

The National Summertime Pack Award

Encouraging Cub Scout packs to provide a 12-month program by continuing to meet for several weeks or months when school is out of session is the purpose of the **National Summertime Pack Award (NSPA)**. By planning and conducting three pack activities—one each in June, July, and August—a Cub Scout unit can qualify for the National Summertime Pack Award **certificate 2005 .35 cents** ([BSA No. 33731A](#)) and **streamer 2005 \$10.50** ([No. 17808](#)). And the possibility of earning the award can be an incentive for larger attendance at summertime pack events.

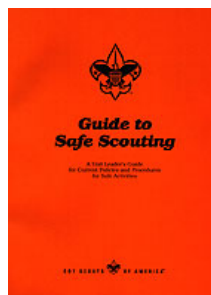
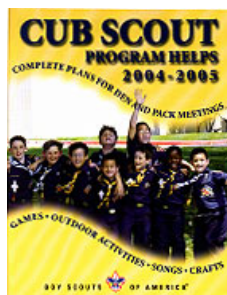


Dens with an average attendance of at least half their members at the three summer pack events are eligible for a **den participation ribbon 2005 \$4.65** ([No. 17806](#)). Individual boys who attend all three summertime pack activities can receive the National Summertime Pack Award **pin** ([No. 00464](#)).



If pack members attend a "year-round" school with several three- to four-week breaks during the year, the pack could earn the NSPA by conducting a special pack activity during three of those breaks.

A sample National Summertime Pack Award **planning guide** folder **2005 .20 cents** ([No. 33748A](#)), which includes an application and activities tracking sheet, can be found on page 34-33 in the *Cub Scout Leader Book 2005 \$7.95* ([No. 33221C](#)). Two resources from the annual *Boys' Life Program Planning Package* can aid pack leadership in planning and carrying out an active summer program: the **Cub Scout Leader Program Notebook** ([No. 26-001C](#)) the **Pack Program Planning Chart** found in the **Cub Scout Program Helps WW34304 \$2.95** ([No. 26-004C](#)). Also Age-Appropriate Guidelines for Scouting Activities ([No. 18-260](#)) and Guide to Safe Scouting **2005 \$4.30** ([No. 34416C](#)).



National Pack Award Summertime Chairperson

Role

This volunteer plans and conducts a summertime program for the pack. The summertime program should promote interest in the scouts and parents. The activities should be fun for all ages.

Responsibilities

- Knowledge of the National Summertime Pack Award and Den Award
- Work with the pack committee and Cubmaster on presenting summertime activities and their associated costs
- Share pack's summertime program with parents of Cub Scout-age boys not in the pack. Invite boys to join and enjoy the summer fun.
- Make sure the pack has the necessary leadership to be sure den and pack activities are adequately supervised. For example, swim events require a few adults to be trained in Swim Defense & Safety Afloat class.
- Completing your summer plans helps the pack committee fulfill its obligation to guarantee every Cub Scout a full year's program – including June, July, and August.
- Keep accurate record of each summertime event and attendees

Task Lists

- Obtain & review National Summertime Pack Award planning guide. Use the Cub Scout Program Helps for additional ideas.
- Obtain budget allocated for summertime activities from treasurer
- Obtain the monthly themes for the summer months to coordinate activities along with the theme.
- Promote activities where the scouts can earn patches, belt loops, activity pins, etc.
- Solicit summertime ideas from den leaders, scouts, Pow wow books, committee, Cubmaster, etc.
- Select 1 to 2 summertime event per month. There should not be more than 8 summertime events over the months of June, July, and August. Calculate a cost for each summertime activity.
- Check targeted dates with committee members, den leaders, etc. Make sure proposed dates do not conflict with national holidays or other district events.
- Present proposed summertime activity and their associate cost to the pack committee for approval. Proposed summertime activities should be presented in April's pack committee meeting.
- Once summertime activities are approved, announce the summertime events in the newsletter and in April's pack meeting. Seek parents to assist you in conducting the activities.

- Submit article to the newsletter editor on the summertime activity pins to be awarded to the scouts by attending 3 summertime events and an article to the den leaders on how they can earn the summertime den ribbon.
- Finalize with provider date, time and costs of each summertime activity. Reserve dates in advance.
- Create and issue a summertime activity document to the scouts and parents during May's pack meeting.
- Send reminders throughout the summer on the upcoming summertime event.
- Keep accurate record of all summertime pack activities and attendees
- At the end of August, submit the Application for National Summertime Pack Award to the council.
- Order appropriate awards to be presented in September's pack meeting.
- Present the National Summertime Pack Award to the pack.