Announcing the New

cyberCHIP

Today's youth are spending more time than ever using digital media for education, research, socializing, and fun. To help families and volunteers keep youth safe while online, the Boy Scouts of America introduces the Cyber Chip. In developing this exciting new tool, the BSA teamed up with content expert Netsmartz, part of the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children and training expert for many law enforcement agencies.



Cub Scout Cyber Chip patch

Boy Scout/Varsity Scout/Venturer/Sea Scout Cyber Chip patch

The Cyber Chip can be earned by any youth in the BSA's programs:

- Cub Scouts—Grades 1–3 and 4–5
- Boy Scouts, Varsity Scouts, Venturers, and Sea Scouts—Grades 6–8 and 9–12

TO UNIT LEADERS

The Cyber Chip can be used as a tool to show skill and a commitment to do what's right in the cyber world. Many unit leaders will be using the Cyber Chip before allowing any electronic use on outings—this is a decision each unit can make on its own, much like the Totin' Chip is used today.

This program is brought to you by a collaborative effort from BSA Program Innovation, Youth Protection, and Netsmartz.

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The Cyber Chip pocket card and patch can be purchased in Scout Shops or downloaded free online (pocket card only) in June 2012.

Get a jump start and earn it now!

The Cyber Chip is under consideration as a requirement in merit badges and more.

Integration Ideas

Councils and Districts

- Add Cyber Chip information to council or district websites. Create a continually updated area focused on cyber safety—maybe "Did You Know?" "Fun Facts," or "Top Five."
- Spread the word by communicating at events like camporees and Scoutoramas and by providing fun cyber games.
- Do a tech challenge event for adults or youth—then set teams to compete with each other on their knowledge in a fun fashion.

June is Cyber Safety Month

Plan a lock-in or electronics campout. Include fun, food, games, education, stories, videos, and more.

Unit Leaders

- Tailor the requirements to your own unit rules. Complete the requirements for the Cyber Chip as a unit at a regular meeting, then hand out the cards and patches on the spot.
- Create a fun challenge for youth to stump the unit leaders.
- Play a "Jeopardy!"-style game in a meeting to use what's been learned.
- Play relay race or games with Tech Challenge.
- Host a panel of experts to answer all your youths' and adults' "how-to" questions.
- Use the Cyber Chip as a foundational step in preparation for leadership positions such as Webmaster.

Parents

Use the Cyber Chip as a tool to work with your youth to create additional open communications.

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