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PURPOSE

Unit Leadership Enhancements are short training discussions intended to help better equip pack leaders to conduct a quality Cub Scout program. These do not replace, but complement, the more formal Basic Leader Training, Cub Scout leader roundtable, and Cub Scout leader pow wow or University of Scouting offered in the district or council. All of these training experiences are a vital part of each leader's personal growth and effectiveness and should be included in his or her plans.

METHOD

Conduct a short discussion and exercise during each pack leaders' meeting as a regular new business item. These discussions should be based on the *Cub Scout Leader Book*, and each leader should own a copy.

Each month, the designated leader, such as the pack trainer, uses one of the Unit Leadership Enhancement outlines to lead a discussion with the other leaders following along in their copies of the *Cub Scout Leader Book*.

Conduct the associated exercise and then follow through with the action plan you develop. The exercises and action plans are intended to immediately improve pack program in the chosen area.

Choose the topic and designate the leader for next month's pack leaders' meeting. All leaders should have input on the choice. All leaders then read the preparation assignment before the next pack leaders' meeting.

RESULT

You should see immediate improvement in your area of choice. These discussions will strengthen your pack's program. With a better program, Cub Scouts and their families will become more involved and supportive. Ultimately, the boys' character will be affected positively, and they will more likely transition to Boy Scouting.

TOPICS

Fifteen topics are present below from which pack leaders can choose. In some cases, a topic is more appropriate for discussion at a particular time of the year, so review them all before deciding.

1—Advancement

Purpose

This discussion will help Cub Scout leaders understand the purpose of the advancement program and their responsibilities in carrying it out. A properly planned advancement program builds character in boys and helps achieve the purposes of Cub Scouting.

Preparation

Read Chapter 18, "Advancement."

