

BEST PRACTICES FOR THE SUMMERTIME PACK AWARD:

- 1) Always follow YPT and two-deep leadership,
- 2) See what other packs are doing,
- 3) Fill out the Application Form as you go,
- 4) We Count Day Camp and Resident Camp: Magness, W.E.S.T., etc.,
 - a. There are many guides on how to organize as a pack or den for camps, but the main thing, is have someone coordinating back in March, ideally,
 - b. pick a date that more scout families can attend, and
 - c. Don't penalize scouts who may have to organize a different date to go to camp.
- 5) Designate parents to take on one of the events, such as a hike leader,
- 6) Start early: make sure you have an early June event,
- 7) Have way more than one event per month scheduled. Some Dens and Packs even plan up to 4 events per month.
- 8) Plan for events at different times of the month, weekends vs weekdays and different times of the day, such a weekend picnic event and a weekday after-dinner hike.
- 9) Plan on earning some of the "Adventures" while doing your events. This is especially true of Day Camp and Resident Camp
- 10) Make your events FUN and engaging, such as:
 - a. Bug hunt hike,
 - b. Swim party,
 - c. Scavenger hunt,
 - d. Service Project,
 - e. Campfire program,
 - f. Games party (water balloon or egg toss, corn hole, soccer, horseshoes, etc.)
 - g. Rocket launch, or
 - h. Water rocket launch (many different kits and plans are on the Internet),
One site has 75 summertime ideas!
- 11) Have at least one of the events be a hike.