

Patches, Badges, and all things Awards

If it's a rank advancement, award, patch, badge, segment, belt loop, pin, etc. it comes through our Pack Awards Chairman.

Our current Chairman is:
Jen Cain

Each month Den Leaders, DL, will enter awards information, any requirements, electives, or special activities, into Scout Track. The completion of these activities may have happened at your den meeting—so you know who, when, and what-- or it could have happened at home. If it happened at home, parents will need to notify you, the Den Leader, usually via email with the same info - who, when, and what. Once you have the info, it should be entered into Scout track a week before our Pack meeting. This leaves the Awards Chairman, AC, time to review and run reports, purchase, and assemble the awards.

All award info must come through the DL to the AC, not from parents to AC.

What about things that aren't able to be entered into Scout track? There are a few items that cannot be entered—segment requests and Forest Preserve patches, being two examples.

The Pack will pay for a Scout to receive a segment representing a Den activity AND a segment for the Pack/Council activities the Scout has participated in. If a Scout has participated in an outing at one of the Forest Preserves or parks or an activity that has a patch, the pack will provide the patch in lieu of the Den segment for that month.

Segments You will send me an email with a list of Scouts names and which segments you'd like. Please have a first and second choice. Here's a link to view segments:

http://www.pack503.org/forms/segments_6_08.pdf

Forest Preserves The first time a Scout goes to a DuPage County Forest Preserve with the Den or Pack, he receives a round DuPage County Forest Preserve patch in addition to the individual rectangular patch. At each preserve, there are predetermined activities that each Scout must complete in order to receive the rectangular patch. The DL is responsible for keeping track of these patches for each Scout and must request these patches via email to the AC. If you'd like more information, contact the AC for details.

Cantigny The round Cantigny patch must be purchased at the Cantigny gift shop, so the DL need to make that purchase. This patch has four accompanying season segments. They represent the season that a Scout hiked a specific trail. The Scout must hike on the same trail each season to receive all the segments. DL will request these patches via email to the AC. All info - who, which trail, and when needs to be sent.

Academic and Sports Awards (aka Belt loops and Pins) Scouts are able to earn these so long as they were a Cub Scout at the time of earning. The Pack's policy is that we will only pay once for any belt loop or pin the Scout has earned. If they are lost, replacements are available but the parent will have to pay for it. A list of belt loops, pins, and their requirements can be found here:

<http://www.usscouts.org/advance/cubscout/sports.asp>