

Alternate Advancement Examples

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Further adaptations in advancement requirements may be necessary for boys who have special needs. Making changes in Scout activities requires skill along with knowledge of the boys. Parents can help you determine the need for adaptations and what kinds of adaptations would be the most useful. These are some examples you can use to guide you.

Materials Adaptation

Example: A Cub Scout has little hand strength and is trying to carve.

Solution: Substitute a bar of soap for balsa wood.

Rules Adaptation

Example: A Cub Scout is unable to throw horseshoes the standard distance.

Solution: Let the boy move closer to the horseshoe pit.

Architectural Adaptation

Example: A Cub Scout in a wheelchair is unable to go bowling because the bowling alley is not wheelchair accessible.

Solution: In advance, find an alley that can accommodate wheelchairs.

Leisure Companion Adaptation

Example: A Cub Scout cannot stay on task and runs around.

Solution: An adult or older youth can become a buddy for the Cub Scout.

Cooperative Group Adaptation

Example: A Cub Scout has difficulty remembering the sequence of steps in a project.

Solution: Cub Scouts can work in cooperative groups to ensure success and completion of activities for everyone.

Behavioral Adaptation

Example: A Cub Scout is unable to participate during a meeting because of low concentration levels.

Solution: Talk with parents/guardians about a behavioral plan.

Further examples as they apply to specific rank or Merit Badge requirements can be found on thi site. If you have alternates that you have used please forward them to the webmaster so they may be shared by others.

These are only some for each requirement. We hope the alternate considerations will assist you in developing your program for working with Scouts with disabilities. Remember, the final approval rests with the council advancement committee.