

January Roundtable – Pack Breakout – Youth and Adult Recognition and Ceremonies

NOTE: Use caution when referring to internet resources. While many are very useful, some are dated and do not reflect the current Scouting America program. Ensure to fully review material and make changes as appropriate.

Recommendation: Review Official Scouting America Resources First

Some points:

- Youth Recognition is very important, but cannot be the sole function of Pack Meetings. Plan how to properly recognize youth, but ensure Pack meetings/events are not consumed by recognition.
- Remember the Cub Scout standard, “Do your Best”
- Consider the size of your Pack when planning recognition events.
- Adult Recognition is key to Adult/Parent Engagement – but as above, plan how to accomplish without taking the “fun” from Pack events
- Adult recognition – RECOGNITION is what matters – not the expense of a gift.

Some References:

Adult Engagement: <https://www.scouting.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/09/Parent-Engagement-Helps-Boost-Membership-Retention.pdf>

National BSA Marketing “Brand Center”: <https://www.scouting.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/BSA-Brand-Center%E2%80%A6Whats-in-it.pdf>

Scouting America Presentations & Ceremonies: <https://www.scouting.org/programs/cub-scouts/leader-resources/presentations-and-ceremonies/>

Some volunteer-maintained resources -- review for outdated material before using:

Cubsource ceremonies for Dens & Packs: <https://cubsource.org/trng/CeremoniesforDensPacks.pdf>

Boy Scout Trail – <https://www.boyscouttrail.com/>

Scoutermom - <https://scoutermom.com/>

Scouter Life - <https://www.scouterlife.com/ceremonies>

Scouting Service Project - <http://usscouts.org/>