

## **Update on Cub Scout Academics & Sports Program:**

The Boy Scouts of America is pleased to announce the introduction of 13 new belt loops and pins as part of the Cub Scout Academics and Sports program. It has been more than 10 years since new topics have been added to the program, which is supported by the *Cub Scout Academics and Sports Program Guide*, No. 34299. Look for the new blue cover on this new edition, available for sale the end of January 2010 in stores and online at [www.scoutstuff.org](http://www.scoutstuff.org).

### **Academics**

Disabilities Awareness

Family Travel

Good Manners

Nutrition

Pet Care

Photography

Reading and Writing

Video Games

### **Sports**

Hiking

Hockey

Horseback Riding

Kickball

Skateboarding

Belt loops and pins are a great way to help Cub Scouts fulfill the aims of Scouting-building character, developing citizenship, and encouraging mental and physical fitness. Through a variety of subjects, a boy can stretch his mind and

abilities by exploring the wonders of science, learning about the world around him, and expanding his skills in new areas.

The belt loops may be worn with the Cub Scout uniform on the Cub Scout belt. Webelos Scouts who have chosen to wear the khaki uniform may still wear the blue Cub Scout belt so as to display the belt loops they have earned. (The pins are not worn on the uniform.)

The Cub Scout Academics and Sports program gives leaders and youths a supplemental enrichment opportunity to earn recognition for learning and skills development. Leaders often use this program to enhance den, pack, or family participation and provide more immediate recognition opportunities. For more details, go to:

[www.scouting.org/scoutsourc/CubScouts/Awards/Boys/sanda.aspx](http://www.scouting.org/scoutsourc/CubScouts/Awards/Boys/sanda.aspx)

In addition, a new feedback vehicle has been created for comments and suggestions on the new Program Guide. The Boy Scouts of America welcomes your comments and suggestions, which can be sent to [academics&sports@scouting.org](mailto:academics&sports@scouting.org) for consideration.