

Attention, all Cub Scout Leaders!



Would you like to be able to . . .

- **Strengthen your pack through stronger dens?**
- **Recruit more adult leaders and KEEP them?**
- **Increase communication within your pack?**
- **Advance each boy in rank each year?**
- **Improve youth meeting attendance?**
- **Increase youth retention?**
- **Follow an easy plan to be a successful Den Leader?**



If you answered, "yes" to these questions, try the "Cub Scout Fast Tracks" program (formerly known as the Cub Scout Advancement Pilot) during the 2008-2009 program year!

Why is the Cub Scout Fast Tracks program different than the Program Helps lesson plan book?

CUB SCOUT FAST TRACKS	VERSUS	CUB SCOUT PROGRAM HELPS
Advancement-oriented meeting lesson plans		Theme-oriented meeting lesson plans
2 den meetings per month		3 or 4 den meetings per month
Each boy receives awards on a regular basis		Each boy may or may not receive awards each quarter
Most advancement work is accomplished at den meetings		Most advancement work is expected to occur at home
Achievements earned at each meeting are easily labeled for each lesson plan, with the primary goal of earning the rank at the appropriate time of year		Den Leaders must find time to incorporate various achievements into the pre-planned lesson plans according to theme or time of year
Den lesson plans and other writable electronic resources all stored conveniently on CD or available online		Regardless of den grade, leader must purchase whole book to have one year's lesson plans
"Resource folder" allows Den Leaders easy access to frequently used documents (i.e. Local Tour Permit, Class 1 Medical Form, Family Talent Survey sheet)		Only separate resource document included in book is annual program planning calendar

Fun Facts for 2008-2009 Program Year →

1. Any den wanting to utilize the "Fast Tracks" program can do so!
2. Den Leaders using the program are encouraged to be "trained" by attending one of the orientation sessions being offered at various locations within central Indiana this summer, if they have not ever attended one of the "Advancement Pilot" sessions in the past.
3. Den meeting lesson plans, along with other helpful resources, will all be available online and on CDs (by request).
4. Cubmasters (only) must submit completed participation commitment sheet to council by May 1, 2008. Council will forward your commitment to national.

In order for each den/pack to participate in this program during the 2008-2009 year, the Cubmaster of your pack must complete the information below and submit to Joanne Burfeind by May 1st, 2008, by fax 317-582-0640, joanneburfeind@indy.rr.com, or to 84 Bennett Rd., Carmel, IN 46032:

Yes! I am interested in having my pack participate in the Fast Tracks program in 2008-2009 in Crossroads of America Council!

Name _____ Pack No. _____ District Name _____
E-mail address _____ Phone No. _____

Circle which dens are planning to participate: 1st (Tigers) 2nd (Wolves) 3rd (Bears) 4th (Webelos) 5th (Webelos)