



Cub Scout Yo-Yo Adventures Leader Resource Sheet

BSA Yo-Yo Adventure Resources

Adventure details and videos are here.

<https://www.scouting.org/programs/cub-scouts/preview-adventures/yo-yo/>

Requirements Summary

This is a summary of the learning take-away and the requirements for each rank. The learning is the same, and the requirements vary only slightly by requiring more complex tricks for WEBELOS and AOL Scouts.

Take Away	Wolf	Bear	WEBELOS	AOL
Understand how gravity and friction affect a yo-yo	◆	◆	◆	◆
Learn the safety rules for using a yo-yo	◆	◆	◆	◆
Develop the eye-hand coordination needed to perform a basic yo-yo trick	◆	◆	◆	◆
Requirements				
Learn the safety rules of using a yo-yo and follow them at all times.	◆	◆	◆	
Using a real yo-yo string, a regular string, or a piece of yarn, show how to find the proper yo-yo string length for you.	◆	◆	◆	
Explain why it is important to have the correct string length and to be in the right location before throwing a yo-yo.	◆	◆	◆	
Demonstrate how to properly string a yo-yo and how to create a slip knot.	◆	◆	◆	
In an area where there are no hazards or other people, conduct the pendulum experiment with a yo-yo. Explain what happens to the yo-yo when the string is short compared to when the string is longer.	◆	◆	◆	
Show that you can properly wind a yo-yo.	◆	◆	◆	
Demonstrate the gravity pull trick with a yo-yo.	◆	◆		
Demonstrate one of the following: A. Gravity Pull B. Sleeper C. Breakaway			◆	
Demonstrate two of the following: A. Gravity Pull B. Sleeper C. Breakaway D. Elevator				◆

Draft E-mail Text 1

This email assumes no remote meeting and the parents are helping the Scout. You can customize this text and you will need to delete the ranks that you don't need.

Dear Parent,

I hope your family is healthy. I certainly miss seeing your Scout. I would like to encourage you to help your Scout work on the Yo-Yo Adventure over the summer. This is a new Adventure and it is a great activity to do outside.

Here is the meeting plan for your Scout's Yo-Yo Adventure.

Wolf: https://i9peu1ikn3a16vg4e45rqi17-wpengine.netdna-ssl.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/510-77219-Wolf-Yo-Yo-Den-Meeting-Plan_WEB.pdf

Bear: https://i9peu1ikn3a16vg4e45rqi17-wpengine.netdna-ssl.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/510-77319-Bear-Yo-Yo-Den-Meeting-Plan_WEB.pdf

WEBELOS: https://i9peu1ikn3a16vg4e45rqi17-wpengine.netdna-ssl.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/510-77419-Webelos-Yo-Yo-Den-Meeting-Plan_WEB.pdf

AOL: https://i9peu1ikn3a16vg4e45rqi17-wpengine.netdna-ssl.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/510-77519-AOL-Yo-Yo-Den-Meeting-Plan_WEB.pdf

Please read the Yo-Yo Adventure meeting plan and let me know if you have any questions. Next, get a yo-yo for your Scout and maybe one for you too! These are available on-line as well as locally at some stores. Next, go over the yo-yo safety rules which are essentially not to hit anything and to keep the yo-yo firmly attached to your finger. The BSA yo-yo page has a video that shows how to set the correct string length and how to tie the yo-yo knot, and you may need to help your Scout with this. If you have a very independent Scout, all you may need to do is get them a yo-yo, pull up the BSA yo-yo page for them to get started, and be an appreciative audience as they master yo-yo tricks.

<https://www.scouting.org/programs/cub-scouts/preview-adventures/yo-yo/>

When your Scouts says, "I'm bored" you can answer "go learn a new yo-yo trick." Doesn't that feel great! This adventure is also an opportunity to talk with your son/daughter about finding things you enjoy, working hard, and seeing where it leads in life. The current World Yo-Yo Champion is Gentry Stein from Chicago, and if you want to see some amazing things, just search on his name.

Please let me know if I can help in any way or if you have questions about Scouting in general.

Yours,

Draft E-mail Text 2

This email is an invitation to drop-by to get started on the Yo-Yo Adventure. This assumes you are ordering yo-yos, but you can modify the text and have the parent get a yo-yo before the drop-by meeting.

Dear Parent,

I hope your family is healthy. Although we aren't having many in-person meetings because of COVID-19, I have a safe and simple way to connect with you and your Scout in-person and give your Scout something fun to do over the rest of the summer by working on the BSA Yo-Yo Adventure!

The Yo-Yo Adventure is new, and it is easy to get started. I will order yo-yos for any Scouts who want to participate. Let me know by **(DATE)** if you want a yo-yo. You can learn more about this Adventure on the BSA Website <https://www.scouting.org/programs/cub-scouts/preview-adventures/yo-yo/>.

Next, bring your Scout to the **Yo-Yo Adventure drop-by meeting** to get their yo-yo. I will work with them on the safety rules, getting their string tied, and give them the adventure requirements. This meeting location is outside, and we will maintain a safe distance and wear masks if we are closer than 6 ft. Please have a mask available for your Scout to wear. This should only take about 15 minutes to get your Scout started on the Adventure. I will give you some information on what to work on at home.

- **Meeting Date:** Day, Date
- **Meeting Time:** 2:00 – 4:00 pm (come anytime in this window. It will take about 15 minutes)
- **Location:** Address (could be your house outside, a park, the mall parking lot. Make it convenient in terms of vehicle access.)

I certainly miss seeing your Scout and I would really like to have you come by, catch-up, and get your son/daughter working on the Yo-Yo Adventure. When your Scouts says, "I'm bored" you can answer "go learn a new yo-yo trick." Doesn't that feel great! This adventure is also an opportunity to talk with your son/daughter about finding things you enjoy, working hard, and seeing where it leads in life. The current World Yo-Yo Champion is Gentry Stein from Chicago, and if you want to see some amazing things, just search on his name.

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