

NATIONAL QUALITY UNIT
AWARD



GREATER ST. LOUIS AREA COUNCIL
TOP OF THE ARCH AWARD

CUB SCOUT PACK



* Please submit this form whether your Pack qualifies this year or not.

Pack No. _____ Chartered Organization _____ District _____

City _____ State _____ Recharter Month _____

To qualify for the National Quality Unit Award your unit must achieve six of the following objectives. The four starred (*) items are required plus two additional items. Mark yes (Y) or no (N) for each item.

- * 1. _____ **Training.** The Cubmaster and at least 50 percent of Cub Scout Den Leaders and Webelos Den Leaders and Tiger Leaders have completed Fast Start Training and Basic Leader Training for their current position.
- * 2. _____ **Two-Deep Leadership.** We have one or more Assistant Cubmasters registered, basic trained and active, one of who is responsible for Youth Protection Training.
- 3. _____ **Pack Meetings.** We held a minimum of nine pack meetings a year, and the pack earned the National Summertime Pack Award.
- 4. _____ **Tiger Cubs.** We had one or more Tiger Cub dens in our pack.
- 5. _____ **Service Project.** We conducted an annual service project, preferably for the chartered organization or the community. Number of hours of community service performed by our youth members last year was _____.
- 6. _____ **Advancement.** 70% or more of our Cub Scouts and Webelos Scouts advanced a rank, or we had a 10% increase in total rank advancement over a year ago. Approved rank advancement for this recognition includes Bobcat, Wolf Cub Scout, Bear Cub Scout, Webelos Scout, and Arrow of Light.
 _____ Number of Cub Scouts and Webelos Scouts at the beginning of the charter year just completed.
 _____ Number of these Cub Scouts and Webelos Scouts who advanced a rank during the charter year.
 _____ Percentage of these Cub Scouts and Webelos Scouts who advanced a rank during the charter year, or
 _____ Percentage of rank increase over a year ago.
- 7. _____ **Boy's Life.** A subscription to *Boys' Life* went into the homes of all our Tiger Cubs, Cub Scouts, and Webelos Scouts or we had a 10% increase over a year ago.
 _____ Number of Tiger Cub, Cub Scout, and Webelos Scout homes subscribing at the beginning of the charter year just completed.
 _____ Number of Tiger Cub, Cub Scout, and Webelos Scout homes subscribing at the beginning of the new charter year.
 _____ Percentage increase in subscriptions over a year ago, or
 _____ Percentage of these Tiger Cub, Cub Scout and Webelos Scout homes subscribing at the beginning of the new charter year.
- * 8. _____ **Outdoor Activities.** We participated in one or more of the following experiences: Cub Scout day camp, resident camp, family camp, Webelos den overnigher(s), and/or other activities conducted or approved by the local council.
- 9. _____ **Membership.** We rechartered with an equal or greater number of youth registered over a year ago.
 _____ Number of youth registered at the beginning of the charter year just completed.
 _____ Number of youth who are registering at the beginning of the new charter year.
 _____ Increase or decrease over a year ago.
- *10. _____ **On-Time Charter Renewal.** We re-registered by the 15th of our recharter month, complete and correct.

To qualify for the GREATER ST. LOUIS AREA COUNCIL "TOP OF THE ARCH AWARD" your unit must achieve all of the following items.

- 1. _____ We qualified for the National Quality Unit Award (above).
- 2. _____ We reregistered **with a plus in membership over a year ago** (#9 above) and conducted a roll call and uniform inspection.
- 3. _____ The Cubmaster, all Assistant Cubmasters, Committee Chairman and one leader in each Cub and Webelos den have completed Basic Adult Leader Training.
- 4. _____ We earned the National Summertime Pack Award.
- 5. _____ We attended the district program preview kickoff. Held an annual program planning meeting and a minimum of ten monthly planning meetings.

Certified by: _____

Cubmaster	Date	Commissioner	Date
Achieved National Quality Award ' yes ' no		Achieved Top of the Arch Award ' yes ' no	

Major Features

- Recognitions and commitment goals are established on the pack charter year.
- Each pack signs up at the beginning of its charter year and qualifies for awards after the close of its charter year.
- During the charter renewal meeting, a review is conducted by a council representative, usually a commissioner, to determine if the pack qualifies as a National Quality Unit for the past year and to make a commitment for the coming year.

Recognition – Units with December charter expirations are the first to use the new year’s forms and recognitions.

For packs: Pennant streamer for flagpole or room display (no charge), and plaques for selected adults.

For individuals: All Cub Scouts and adults of a pack qualifying for the National Quality Unit Award are eligible to wear a recognition emblem on their uniform and a quality pin on their civilian clothing. (Emblems, pins, plaques, and streamers can be ordered from the local scout shop.)

INTERPRETATION OF COMMITMENTS FOR THE QUALITY PACK AWARD

Aim to achieve a “yes” on all 10 commitments. You need six to qualify for the Quality Pack Award. This includes all of the four starred (*) items plus a minimum of two additional items.

- * 1. **Training.** The Cubmaster, den leaders, and Webelos den leaders must complete the Fast-Start Training within 90 days of selection and registration. The Cubmaster must have completed Cub Scout Leader Basic Training. Although this requires only the Cubmaster to have basic training, the pack should strive to have all leaders complete basic training. If the unit had trained leaders during most of the charter year, but a new leader was selected too late to complete basic training before charter renewal; the council may still approve this item.
- * 2. **Two-Deep Leadership.** The pack must have two-deep leadership. A qualified assistant Cubmaster must be active, registered, and trained with Fast Start and basic training. A registered Assistant Cubmaster must be assigned responsibility to promote Youth Protection training and coordinate appropriate awareness for parents and youth members.
3. **Pack Meetings.** Meetings of pack leaders and the pack committee should precede good pack meetings and summertime activities.
4. **Tiger Cubs.** This program is for first-grade boys. Tiger Cubs and their adult partners register as a Tiger Cub den and are a part of your pack. They must be invited to your blue and gold banquet and graduation ceremony.
5. **Service Project.** Consider your chartered organization as your first preference. A community service program is another choice. Or, if you desire to help Scouting in other countries, funds can be transmitted to your local council for the World Friendship Fund. Also, fill in the total number of hours devoted to community service efforts and projects by all youth members of your unit during the past 12 months.
6. **Advancement.** Set objectives for advancement, using the spaces on your commitment sheet. A year from now you will check results. Additional Cub Scouts enrolled during the year are not figured in the percentage. Only those Cub Scouts/Webelos Scouts (not Tiger Cubs) listed on the charter application at the beginning of the charter year are counted at the end of the charter year.
Examples:

<u>40</u>	Cub Scouts registered at the beginning of the charter year just completed.
<u>32</u>	Cub Scouts advancing a rank during the year.
<u>80</u>	Percent of registered Cub Scouts advancing a rank (commitment is met).

OR

<u>30</u>	Percent that advanced a rank last year.
<u>45</u>	Percent that advanced a rank during this year just completed.
<u>15</u>	Percent increase in number of boys advancing over a year ago (commitment is met).
7. **Boys’ Life.** Set objectives for *Boys’ Life* magazine. It is recommended that 100% of your pack families subscribe. Part of the pack’s annual budget should include *Boys’ Life* magazine.
- * 8. **Outdoor Activities.** Encourage all Cub Scouts to participate in at least one approved outdoor experience. To qualify, the pack must take part in a least one such activity.
9. **Membership.** Conduct a membership inventory and personally invite Cub Scouts who have been missing meetings. Plan a program to invite new boys as they reach Cub Scout age.
- *10. **On-Time Charter Renewal.** See that the charter renewal application and fees reach the council service center by the 15th of the month. The charter must be complete and correct to be counted “on time”. Submit early to allow adequate time for processing and any unforeseen problems.