

Academic and Sports Pins/ Belt Loops

What and Where to Look

Beyond the Cub rank requirements are a whole number of special awards that a boy can obtain to learn more relating to sports or academics.

While a boy working on Tiger, Wolf, or Bear can earn any of these pins/ belt loops, several of them are required for Webelos and must be earned while a boy is working on their Webelos (or Arrow of Light) requirements. Thus a boy who earns a pin/ belt loop prior to Webelos cannot count the pin/ belt loop for their Webelos work but instead it must be “re-earned”.

There is a book that can be obtained listing all the awards and requirements and it can be obtained at the Council Scout Store. However, the following website has the requirements for all of these pins/ belt loops:

<http://www.boyscouttrail.com/cub-scouts/acad-sports.asp>

Additionally, later in this document is a summary of the requirements. Please note, the summary should be a guide to the FULL requirements as shown on the website (above) or the official booklet. Do not assume the summary is the full requirements for your pins/ belt loops.

Overview of the Program

The Cub Scouts Academics and Sports Program is one method of addressing the third aim of Scouting: the development of physical, mental and emotional fitness. Fitness includes the body (well-tuned and healthy), the mind (able to think and solve problems), and the emotions (self-control, courage, and self-respect). As in most activities in Cub Scouting, this is not meant to be a highly competitive program, instead, the boys are encouraged to DO THEIR BEST. The Academic and Sports Program is an optional program for all Cub Scouts. It is not part of the normal requirements towards ranks, except where used in obtaining various Webelos activity badges and Wolf Elective 20 (Sports). Its purpose is to assist the Scouts in learning a new skill, or improving one they already possess.

A variety of recognition items are available for the boys (Tiger Cubs, Cub Scouts, or Webelos Scouts) who participate in the program. (Adults are NOT awarded with belt loops or pins.)

Belt loops are awarded to boys who complete the three belt loop requirements in an academic subject or sport. Academic belt loops are gold, and Sports belt

loops are silver (except for the Archery and BB-gun Shooting belt loops, which are brass colored)

Pins are awarded to boys who choose to continue their involvement in an Academics or Sports area and earn the pin by meeting the appropriate requirements. Pins are worn on the Cub Scout Academic and Sports letter. The Academic and Sports letter (pictured above) is available to boys for displaying Academics and Sports pins that Tiger Cubs, Cub Scouts, and Webelos Scouts earn. The letter, a large Blue and Gold "C", representing Cub Scouts can be worn on a sweater or jacket, or displayed or framed. It does NOT go on the uniform. There are NO specific requirements for earning the letter, as it is designed merely to display the pins.

There are also Pocket Certificates, Activity Medals, and Trophies, and the Participation Emblem (pictured above), which can be awarded as the Pack decides.

The Cub Scout Academics and Sports program is a supplemental enrichment program that complements the existing Cub Scout program. The Academics subjects and, Sports activities allow boys to learn new techniques, increase scholarship skills, develop sportsmanship – and have fun. Boys participating in the program will be recognized for enjoying teamwork, developing physical fitness, and discovering and building new talents. The Academics and Sports program encourages a boy to do his best.

Summary of Academic Belt Loop Requirements

Art Beltloop

1	Composition Materials
2	6 Elements of Design
3	Primary and secondary colors

Astronomy Beltloop

1	Set up and Focus Tele. or Binoc.
2	Solar System Diagram
3	Explain Astronomical Terms

Chess Beltloop

1	Identify & Set Up Chess Board
2	Demonstrate Moves
3	Play Chess

Citizenship Beltloop

1	List of jobs around the home
2	Good citizen poster
3	Service project

Collecting Beltloop

1	Collect 10 items
2	Display your collection
3	Visit a collector's show or museum

Communicating Beltloop

1	Tell a story
2	Write a letter
3	Make a poster

Computers Beltloop

1	Explain computer parts
2	Computer startup/shutdown
3	Prepare and print a document

Geography Beltloop

1	Map of your Neighborhood
2	Physical geography of community
3	Locate continents, oceans, etc.

Geology Beltloop

1	Define Geology
2	Define Igneous, Sed., & Meta.
3	Explain rock vs. mineral

Heritage Beltloop

- 1 Family history & traditions
- 2 Ancestral poster
- 3 Family tree

Language & Culture Beltloop

- 1 Talk with foreign raised
Learn 10 words in foreign language
- 2 Two games from a foreign country
- 3

Maps & Compass Beltloop

- 1 Orient a map & Find 3 landmarks.
- 2 Explain how compass works
- 3 Draw & Label neighborhood map

Mathematics Beltloop

- 1 5 things that require math
- 2 Keep track of money for 3 weeks
- 3 Measure 5 items

Music Beltloop

- 1 Explain why music is important
- 2 Pick a song and learn it
- 3 Four types of music

Science Beltloop

- 1 Explain the scientific method
- 2 Use the scientific method
- 3 Visit a place that employ scientists

Weather Beltloop

- 1 Water cycle poster
- 2 Weather station
- 3 Watch weather forecasts on TV

Wildlife Conservation Beltloop

- 1 Explain natural resources
- 2 Make a food chain poster
- 3 Report on endangered species

Summary of Sports Belt Loop Requirements

Archery Beltloop

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| 1 | Credit Given at Official Camp? |
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BB Gun Shooting Beltloop

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Badminton Beltloop

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| 1 | Explain the rules of badminton |
| 2 | Spend 30 minutes practicing skills |
| 3 | Play in a badminton game |

Baseball Beltloop

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| 1 | Explain the rules of baseball |
| 2 | Spend 30 minutes practicing skills |
| 3 | Play in a baseball game |

Basketball Beltloop

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| 1 | Explain basketball rules |
| 2 | 30 minutes practicing basketball |
| 3 | Play in a basketball game |

Bicycling Beltloop

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| 1 | Explain rules of safe bicycling |
| 2 | Proper safety equipment |
| 3 | Show how to ride safely |

Bowling Beltloop

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| 1 | Bowling rules, courtesy, and safety |
| 2 | Pick a proper ball |
| 3 | Bowl a complete game |

Fishing Beltloop

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| 1 | Local fishing regulations |
| 2 | Bait a hook |
| 3 | Try to catch a fish |

Flag Football

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| 1 | Explain rules of flag football |
| 2 | Practice skills for 30 minutes |
| 3 | Play a game of flag football |

Golf Beltloop

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| 1 | Golf rules and safety |
| 2 | 30 minutes practicing golf skills |
| 3 | Play a round of golf |

Gymnastics Beltloop

1	Explain 6 men's events
2	Participate in 3 of 6 events
3	Explain safety rules

Ice Skating Beltloop

1	Ice Skating Safety Equipment
2	30 minutes practicing
3	Go ice skating for 3 hours

Marbles Beltloop

1	Explain marble rules
2	30 minutes practicing marbles
3	Play a game of marbles

Physical Fitness Beltloop

1	Dangers of drugs and alcohol
2	Find pulse and count heartbeats
3	5 physical fitness skills

Roller Skating Beltloop

1	Skating protection and equipment
2	30 minutes practicing skating skills
3	Go skating for 3 hours

Snow Ski & Board Sports Beltloop

1	Clothing, equipment, and training
2	Safety and courtesy codes
3	Go skiing or snow boarding

Soccer Beltloop

1	Explain the rules of soccer
2	30 minutes practicing soccer
3	Play a game of soccer

Softball Beltloop

1	Explain Softball Rules
2	Practice softball skills for 30 minutes
3	Play in a softball game

Swimming Beltloop

1	Rules of Safe Swim Defense
2	Play a recreational water game
3	Flutter kick 25' using kick board

Table Tennis Beltloop

1	Explain the rules of table tennis
2	30 minutes practicing table tennis
3	Play a game of table tennis

Tennis Beltloop

- 1 Explain the rules of tennis
- 2 30 minutes practicing tennis
- 3 Play a game of tennis

Ultimate Beltloop

- 1 Explain the rules for ultimate
- 2 30 minutes practicing ultimate
- 3 Play in an ultimate game

Volleyball Beltloop

- 1 Explain volleyball rules
- 2 30 minutes practicing volleyball
- 3 Play in a volleyball game