

# Key 3 Perspectives

## The Importance of Patches and Activity Segments



Last week I spent three nights sewing 50 patches and 45 segments on the red vests and uniforms for a Cub Scout Pack. Crazy, yes!

You see this unit is very busy doing all kind of fun Scouting activities. Of course, when you are active and involved as a Cub Scout, you collect lots of patches. But more importantly you STAY in Scouting.

As I sewed each patch I was thinking of all the fun the Cub Scouts participating in various activities. Some Scouts had three years of pinewood derby patches! I was reminded of the fun my son has building his car and racing with his den. Then there were the numerous Silver tip patches. Attending a hockey game is a must here in the Pacific Northwest Scout Sunday, Cub Day Camp,

Scout Popcorn sales, Everett AquaSox games and so many more. When these Scouts get older they will look back on all the memories that were created by leaders and parents who cared enough to ensure that they had a great Scouting experience. And that they living by the values of Scouting

Patches are important. But even more important is the planning and delivering of the Scouting program. Does your unit do a master calendar in the summer? How does your unit communicate to your families that you have great scouting activities for the Scouts and their families to participate in? How are you recognizing your Scouts? When your Scouts look back at their time in Scouting, what will they remember?

A HUGE shout out to Pack 4084, from Anacortes, Washington for planning and delivering a great Cub Scout program. And in case you are wondering if your Pack needs patches sewn on uniforms or red vest, yes, you may call me!