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## **Crescent Bay District Cub Roundtable Unit Level Conservation Project Ideas and Brainstorming**

There are a variety of options and opportunities when it comes to developing a Den/Patrol/Pack Conservation Project. As with anything Scouting related, remember that there is no need to recreate the wheel when it comes to finding a project. In many instances joining a pre-existing project or organization is simpler and requires less work.

The most important of any Conservation project is that it should be personal. What I would submit as the reasoning for this is as follows:

- Scouts who participate in a project in their own neighborhood or area they frequent build a relationship with that location or place. This relationship based on respect will cause them to treat it in a more appropriate manner and will cause them care about their surroundings.
- Adopting a local neighborhood park, planting trees in one's hometown, picking up trash along a stretch of close by beach, etc. These are all projects that stress community and a personal relationship of service to one's own surroundings.

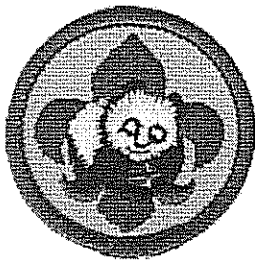
Listed below are some ideas for projects in your local area:

- Trash pick-up at a local park or recreation area on Earth Day
- Planting trees or native vegetation at a local park or recreation area on Arbor Day
- Participating in a Heal the Bay, (<http://www.healthebay.org/>) project at a local beach
- Adopting a local park, stretch of road, trail, etc. and doing cleanups on a quarterly or biannual basis
- Participating at a local council camp clean-up day or service project

Feel free to list any other good ideas that were shared by others:

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Make sure to remember to tie whatever project you do in with appropriate Cub Scout advancement. This could be the World Conservation Award, earned by Wolves, Bears, and Webelos, the Wildlife Conservation belt-loop and pin, or the Leave No Trace Award.



## Cub Scout World Conservation Award Patch

The World Conservation Award is worn on the uniform shirt, centered on the right pocket as a TEMPORARY patch.

Only ONE Temporary patch may be worn at a time, but Cub or Webelos Scouts may wear the Progress Through Ranks (Immediate Recognition) or Webelos Compass Points Emblem suspended from the right pocket button in addition to any temporary patch sewn on the pocket.

The World Conservation Award provides an opportunity for individual Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Varsity Scouts, and Venturers to "think globally" and "act locally" to preserve and improve our environment. This program is designed to make youth members aware that all nations are closely related through natural resources and that we are interdependent with our world environment.

The Cub Scout version of the World Conservation Award can be earned by Wolf or Bear Cub Scouts, and by Webelos Scouts.

This award can be earned only once while you are in Cub Scouting (i.e. as either a Wolf Cub Scout, a Bear Cub Scout, or as a Webelos Scout).

As a Wolf Cub Scout, you can earn the Cub Scout World Conservation Award by doing the following:

1. Complete achievement #7 - Your Living World
2. Complete all Arrow Points in 2 of the following 3 Electives:
  - \* #13 - Birds
  - \* #15 - Grow Something
  - \* #19 - Fishing
3. Participate in a den or pack conservation project in addition to the above

As a Bear Cub Scout, you can earn the Cub Scout World Conservation Award by doing the following:

1. Complete achievement #5 - SHARING YOUR WORLD WITH WILDLIFE
2. Complete all requirements in 2 of the following 3 electives:
  - \* #2 - Weather
  - \* #12 - Nature Crafts
  - \* #15 - Water and Soil Conservation
3. Participate in a den or pack conservation project in addition to the above

As a Webelos Scout, you can earn the Cub Scout World Conservation Award by doing the following:

1. Earn the Forester activity badge.
2. Earn the Naturalist activity badge.
3. Earn the Outdoorsman activity badge.
4. Participate in a den or pack conservation project.

## **Crescent Bay District Cub Roundtable** **Building Den Spirit Ideas and Brainstorming**

Spirit. Enthusiasm. Excitement. These are all traits that boys look for in the programs they participate in. Thinking back to my memories of Scouting and my youth I remember a world very much different than the one that I live in now. Scouting was a world filled with mystery and magic. Storytelling, adventure, campfires, and lore were all part of the tradition that I lived through and experienced. I can remember various ceremonies that I went through when I earned awards some were silly and therefore fun, others were flavored with a hint of indigenous flavor and culture. These were influences I did not receive anywhere else and therefore they were more meaningful because of it.

Spirit or Esprit de Corp of a unit exists in layers. I suggest that Pack spirit is born out of many groups and layers within a Cub Pack. Adult Leaders bring fun and silliness, parents in the audience participate, boys as part of the pack and den programs participate, and siblings present also jump in as well. If Adult Leaders are not willing to be children in regard to singing, cheering, and generally humiliating themselves, there is not much hope of the Scouts doing it. The Cubmaster, Den Leader, etc. all play the role model when it comes to spirit and fun.

Units can build spirit through cheers, skits, songs, shorts, and the general atmosphere of their meetings. It is up to the Den and the Den Leader to help create an open-minded group of boys to go to these meetings. Dens that practice skits and songs to bring to the pack meeting have fun at their individual meetings and also at their pack meetings. These activities teach the boys to have stage presence, feel comfortable being themselves in front of their peers, and most importantly have fun.

The following are a list of ideas for building Den Spirit:

- Create a Den Flag and have the boys sign it for put a handprint on it. Then have it at every Den and Pack meeting
- Create a Den Cheer or Song to be used for meetings. When the Wolves are called up for a Den Report or Awards they all howl.
- Create a necklace or bead holder for the boys to earn items (plastic bear claws) when they participate in group activities or skits or songs
- Work toward group prizes for behavior and attendance (Marble jar analogy)
- Have a uniform inspection and take pride in your den being uniformed
- Camp and cook as a Den when on campouts (This can include all family members)
- Do Den field trips and activities

Here are some other good ideas I heard from my peers this evening:

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