



## **GREY WOLF AWARD**

### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR ALL CUB SCOUT LEADERS**

**Parts of this award are to be done as an Individual and are NOT to be done as part of a Pack Program**

The Grey Wolf Award is designed especially for the older Cub Scouts, Cub Scouts that find they need a bit more of a challenge than the normal award scheme can offer. It is expected that not many Cub Scouts in WA will be able to achieve this award in any given year. It is not an award that every Cub Scout will earn or be expected to earn. You need to think of this award like the Queens Scout Award ie: it is suited to a very few high achieving Cub Scouts. The Cub Scouts that earn this will be those high achievers that strive to do more, have a willingness to learn and show persistence.

To receive the Grey Wolf Award Cub Scouts should be assessed by the District Cub Leader or, if the district does not have one, the District Commissioner. The form should not be signed by that person until they are happy that the Award has been done properly.

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The Cub Scout must earn the Gold Boomerang. This will normally done through your normal pack program.

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The Cub must participate in 4 Outdoor Activities **within the past 12 months** prior to applying for this Award. These must be four separate activities – one event cannot be used for more that one activity. One of the outdoor activities **MUST** be an Overnight Camp. One **MUST** be an interpack activity and it is preferred by this Branch and WA Cub Scout Leaders that this interpack activity be the Cub Scout Leadership Course which is run within the Districts. It should be remembered that the Cub Scout Leadership Course the Cub Scout attends **HAS** to be in the past 12 months so it is best not send these Cub Scouts to these events before they turn 10. They cannot attend any younger.

Other section events such as Campwest and Cuboree are not Cub Scout events so therefore cannot be included as part of the Award.

**THE BUSHWALK** is one which is individually organised and lead by the Cub Scout who is going for their Grey Wolf Award and must be of at least 2 hours duration. It is **NOT**

to be done on a pack camp or a group camp or anything that a Leader has organised. This MUST be organised and carried out by the Cub Scout. There can only be one Cub Scout going for their Grey Wolf Award organising any one bushwalk. If you have 3 Cub Scouts going for the Grey Wolf Award they must plan and lead a different bushwalk each, so for 3 Cub Scouts there must be 3 bushwalks. The Award is looking for Leadership and Organisation Skills with this part of the Award. The Cub Scout must lead the bushwalk, the Leader who goes on the bushwalk with them only needs to check that the organising Cub Scout has given the Cub Scouts that attend an invitation of when, where, how long and a list of what to bring (just as a Leader would for any activity). The Cub Scouts on the bushwalk must have the necessary food, water and first aid kit with them and each Cub Scout and Leader on the bushwalk are to carry their own.

The Cub Scout organising the bushwalk needs to know how to use the map that they require for the bushwalk. They must source the map and information themselves and not be given it by the Leader. They need to have a minimum of 3 and a maximum of 6 Cub Scouts on the bushwalk. They CANNOT take a friend or sibling that is not a registered Cub Scout (this will make it a non Scouting event no matter how great the bushwalk may be). They need to make sure that the correct paperwork has been done by the Leader for them to do the bushwalk. – Form to GL and A2 for all Cub Scouts attending.

Proof of the Bushwalk needs to be given in with the form to the District Cub Scout Leader. This proof should include a detailed bushwalk report which is written (in ink), typed, spoken onto tape, video or other multimedia form BY the Cub Scout; photos are also a great way of giving proof. Also copies of the invitation to cubs and paperwork need to be kept and presented as evidence of the organisational skills.

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The Cub Scout must attend 2 Pack Councils in the **past 12 months**.

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The Cub Scout must have completed 4 Level 2 Achievement Badges including 1 from each of the following categories:

- Arts and Literature
- Nature, Science and Technology
- Sports and Recreation
- Our World

These can be done at any time while they are a registered Cub Scout, they do not need to be done in the last 12 months.

Remember that some of the badges require the Level 1 badge to be completed prior to doing the Level 2 Badge.

**It is strongly recommended that Level 2 Badges are done as an individual and not as a Pack activity as the Award states it is an Individual Award.**

The Level 2 badges should be completed to the satisfaction of an Independent Examiner, not a Pack Leader. Independent examiners can be parents (not the child's

own) and other interested adults with some knowledge of the topic. Remember the Level 2 Achievement Badges need to be an Individual effort and it is up to the Cub Scout to approach the examiner to attempt the badge.

The Cub Scout must complete one Special Interest Badge. Some of these Badges eg: World Conservation, Waterwise or Landcare badge may be done as a pack and can be done at any time they are a registered Cub Scout, they do not need to be done in the last 12 months.

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The Jungle Book Resource has to be an Individual Effort and must not be done as a Pack Activity. The resource presented to the Pack should be of the standard that can and will be used within the pack for future programs.

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This Grey Wolf Award needs to be completed before the Cub Scout turns 11 or before they go up to Scouts. They cannot work on this Award after they have linked to Scouts. Remember the last date that goes to this Award is the date that it is handed to the District Cub Scout Leader. This needs to happen before the Cub Scout turns 11 and/or links to Scouts.

After the Cub Scout has completed all the necessary requirements, the Cub Scout Leader needs to fill in the application form and get the District Cub Scout Leader to sign off on it. The Yellow Cub Scout Record Book should be presented as part of the evidence for gaining this Award. Make sure that there is a Bushwalk report and as much evidence as possible of the bushwalk attached to this form as described above. Evidence of meeting the other requirements is also useful and to be included.

**LEADERS – Remember to check all the dates and that all the above is correct.**

When the Award is verified, DLCS will advise the pack leader that the Cub Scout has completed the requirements and that the Leader or District Cub Scout Leader can then purchase the badge from the Scout Store to present

Please do not set your Cub Scouts and/or parents up to be disappointed with this Award. It is a National Award and we must adhere to the National guidelines. This Award is to be done to a standard and not just to the best of their ability. This Award needs to be treated with the respect that it deserves and will not be given to a Cub Scout unless they have actually proven they have **individually** done the work that is asked for.

To ensure the quality of this Award is maintained, the Cub Scout truly needs to achieve the Award.

Leaders are there to run their normal Cub Scout program which will include Boomerang Challenges, sign off on the Achievement Badges (or verify the independent examiner), arrange for Pack Councils, ensure the Cub Scout is given all relevant information in regards to Branch and District Cub Scout events and given an invitation to a District Cub Scout Leadership Course. Remember if they cannot go to

the Leadership Course in their District there are lots of other Leadership courses and they will always be welcome at one of those.

If they are truly capable of earning a Grey Wolf Award they should be capable of going to and doing all of the above as an Individual.