

# Elementary Schools & Cub Scouting. . .

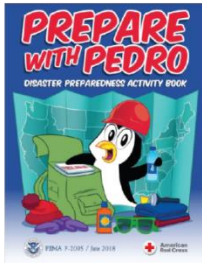
We would like to make our Ready Cub! program available to all of our youth whether they are Cub Scouts or not. We are therefore also inviting non-scout youth to access our program in elementary school presentations by our trained leaders presenting age-appropriate FEMA educational material on emergency preparedness, namely:

- [Prepare with Pedro](#) (Grade: K-2)
- [Student Tools for Emergency Planning \(STEP\)](#) (Grade: 3-5)

You can create and award the class taking either of the two programs a Ready Cub Certificate [here](#).



## Prepare with Pedro (Grade: K-2)



[Prepare with Pedro](#) is a 30- to 45-minute preparedness education program for grades K-2 that teaches students how to BE PREPARED and TAKE ACTION for either home fires or a local hazard.

Pedro is a penguin who loves learning about how he can be prepared and take action during an emergency to help stay safe.

He visits friends all over the United States and learns about hazards local to their area like earthquakes, tornadoes, hurricanes, and many others!

Prepare with Pedro is a free youth preparedness program created by the American Red Cross, and partnered with FEMA. This resource is designed to teach young children and their families how to stay safe during disasters and emergencies through fun activities such as crosswords, coloring pages, matching games, and more!

[>>Download the Activity Book](#)

You can create and award the class taking the “Prepare with Pedro” program a Ready Cub Certificate [here](#).

## Student Tools for Emergency Planning (STEP) (Grade: 3-5)



Inspire youth to prepare with FEMA’s Student Tools for Emergency Planning (STEP) Curriculum. The newly updated STEP is a modular emergency preparedness curriculum with fun activities that can be used in many different settings, inside and outside of school.

Geared for students in fourth grade and above, the program guides students on how to create emergency kits and family communication plans. At the same time, it teaches students about disasters, from severe weather to wildfires.

STEP includes three core lessons that can each be taught in as little as 30 minutes. Educators can also incorporate five supplemental lessons on specific disasters - severe weather, earthquake, fire, flood, and pandemic emergencies. A series of YouTube videos for kids, called Disaster Dodgers, helps introduce each concept, and an activity book offers 18 activities to reinforce ideas and jumpstart creativity.

[>>Download STEP Curriculum Materials](#)

You can create and award the class taking the “STEP” program a Ready Cub Certificate [here](#).

### Timing & Flexibility for In-School Presentations

Teachers don’t need “extra” activities in an overcrowded curriculum. The FEMA curriculum is very flexible to be stand alone or to fit into many existing elementary curricula. For example, it can be connected to an upcoming disaster season: tropical storm/hurricane-, snow season, etc. It can also be integrated into science and social sciences to provide context as to why and what we know about earthquakes, hurricanes, precipitation, flooding etc.

For schools that seek to provide leadership in their community, accessing and sponsoring these programs during after-school program, clubs, or at the beginning or the end of the school year etc. can develop positive relationships between families, community partners, and schools.

## How To Invite Your Pack to Your Son/Daughter's School

- 1 Make sure that you are a registered and fully trained (YPT and position specific training) cub scout leader
- 2 Download and prepare a presentation of either "Prepare with Pedro" or STEP. Please visit the Council website for additional information or available training to these (if any).
- 3 For cub scout leader to reach out to son/daughter's teacher/principal at elementary school
- 4 Introduce yourself and present the opportunity of you presenting either of the two programs, Prepare with Pedro or STEP, to the class/grade of your son/daughter. You can use any of the descriptive material above about each program to better describe what each is about and duration.
- 5 Please ask them when a visit by you on the topic would be most beneficial to them:
  - A. Linked to the season: tropical storm/hurricane-, snow season
  - B. After School program
  - C. Right before the end of school year
  - D. September is National Preparedness Month
  - E. National First Responders Day on October 28
- 6 Introduce yourself in uniform and tell the class which Pack you are from and that you are happy to answer any questions about cub scouting.
- 7 At completion of the class please hand out the Ready Cub Certificate for the program to all participants. Consider using the help of teachers to fill out the names of students on the Certificates.
- 8 If your Pack has any planned activities like a first responder visit, pack/den meeting etc please consider inviting the participants/class.