

**Deseret Peak District  
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Our National Treasures

## Internet Resources

In this day and age of ready information available at the touch of a few keystrokes it is important to talk about copyrights and BSA standards. Please keep in mind that our program is the Cub Scouts of America and that we should search available BSA resources first and foremost. The program is very detailed with many options to help the boys meet the necessary requirements for their rank advancements. Leaders also have the very valuable resource of a monthly Round Table where they can receive instructions, help, support and motivation. There is also room for Cub Scout leaders to find good ideas on line - hence the need to discuss copyrights.

For Example:

Plenty of good information is available at USscouts.org however every page that is part of that website is protected by copyrights. The same applies to cubmaster.org. These sites get paid for each visit to their site so when someone goes to the site and prints off information which they then copy and give out to other leaders, they have effectively stolen from that web site. That is not the BSA way! Please research copyright information and abide by that law. Often written permission (via email) from the web site administrator is all that is needed to be able to use some very good ideas. Giving a short description of the idea/project and then providing people with the website also works. Actually making a project to show your group and providing the website works well. An added benefit to making the project is you will know if it really works and you can provide tips regarding the project to them. Pictures within a site that is not under copyright may very well be under their own copyright so you may need to take your own pictures. KISMIF- Keep it simple, make it fun. Trust what you know about the boys and what they need and then prepare well in advance so that you will feel good about having a very good Cub Scouting program for your boys!

**Some websites that have been shared at Round Table in the past:**

<http://minerals.usgs.gov/minerals/pubs/commodity/> [www.childrensmusic.org](http://www.childrensmusic.org), [www.artprojectsforkids.org](http://www.artprojectsforkids.org)

### The NOVA award

The NOVA award program was created to introduce Cubs Scouts to STEM fields in fun ways to get them excited about science, technology, engineering and mathematics. The hope is that the requirements will generate interest in STEM related fields and show how they apply to everyday life.

For their first Nova award, Scouts earn the distinctive Nova award patch. After that, a Scout can earn three more Nova awards, each one recognized with a separate pi ( $\pi$ ) pin-on device that attaches to the patch. The patch and the three devices represent each of the four STEM topics—science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.

### The Super NOVA award

The Super NOVA award has more rigorous requirement. It was created to motivate the scouts and requires a more in-depth advanced achievement in STEM related topics.

There are 4 Super NOVA awards that can be earned in addition to the NOVA award in Scouting:

For Wolf and Bear Cub Scouts:	Dr. Louis Alvarez Supernova Award
For Webelos Scouts:	Dr. Charles H. Townes Supernova Award
For Boy Scouts:	Dr. Bernard Harris Supernova Bronze Award Thomas Edison Supernova Silver Award
For Venturers:	Dr. Sally Ride Supernova Bronze Award Wright Brothers Supernova Silver Award Dr. Albert Einstein Supernova Gold Award

All requirements are found in the NOVA guide books.

For more information go to: <http://www.scouting.org/stem/AboutSTEM.aspx>