achieved in any one criterion. Bronze level requires earning at least 525 points in at least 7 criteria, Silver level requires earning points in at least 8 criteria and 800 points, and Gold level requires earning points in at least 8 criteria, meeting at least bronze standards in outdoor activities, and earning at least 1,050 total points.

For more resources including workbooks and planning guides: www.Scouting.org/jte



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