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.