

# Gaming for an Award

Cub scout award for... video games?? Where was this award when I was in Cub scouts? I would have aced this one easily. Okay, there is some work involved, but still- video games? Here's the text from [the official site](#):

## **Requirements**

*Tiger Cubs, Cub Scouts, and Webelos Scouts may complete requirements in a family, den, pack, school, or community environment. Tiger Cubs must work with their parents or adult partners. Parents and partners do not earn loops or pins.*

## **Belt Loop**

**Complete these three requirements:**

- 1. Explain why it is important to have a rating system for video games. Check your video games to be sure they are right for your age.*
- 2. With an adult, create a schedule for you to do things that includes your chores, homework, and video gaming. Do your best to follow this schedule.*
- 3. Learn to play a new video game that is approved by your parent, guardian, or teacher.*

## **Academics Pin**

**Earn the Video Games belt loop and complete five of the following requirements:**

- 1. With your parents, create a plan to buy a video game that is right for your age group.*

2. Compare two game systems (for example, Microsoft Xbox, Sony PlayStation, Nintendo Wii, and so on). Explain some of the differences between the two. List good reasons to purchase or use a game system.
3. Play a video game with family members in a family tournament.
4. Teach an adult or a friend how to play a video game.
5. List at least five tips that would help someone who was learning how to play your favorite video game.
6. Play an appropriate video game with a friend for one hour.
7. Play a video game that will help you practice your math, spelling, or another skill that helps you in your schoolwork.
8. Choose a game you might like to purchase. Compare the price for this game at three different stores. Decide which store has the best deal. In your decision, be sure to consider things like the store return policy and manufacturer's warranty.
9. With an adult's supervision, install a gaming system.

As most of you know, I was really into gaming back in the day. I spent hours at arcades and played my Atari and Colecovision systems to death. Ah, the days... Speaking of scouting, [JustJ](#) would be pleased to know that the boy scouts are embracing modern technology in Geocaching. One article mentioned a merit badge, but so far what I read on their site talks more of the activity than earning a badge. Click [here](#) and [here](#). Scratch what I just wrote- merit badge information can be had by clicking [here](#).

Oh, you probably want an update on that quiz. Of the three that garnered the most guesses, one of them is correct. The one with no guesses? You are correct in that it is not us. The other video was among the two with a single affirmative

response. So without further delay, the two videos featuring our choir (at least in audio in the case of one) are:

## 1. They Didn't Know

[vimeo]<https://vimeo.com/10678741> [/vimeo]

## 6. Rise and Sing

[vimeo]<https://vimeo.com/10677420> [/vimeo]

*Check out what the junior high kids do toward the end of the video-*

*I can name most of the boys from their time in 4th/5th grade, including*

*one who was in my cabin at camp two years ago.*

So, how did you do? ☐