

The “Do-it-Yourself” CUB SCOUT Advancement Guide



The World's Largest Collection of Naval Ships

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1. Introduction: During your Cub Scout adventure at Battleship Cove, scouts can earn requirements or achievements toward belt loops, badge advancement, pins, and other awards. Visiting with your family, den, or pack will help you earn achievements, explore the world's largest collection of historic naval ships, and learn about the history of the men and women who have defended our country.

This guide describes the achievement or award and how you can meet that requirement in full or in part. Be sure to have your leader, guardian, or parent initial next to the requirement as you accomplish them so you can receive credit!

2. Tiger Cub Trail:



a. Tiger Cub Achievements

1. Making My Family Special

- 1G ('GO SEE IT' oriented requirement) - Go to a library, historical society, museum, old farm, or historical building, or visit an older person in your community. Discover how family life was the same and how it was different many years ago.

How to meet this achievement: Visit Battleship Cove and be sure to visit the Women's exhibit on the USS *Massachusetts*. Learn of the contribution mothers and daughters made to the war effort and how that affected family life in the 1940s.

2. Where I Live

- 2D ('DEN' oriented requirement) - Practice the Pledge of Allegiance with your den, and participate in a den or pack flag ceremony.

How to meet this achievement: With you den on a overnight adventure, visit the WW2 Memorial on the USS *Massachusetts* or Korea-Vietnam Memorial on the USS *Joseph P. Kennedy Jr.* to practice the Pledge of Allegiance to the US flags in those exhibits. Later, participate in the flag retreat or flag raising ceremony as part of the honor guard aboard the battleship with you den or pack.

3. Keeping Myself Healthy and Safe

- 3Fb ('FAMILY' oriented requirement) -With your adult partner, plan what to do if you become lost or separated from your family in a strange place

How to meet this achievement: The museum complex and ships at Battleship Cove are very large and interesting to explore. However, one could easily get lost within the battleship. Discuss with your adult partner what to do, where to go, and how to find help if you become lost or separated from your den, pack, or family.

5. Let's Go Outdoors

- 5F ('FAMILY' oriented requirement) - Go outside and watch the weather.

How to meet this achievement: The weather near the sea is always changing and allows you to learn of the effects of sun, rain, wind, and snow. No matter that season, visit Battleship Cove and watch the weather with your family from the decks of the USS *Massachusetts*. During a time of high winds, you can stand aboard the USS *Joseph P. Kennedy Jr* and feel the ship move back and forth and up and down!



b. Tiger Cub Electives

14. Reading Fun

Together with your adult partner, read a short story or magazine article.

How to meet this elective: While visiting the many exhibits at Battleship Cove with your adult partner, read some of the stories, descriptions, and historical recollections that are found throughout the museum. This includes excerpts from magazines and personal tales from veterans.

15. Collecting and Other Hobbies

With your den, show or tell about something you like to collect. -OR- Tell your den about a favorite hobby or activity.

How to meet this elective: What better way to discuss with your den about collecting than at Battleship Cove, the home of the world's largest collection of historic naval vessels! Visit all the various collections we have including models, artifacts, and more. Then talk with your den about your own collecting interests!

16. Make a Model

Make a model.

How to meet this elective: While visiting Battleship Cove, you can purchase models and other mementos. "Dive deep" with the USS *Lionfish* or feel the intensity of the 16" guns of the USS *Massachusetts* by purchasing these models from our gift shop. Build them at home with your parent and relive the memories of your visit.

22. Picnic Fun

With your family or with your den, have a picnic : outdoors or indoors.

How to meet this elective: While visiting Battleship Cove, you can bring a picnic lunch and enjoy it on the waterfront in adjacent Heritage State Park. Enjoy your lunch in the grassy landscape while overlooking the historic ships.

40. Fun in the Water

Together with your adult partner, go swimming or take part in an activity on water.

How to meet this elective: Sign up for our Community Boating Program and learn how to sail under the shadow of the battleship. Our sailing program operates from spring to fall. Call 1-508- 324-4345 or email communityboating@battleshipcove.org for more information and cost.

3. Wolf Scout Rank:



a. Wolf Achievements

2. YOUR FLAG

- a. Give the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America. Tell what it means.
- b. Lead a flag ceremony in your den. Here are some ideas:
(Do on your own in den meeting. *Ideas shown in Wolf book*)
- c. Tell how to respect and take care of the U.S. flag. Show three ways to display the flag.
- d. Learn about the flag of your state or territory and how to display it.
- e. Learn how to raise a U.S. flag properly for an outdoor ceremony
- f. Participate in an outdoor flag ceremony.
- g. With the help of another person, fold the U.S. flag.

How to meet these achievements: During an overnight adventure, visit the WW2 Memorial on the USS *Massachusetts* to practice the Pledge of Allegiance to the US flag and to see the State flag of Massachusetts. By exploring the museum, scouts can see three ways in which the US Flag is displayed (flag staff on a ship, flag pole, hanging on a wall, folded properly in a display, etc). Later, participate in the evening flag retreat and morning flag raising ceremony as part of the honor guard aboard the battleship. Learn to fold, care for, and respect the US Flag.

Resources for Massachusetts State Flag information:

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Massachusetts>

<http://www.sec.state.ma.us/cis/cismaf/mf1a.htm>

4. KNOW YOUR HOME AND COMMUNITY

- f. Visit an important place in your community, such as a historic or government location. Explain why it is important.

How to meet this achievement: Visit the historic ships and exhibits at Battleship Cove and learn about their use in preserving the freedom we enjoy today in the United States.

5. FAMILY FUN

- c. Plan a walk. Go to a park or a wooded area, or visit a zoo or museum with your family.

How to meet this achievement: Bring your family to Battleship Cove!



b. Wolf Scout Electives

17. TIE IT RIGHT

- a. Learn to tie an overhand knot and a square knot.
- b. Tie your shoelaces with a square bow knot
- e. Tie two cords together with an overhand knot
- g. Wrap the end of a rope with tape to keep it from unwinding

How to meet these electives: During your overnight adventure, scouts typically have the opportunity to participate in a knot tying class. Join this class and earn your “Tie it Right” electives! *Knot tying class is subject to availability of instructor.*

18. OUTDOOR ADVENTURE

- a. Help plan and hold a picnic with your family or den.
- b. With an adult, help plan and run a family or den outing
- g. Take part in two summertime pack events with your den

How to meet these electives: While visiting Battleship Cove, you can bring a picnic lunch and enjoy it on the waterfront in adjacent Heritage State Park. Help run and organize a picnic lunch and visit to our museum in the summer time so you can earn these electives.

23. LET'S GO CAMPING

- a. Participate with your pack on an overnight campout.

How to meet this elective: Attend an overnight adventure with your pack at Battleship Cove!

4. Bear Scout Rank:



- a. Bear Achievements

COUNTRY

3. WHAT MAKES AMERICA SPECIAL?

(Do requirements (a) and (j) and any two of the other requirements.)

- a. Write or tell what makes America special to you.
- b. With the help of your family or den leader, find out about two famous Americans. Tell the things they did or are doing to improve our way of life.

- d. Find out where places of historical interest are located in or near your town or city. Go and visit one of them with your family or den.
- e. Choose a state; it can be your favorite one or your home state. Name its state bird, tree, and flower. Describe its flag. Give the date it was admitted to the Union.
- h. Learn how to raise and lower a U.S. flag properly for an outdoor ceremony.
 - i. Participate in an outdoor flag ceremony
 - j. Complete the Character Connection for Citizenship.
 - i. Know. Tell ways some people in the past have served our country. Tell about some people who serve our country today. (Don't forget about 'ordinary' people who serve our country.)
 - ii. Commit. Tell something that might happen to you and your family if other people were not responsible citizens. Tell one thing you will do to be a good citizen.
 - iii. Practice. Tell three things you did in one week that show you are a good citizen.

How to meet these achievements:

- a. After visiting Battleship Cove and learning of the freedoms that are protected by the personal sacrifice of veterans, use the inspiration of these brave men and women to write about what makes America special to you.
- b. Using the ships, stories, and information related to the military history of the United States that are presented at Battleship Cove, discuss with your family or leaders about the individuals you have learned about who guided the country through crisis, battles, and hard times. (Hint: President John F Kennedy as a war hero in the documentary shown in the PT Boat building and President Franklin D. Roosevelt's "Day of Infamy" speech during the Pearl Harbor Experience show are great starting points to learn of just two of the famous Americans portrayed at Battleship Cove.)
 - d. Visit Battleship Cove to see 5 US National Historic Landmarks and military collections that tell the tale of historical events and personal experiences from WW2, Korea, Vietnam, and the present day
 - e. Visit the website links below for the state of Massachusetts and see the State Flag of Massachusetts in the WW2 Memorial Room aboard *USS Massachusetts*.

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Massachusetts>

<http://www.sec.state.ma.us/cis/cismaf/mfla.htm>

- h. Attend and participate in the Flag retreat in the evening or the Raising the Flag dismissal ceremony every morning of an overnight to represent your den or pack.
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- j. (i) KNOW. See the ships and equipment used by our veterans and learn of their service to our country. Discuss ways in which the service to our country of past and current US military personnel benefit us today. Visit the women's exhibit on the USS Massachusetts to learn how ordinary people changed their lives to support and serve our country in time of need.

FAMILY

8. THE PAST IS EXCITING AND IMPORTANT

- b. Find someone who was a Cub Scout a long time ago. Talk with him about what Cub Scouting was like then.
- e. Find out some history about your community.

How to meet these achievements:

- a. Many of our volunteers and staff were cub scouts, scout leaders, or are even Eagle Scouts from the Boy Scouts of America. Be sure to ask our staff members for information about finding the "scouts" within our museum.
- b. Visit Battleship Cove to learn of local maritime heritage via the USS Massachusetts and USS Joseph P. Kennedy Jr DD850, both built in the state of Massachusetts. Also, learn about the PT Boat sailors that were trained locally during WW2 at the Melville, RI Motor Torpedo Boat Base and the exploits of these locally trained craft by watching the PT Boat video in the PT Boat Building. Also, of interest is a short description about the Revolutionary War Battle of Fall River that was fought in the vicinity of Battleship Cove. See the signage about this battle near the bow of the USS *Fall River*.

10. FAMILY FUN

- a. Go on a day trip or evening out with members of your family.

How to meet this achievement: Visit Battleship Cove with your family and show them the world's Largest Collection of Naval Ships!

SELF

21. BUILD A MODEL

- a. Build a model from a kit.
- b. Make a model of a rocket, boat, car, or plane.

How to meet these achievements: While visiting Battleship Cove, you can purchase models of ships and aircraft. “Dive deep” with the USS *Lionfish* or feel the intensity of the 16” guns of the USS *Massachusetts* by purchasing these models from our gift shop. Build them at home with your parent and relive the memories of your visit.

22. TYING IT ALL UP

- a. Whip the ends of a rope.
- b. Tie a square knot, bowline, sheet bend, two half hitches, and slip knot. Tell how each knot is used.

How to meet these achievements: During your overnight adventure, scouts typically have the opportunity to participate in a knot tying class. Join this class and earn your “Tying it all up” achievements! *Knot tying class is subject to availability of instructor.*



b. Bear Electives

5. BOATS

- a. Help an adult rig and sail a real boat. (Wear your PFD.)

How to meet this elective: Sign up for our Community Boating Program and learn how to sail under the shadow of the battleship. Our sailing program operates from spring to fall. Call 1-508- 324-4345 or email communityboating@battleshipcove.org for more information and cost.

6. AIRCRAFT

- a. Identify five different kinds of aircraft, in flight if possible, or from models or photos.
- g. Build and display a scale airplane model. You may use a kit or build it from plans

How to meet these electives:

- a. Visit the Aircraft Model exhibit on the USS Massachusetts and the real aircraft on display throughout the museum to identify five different types.
- g. While visiting Battleship Cove, you can purchase models of aircraft. Build them at home with your parent and relive the memories of your visit.

4. Webelos Activity Badges:



a. Citizen Badge

3. Describe the flag of the United States and give a short history of it. With another Webelos Scout helping you, show how to hoist and lower the flag, how to hang it horizontally and vertically on a wall, and how to fold it. Tell how to retire a worn or tattered flag properly.
11. Write a short story of not less than 50 words about a former U.S. president or some other great American. Give a report on this to your Webelos den.

How to meet part of these achievements:

3. By exploring the museum, scouts can see three ways in which the US Flag is displayed (flag staff on a ship, flag pole, hanging on a wall, folded properly in a display, etc). The US flag is hung vertically on the wall in the Korea-Vietnam Memorial aboard the USS *Joseph P. Kennedy Jr.* and horizontal aboard the USS *Massachusetts*. Later, participate in the evening flag retreat and morning flag raising

ceremony as part of the honor guard aboard the battleship. Learn to fold, care for, and respect the US Flag.

11. Learn about two former Presidents during your visit to Battleship Cove . (Hint: President John F Kennedy as a war hero in the documentary shown in the PT Boat building and President Franklin D. Roosevelt’s “Day of Infamy” speech during the Pearl Harbor Experience show are great starting points to begin your short story.)



b. Traveler Badge

3. With the help of your parent, guardian, teacher, or librarian, use a map site on the Internet to plan a trip from your home to a nearby place of interest. Download and/or print the directions and street map showing how to go from your home to the place you chose.
4. With your parent or guardian, take a trip to a place that interests you. Go by car, bus, boat, train, or plane.
5. Figure out what it costs per mile for the trip you took or planned to fulfill requirement 2, 4, 6, or 7. (Don't forget to include getting back to your starting point.
6. Decide on four nearby trips you would like to take with your parents or guardian. Draw the route of each trip on a highway map. Using the map, act as navigator on one of these trips. It should start at your home, be at least 25 miles long, and have six or more turns.

How to meet these requirements:

3. Use Google Maps, Mapquest, or another internet to plan your route to visit Battleship Cove from your home.
4. Visit Battleship Cove!
5. Work with you parent, leader, or another adult to help you figure out the cost per mile for your trip to Battleship Cove. Be sure to include fuel, tolls, etc.
6. If you live farther than 25 miles from Fall River, MA, you can use your trip to Battleship Cove to fulfill this activity requirement,

5. Cub Scout Academics



a. Art – Academic Pin

1. Visit an art museum, gallery, or exhibit. Discuss with an adult the art you saw.
7. Photograph four subjects in one theme, such as landscapes, people, animals, sports, or buildings.

How to meet these requirements:

1. Visit Battleship Cove or the nearby Marine Museum to see many depictions of artwork, drawings, photographs, paintings, and other imagery.
7. There are plenty of subjects to include in your photos from Battleship Cove. Birds, people, the ships, the Braga Bridge, the water, and other entities can all be in your photo. Photos from nearby Heritage State Park and near the historic carousel allow you to get many subjects in one photo.



b. Citizenship – Academic Pin

10. Attend a community event or visit a landmark in your community.

How to meet this requirement: Visit Battleship Cove to see 5 US National Historic Landmarks and military collections that tell the tale of historical events and personal experiences from WW2, Korea, Vietnam, and the present day. Be sure to review our schedule to join one of our community ceremonies or events.



c. Citizenship – Academic Belt Loop

3. Participate in a family, den, or school service project.

How to meet this requirement: Contact Battleship Cove before your visit or overnight to setup a community service project that can be completed with your den or pack. A few weeks' notice is required so we can ensure that a project is available that is safe and fun for youth.



d. Collecting – Academic Belt Loop

3. Visit a show or museum that displays different collections.

How to meet this requirement: Scouts can view many great collections at Battleship Cove. The PT Boat artifact display, Aircraft and ship model collections, Scouting memorabilia, and historic ship artifacts are only some of the collections that can be seen by a visit to our museum. Don't forget that Battleship Cove is the World's largest collection of Naval ships all in one place!



e. Family Travel – Academic Belt Loop

1. Make a list of things you would take on a threeday trip with your family, then pack these items in a bag or suitcase.
2. With an adult’s help, figure out the cost and miles to complete a trip to a place of interest using the family car or public transportation.
3. Research at least five places to visit during a trip to a place of interest. Explain what you learned to your family.

How to meet these requirements:

1. Battleship Cove in Fall River, MA is a wonderful destination close to other major tourist areas including Newport, Plymouth, Providence, Boston, and Cape Cod. Make a list of items you would need to pack to visit Battleship Cove and other area attractions that you listed for requirement 3.
2. With an adult, help figure out the mileage from your home to Fall River, MA using your family vehicle. Be sure to include fuel, food, and other incidental costs.
3. As listed above for requirement 1, you can list five area attractions or places of interest near Fall River, MA. The Lizzie Borden House and Marine Museum are nearby Battleship Cove.



f. Geography – Academic Belt Loop

3. Use a world globe or map to locate the continents, the oceans, the equator, and the northern and southern hemispheres. Learn how longitude and latitude lines are used to locate a site.

How to meet this requirement: On the World Map showing the WW2 losses of US Destroyer on display in the main deck passageway of the USS *Joseph P. Kennedy Jr*, locate the oceans, continents, equator, and northern and southern hemispheres with a adult. Discuss with an adult how the longitude and latitude lines on this map can be used to find locations.



g. Photography – Academic Pin

3. Using a camera, take at least 10 pictures of your family, pet, or scenery; show these to your den.

How to meet this requirement: There are plenty of subjects to include in your photos from Battleship Cove. Birds, people, the ships, the Braga Bridge, the water, and other entities can all be in your photo. During your visit, take lots of photos of thing that interest you. Be sure to take photos of your family and friends!



h. Photography – Academic Belt Loop

7. Take three pictures of the same scene using different lens settings. Show these pictures to your den or family.
8. Visit an art exhibit that features photography. Write a list of some of the things you saw and felt during your visit.

How to meet these requirements:

7. Take your scene photo at Battleship Cove! There are plenty of subjects to include in your photos from Battleship Cove. Birds, people, the ships, the Braga Bridge, the water, and other entities can all be in your photo. Photos from nearby Heritage State Park and near the historic carousel allow you to get many subjects in one photo.
8. Visit Battleship Cove or the nearby Marine Museum to see many depictions of photographs to tell a story and describe historical items to visitors.

5. Other Cub Scout Opportunities

Programming:

Be sure to view our overnight and day adventure schedule on our website at <http://www.battleshipcove.org> for themed activities and overnights to include a “Creepy Cove” Halloween adventure, “Christmas at the Cove” December adventure, Cub Scout Regatta racing programs, and more.

Scout units looking for community service programs should contact Battleship Cove at 1-508-678-1100 weeks in advance of your visit to ensure that a safe and satisfying project can be planned for your unit.

Hiking:

Many of our guests drive from areas outside of the Fall River, MA area and may be unaware of several great hiking opportunities for Cub Scouts within less than an hour's drive from Fall River. Many coming from Maine, New Hampshire, and Vermont may be able to take advantage of these hiking trails either on their way to or from their Battleship Cove visit. All offer patches and medals that can be purchased as awards for scouts in completing the trail. Our Recommended hiking trail for those of the Cub Scout age that want to couple their Battleship Cove visit with a short hike is:

- a. Blue Hills Hiking Trail in Milton, MA (695 Hillside Street, Milton, MA)

Blue Hills #1 is a 2-mile hike through the Blue Hills in Milton, Massachusetts, just south of Boston. The Blue Hills are an ancient landmark used by very early indigenous people of the area and it is suggested that the Native American words for Blue Hills (Masua Tuset) gave rise to the state's name, Massachusetts. It is known that the Blue Hills were a renowned meeting place for the local native peoples, and it is also known to be an area quite rich in flint, a stone used quite extensively by the local inhabitants of the time in making arrowheads and other simple tools.

This particular hike goes to the top of "Big Blue" and returns to the Trailside museum where it started. At the top of "Big Blue", hikers can climb an observation tower and see spectacular views of Boston and the Boston Harbor to the north, the towns of Dorchester and Quincy and the Atlantic Ocean to the east, and Narragansett Bay in Rhode Island to the south. On a clear day, visitors can see the White Mountains of New Hampshire as well as the northern tip of Long Island, New York.

It is recommended that hikers bring drinking water as well as a snack. In addition, it is recommended that hikers wear a good pair of supportive hiking boots as the terrain can be rugged and or slippery at times.

More information about the Blue Hills hiking trail and other historic scout trails in the Boston area can be found at: <http://www.witchtrail.com/wtctrails.htm>