

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 recognition emblems on their uniforms and quality pins on their civilian clothing. (Emblems, pins, plaques, and streamers can be ordered from the local council service center.)

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 and at least 50 percent of Cub Scout den leaders and Webelos den leaders must complete the Fast Start training within 90 days of selection and registration and must complete Basic Leader Training (or Cub Scout Leader Basic Training). Leaders who have completed basic training may be considered to have completed Fast Start as a part of that process. Although not required for this award, the pack should strive to have all leaders complete Basic Leader 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 adult in the pack must be assigned responsibility to promote Youth Protection training and coordinate appropriate awareness for parents and youth members.
- *3. **Outdoor Activities.** Encourage all Cub Scouts to participate in at least one approved outdoor experience. To qualify, the pack must take part in at least one such activity.
- *4. **On-Time Charter Renewal.** See that the charter renewal application and fees reach the local council service center before midnight of the last day of the pack's charter year. Most units will want to submit their renewal at least 15 days before charter expiration to allow adequate time for processing and any unforeseen delays.
5. **Pack Meetings.** Good pack meetings and summertime activities should be preceded by meetings of pack leaders and the pack committee.
6. **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 the pack.
7. **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.
8. **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:

___40___ Cub Scouts registered at the beginning of the pack charter year.

___32___ Cub Scouts advanced a rank during the year.

___80___ percent of these Cub Scouts advanced a rank (commitment is met).

OR

___30___ percent advanced a rank last year.

___45___ percent advanced a rank this year.

___15___ percent increase in number of boys advancing over a year ago (commitment is met).

9. **Boys' Life.** Set objectives for *Boys' Life* magazine. It is recommended that 100 percent of your pack families subscribe. Part of the pack's annual budget should include *Boys' Life* magazine.
10. **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.

STEPS

1. Attach the council copies of both the achievement and commitment forms to the Quality Unit Recognition Order Form, No. 14-238Q, and submit to the local council service center.
2. Include National Quality Unit Award program on your pack committee agenda each month to check progress.