



# BALOO'S BUGLE



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"Make no small plans. They have no magic to stir men's blood and probably will not themselves be realized." D. Burnham  
August 2008 Cub Scout Roundtable September 2008 Cub Scout Theme

## NEW BUDDIES

Tiger Cub Achievement #1

Webelos Citizen and Communicator



### FOCUS

*Cub Scout Roundtable Leaders' Guide*

What wonderful possibilities the school year brings!! This month a Cub Scout can invite a new buddy to join the fun and adventure of Cub Scouting! Along with their new and old friends, the boys will learn the value of friendship, cooperation, and respect through games and activities. The boys will practice the buddy system as they go on hikes, work on projects, and participate in sports.

**Actually, any month a Cub Scout can invite a new buddy to join the fun and adventure of Cub Scouting. We just emphasize it more this month!! CD**

### CORE VALUES

*Cub Scout Roundtable Leaders' Guide*

**Some of the purposes of Cub Scouting developed through this month's theme are:**

- ✓ **Respectful Relationships**, Cub Scouts will learn the value of friendships as they meet new friends and get reacquainted with their old friends,
- ✓ **Fun and Adventure**, Cub Scouts will have fun getting to know their new friends while participating in Den and Pack activities,
- ✓ **Character Development**, Cub Scouts will learn the importance of teamwork as they work together in games and projects.

**The core value highlighted this month is:**

- ✓ **Cooperation**, Boys will learn that much can be accomplished if they work together when they play games and complete projects.

**Can you think of others???** Hint – look in your **Cub Scout Program Helps**. It lists different ones!! All the items on both lists are applicable!! You could probably list all ten **Purposes** and twelve **Core Values** if you thought about it!!

**And how do bring home a Core Value to the Cub Scout??**

*By using Character Connections!!*



**Remember – Know, Commit, Practice.**  
**Check it out in your Character Connections in your CS Leader's Book, Chapter 4**

### COMMISSIONER'S CORNER

Look at the top - this is the first month of another great year of Scouting, 2008-2009. This issue is Volume 15, Number 1. Chris did the first 9 years, this is the start of my 6<sup>th</sup> year. I have my new CS RT Planning Guide and CS Program Helps. I am Ready to go!!

The Pow Wow Books I have were a little limited on direct theme related material. Probably because this is only the second time for this type of theme. SO, please go to your CS Program Helps and CS RT Planning Guides to get the feel of where National wants us to go with this theme and do it that way!! There is a lot of good Join Scouting Material and First pack Meeting stuff. I put in a lot of Bobcat and Parent Inductions Ceremonies. Plus a special section on Leader Recruitment, Induction and Recognition.

***If you sent me a Pow Wow Book and have not received several from me in thanks, drop me a line and I will get them to you.***



This is the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the song, "Take Me Out To The Ballgame," be sure to read the blurb about it in the SONGS section. It takes the wind out of the argument for not leading songs because you can't sing!!

**Months with similar themes to S'More Summer Fun**  
*Dave D. in Illinois*

Month Name	Year	Theme
September	1999	Hey, Look Us Over
September	2008	New Buddies

*There are only two months with a theme Dave D. tagged as "Friends." But don't be discouraged, go to almost any September theme helps from any year (CS Program Helps, CS RT Guide, Pow Wow Book) and you will find things to do to help with your Fall recruiting. CD*

*Here are few that sound promising to me -*

Month Name	Year	Theme
September	1997	Our Town, U.S.A.
September	1999	Hey, Look Us Over
September	2000	Pockets
September	2001	All Aboard!
September	2002	Blast Off
September	2003	Soaring To New Heights
September	2005	Cub Scout Round-Up



National makes a patch for every Cub Scout Monthly theme. This is the one for this theme. Check them out at [www.scoutstuff.org](http://www.scoutstuff.org) go to patches and look for 2008 Cub Scout Monthly Theme Emblems.

**CUBCAST**

National has started a monthly podcast for Cub Scout leaders. It is called **Cubcast**. Rob and Kristin are the hosts and they do a great job. They also use actual volunteers from around the country as guest speakers. Check it out at <http://www.scouting.org/CubScouts/Cubcast.aspx>

**THOUGHTFUL ITEMS FOR SCOUTERS**

*Thanks to Scouter Jim from Bountiful, Utah, who prepares this section of Baloo for us each month. You can reach him at [bobwhitejonz@juno.com](mailto:bobwhitejonz@juno.com) or through the link to write Baloo on [www.usscouts.org](http://www.usscouts.org). CD*

**Roundtable Prayer**

*CS Roundtable Planning Guide*

Help us, Lord, always to remember that in order to have a friend, one must first be a friend to others. Help us become better leaders and friends to Cub Scouts and their families. **AMEN**

**New Buddies**

*Scouter Jim, Bountiful UT*

I have a Scout Leader friend, who has a fun way of recruiting new Cub Scouts to her Den. She lives in an inner-city area on the west side Salt Lake City, where there are many poor and immigrant families. While she is holding her Den activities, she literally grabs boys off the street that are walking by during her Den meetings that look like the appropriate age to be Cub Scouts, and she invites them to join the fun and games of her den.

Instantly these sometimes "lost boys" have a place where they belong and have a new group of "Buddies." This is a great way to "grow" the pack and give some young men, some of which are "at risk," a safe, new outlet for their energy. How many Scout Leaders have boys who live in their neighborhoods of Cub Scout age that are not in the program anywhere? I am guessing the number is too great to count.

September begins a new Scout year and a new chance to grow our Packs. We don't want to grow our packs so we can improve our numbers and look good to our peers. Boy Scouts of America is a service organization. We want to grow our packs so we can reach more boys and save more lives.

I am going to "borrow some ideas from the Longs Peak Council's website on recruiting ideas.

- **Cub Scouts and Leaders "sport" your uniform often.** Wearing the uniform is like a walking billboard, and can grab the attention of youth and adults. The uniform also serves as a conversation piece. Scouts and leaders should wear their uniforms to school, church, the grocery store, library, sporting events, any place you can think of! The uniform is a great way to show the presence of Cub Scouts in your community and spread the excitement.
- **Encourage Cub Scouts and Adult Scouters to talk about Scouting with their friends.** Word of mouth is one of the most powerful and lasting forms of advertising. Kids talking to others about the fun they have is a great way to spread excitement among youth. Use the recruiter patch or another incentive program that rewards your Scouts if they bring a friend to join Cub Scouting. Cub Scout families consistently see the value of Scouting in their own lives and by this they are our best salespeople. Share Scouting's benefits and excitement with other parents. Most families are looking for programs filled with excitement and opportunities for leadership development and positive values.
- **"Show and Tell".** Encourage youth to use Cub Scouting as a part of their Show and Tell opportunities in school. Peer to peer recruitment is very successful and this is a great forum for Scouts to share their stories and the excitement of Cub Scouting. Be sure that they

are prepared with a story or exciting information. If possible provide stickers or other handouts for the Scouts to distribute at the conclusion of the presentation.

- **Special Events.** Plan a special event that you can invite families to attend. Start to plan for your event well before the chosen date so that you have plenty of time to ensure its success. Secure a location and date for your event. Make sure you have a dynamic agenda and activities. In inviting families to join, create and distribute the invitations.

These are just some of the ideas given. For the full list here is the link:

<http://www.longspeakbsa.org/cubscout/recruitideas.shtml>

*Let all of us go out and share the "Scouting Spirit" and touch some lives.*

### Quotations

*Quotations contain the wisdom of the ages, and are a great source of inspiration for Cubmaster's minutes, material for an advancement ceremony or an insightful addition to a Pack Meeting program cover*

Am I not destroying my enemies when I make friends of them? [Abraham Lincoln](#)

True friendship consists not in the multitude of friends, but in their worth and value. [Ben Jonson](#)

To cement a new friendship, especially between foreigners or persons of a different social world, a spark with which both were secretly charged must fly from person to person, and cut across the accidents of place and time. [Cornelia Otis Skinner](#)

One must be fond of people and trust them if one is not to make a mess of life. [E.M. Forster](#)

A faithful friend is a strong defense: and he that hath found such an one hath found a treasure. [Ecclesiastics 6:14](#)

When a friend is in trouble, don't annoy him by asking if there is anything you can do. Think up something appropriate and do it. [Edgar Watson Howe](#)

Friendship is a plant of slow growth and must undergo and withstand the shocks of adversity before it is entitled to the appellation. [George Washington](#)

True friendship can afford true knowledge. It does not depend on darkness and ignorance. [Henry David Thoreau](#)

Depth of friendship does not depend on length of acquaintance. [Rabindranath Tagore](#)

If a child is to keep alive his inborn sense of wonder, he needs the companionship of at least one adult who can share it, rediscovering with him the joy, excitement and mystery of the world we live in. [Rachel Carson](#)

The most basic and powerful way to connect to another person is to listen. Just listen. Perhaps the most important thing we ever give each other is our attention.... A loving silence often has far more power to heal and to connect than the most well-intentioned words. [Rachel Naomi Remen](#)

I awoke this morning with devout thanksgiving for my friends, the old and the new. [Ralph Waldo Emerson](#)

The only way to have a friend is to be one. [Ralph Waldo Emerson](#)

The ornament of a house is the friends who frequent it. [Ralph Waldo Emerson](#)

We are all travelers in the wilderness of this world, and the best we can find in our travels is an honest friend. [Robert Louis Stevenson](#)

But friendship is precious, not only in the shade, but in the sunshine of life; and thanks to a benevolent arrangement of things, the greater part of life is sunshine. [Thomas Jefferson](#)

*Sam Houston Area Council*

"Don't walk in front of me, I may not follow. Don't walk behind me, I may not lead. Walk beside me and be my friend." – [Albert Camus](#)

"A hug is worth a thousand words. A friend is worth more." [Anon](#)

"Your friend is the man who knows all about you, and still likes you." – [Elbert Hubbard](#)

"The better part of one's life consists of his friendships." – [Abraham Lincoln](#)

"Treat people as if they were what they ought to be and you help them to become what they are capable of being." – [Goethe](#)

"My best friend is the one who brings out the best in me." – [Henry Ford](#)

"A circle is round it has no end, that's how long I want to be your friend." [Anon](#)

**Want some more quotes on Friendship??** Check out these - <http://www.friendshipday.org/friendship-day-quotes.html>  
They are quotes on the Friendship Day page.

### Beauty Tips

*Southern NJ Council*

The following was written by Audrey Hepburn who was asked to share "beauty tips."

- For attractive lips, speak words of kindness.
- For lovely eyes, seek out the good in people.
- For a slim figure, share your food with the hungry.
- For beautiful hair, let a child run his or her fingers through it once a day.
- For poise, walk with the knowledge that you never walk alone.
- People, even more than things, have to be restored, renewed, revived, reclaimed and redeemed; never throw out anyone.
- Remember, if you ever need a helping hand, you'll find one at the end of each of your arms. As you grow older, you will discover that you have two hands, one for helping yourself, the other for helping others.
- The beauty of a woman is not in the clothes she wears, the figure that she carries, or the way she combs her hair. The beauty of a woman must be seen in her eyes, because that is the doorway to her heart, the place where love resides.
- The beauty of a woman is not in a facial mode, but the true beauty in a woman is reflected in her soul. It is the caring that she lovingly gives, the passion that she shows.

**A LEADER'S RESOLUTION***Heart of America Council*

I shall study my Cub Scouts—  
   so that I may understand them.  
 I shall like my Cub Scouts—so that I can help them.  
 I shall learn—for they have much to teach me.  
 I shall laugh—for youth grows comfortable with laughter.  
 I shall give myself freely—  yet I shall take  
   so that they may acquire the habit of giving.  
 I shall be a friend—for a friend is needed.  
 I shall lead—yet I shall beware of pushing.  
 I shall warn them—when my experience warrants it.  
 I shall commend—when actions merit it.  
 I shall not overlook mistakes—yet I shall not blame them.  
 Lastly, I shall try to be that which I hope they think I am.

**A Den's Leader's Discovery***Trapper Trails Council*

I was sure they wouldn't ask me;  
 I knew I couldn't serve.  
 I didn't know the books or boys;  
 I didn't have the nerve.  
 Then my 9 year old said, "Mama,  
 Won't you take my den this year?  
 They can't find anybody else,  
 Though they've looked far and near"  
 I took my training and waited  
 for those unknown Cubs to come.  
 I shook and worried and fretted:  
 And hoped to protect my home.  
 They seemed to delight  
 In breaking every rule.  
 Then somehow or another each boy  
 Made a home within my heart.  
 The Promise and the Living Circle  
 Is a memory apart.  
 I found they weren't small devils  
 Overflowing in my cup,  
 It's just that an 8 year old needs horns  
 To hold his HALO up.

**What Is A Boy***Greater St. Louis Area Council*

A boy is what he does, he does what he can.  
 What he is going to be, he is now becoming.  
 He is going to sit right where you are sitting.  
 And when you are gone,  
   he will attend to those things you think are important.  
 You may adopt all the policies you please,  
   but how they are carried out depends on him.  
 Even if you make treaties and leagues,  
   he will have to manage them.  
 He is going to sit at your desk in Congress and assume  
   your place on the Supreme Court bench.  
 He will take over your churches, schools, universities  
   and corporations.  
 He will assume control of your cities, states and nations.  
 All your books are going to be judged praised  
   and condemned by him.  
 All your hopes for him and the faith of the nations  
   and humanities are in his hands.

SO YOU MIGHT AS WELL  
 PAY SOME ATTENTION TO HIM!!

**WHAT CUBS ARE MADE OF..!***Heart of America Council*

Cub Scouts are made of all of these,  
 Scarves of gold, patches on sleeves,  
 Trousers of blue with well-worn knees,  
 That what Cub Scouts are made of.  
 They're partly Indians, of fringe and feather,  
 And beads and buttons and bits of leather,  
 With war-paint and freckles mixed together,  
 That's what Cub Scouts are made of.  
 They're made of a promise, a pledge, a prayer,  
 Of hands that are willing, of hearts that play fair,  
 With something inside them that God put there,  
 And that's what Cub Scouts are made of.

**TRAINING TIP****PACK MEETINGS***Bill Smith, the Roundtable Guy*

*Be sure to read Sean Scott's Admin Help on Ziploc Packs, too. The two articles together are great!! CD*

**PACK MEETINGS**

The monthly pack meeting brings together boys from every den, their leaders, and their families, to participate in a large-scale event that serves as a showcase for everything the boys have learned and done in their individual den meetings. The pack meeting gives the boys a larger experience beyond their own den, and helps them to connect their individual activities to the entire Cub Scouting program

**Purposes: Why do we do this, anyway?**

Generally, pack meetings are held to recognize and reward dens and individuals for their good Cub Scouting endeavors. They are sort of pep rallies to generate enthusiasm for the rest of the program.

**Resources**

One of the first things to look at is your meeting place. The layout and facilities will both limit and enhance your program. What does it provide in the way of space, seating, facilities, storage, etc? How can you best use it to make your pack programs exciting and effective?

Do have a stage? Lighting? Sound system? If you have fixed seating, how will boys and parents move out to participate in ceremonies, skits and stunts? How will you fill the time it takes? Check sight lines around the room. Will everyone be able to see and hear what is going on, or should you move the action center so they can?

When I was a Cubmaster, we met in a small school room so we had the boys and siblings sit on the floor by dens in a horse-shoe formation with parents on chairs behind the boys. All our activities – ceremonies, skits, games – took place inside the horse-shoe. This limited things like games and big productions. It forced us to rely on monthly outdoors activities to provide more excitement. On the other hand, it was great for audience participation stunts and songs. Everyone was so close, even the parents had to participate. Advancement ceremonies were close and personal.

**PLAN IT**

Lack of planning ruins more pack meeting than any thing else. [Plan everything](#) down to the last detail.

**Who is going to do what, when, and for how long?**

Get as many of the participants (the TEAM) involved in planning as possible. This will help ensure that each member knows his or her part and is willing to do it. Remember to plan the little things like pre opening activities, [cheers and run-ons](#). The more you plan, the more spontaneous everything will play out and the more prepared you will be when something unexpected happens. Write it all out and give a copy to everyone involved.

**TEAM LEADERSHIP**

A whole bunch of jobs have to be done to make a pack meeting work:

- **Master of Ceremonies** - someone to introduce each star performer and lead the applause.
- **Cheer master** - someone to lead the sparklers, the audience participation stunts and support all the acts.
- **Award Presenter** - someone to open the envelopes, call up the honored and conduct the ceremonies.
- **Director** - someone to keep track of who is up next, cue the acts, and keep the whole gang on schedule.
- **Stage Manager** - someone to make sure that all the props are in place, the color guard has the flags, the artificial campfire is plugged in and the badges are ready.
- **Song Leader** - in case the Cheer Master isn't up to a quick round of [Do Wah Ditty](#).
- **Information Manager** - someone to distribute newsletters and flyers, or stage gorilla theatricals to promote some noble Scouting cause.

You can double up or rotate and share some of the functions but you should involve all the Assistant Cubmasters and most of your Pack Committee in these jobs. You will also need a few people to do run-ons, help with ceremonies, and handle the lights.

**KEEP IT MOVING**

A successful pack meeting grabs and holds the attention of everyone there: the Tigers, Cub Scouts and Webelos as well as the parents, and siblings. You do this with short fast-moving bits. You change the mood of the audience with every dramatic and comedic trick you can borrow or copy or invent. Keep the pace changing with faster or slower sparklers or audience participation gags. Use the entire room so that if someone leads a song from the north end of the hall, the following den skit enters from the south-east corner. Move the center of attention around with action, sound and lighting.

Dead time is a killer. Make sure that when one bit is finished, the next participant is ready with a cheer, a magic trick or presentation. Don't let them sit still for the entire meeting - sprinkle in lots of stunts that get everyone standing, jumping, applauding and shouting.

**Sean Scott of San Diego tells us:**

I've observed a lot of pack meetings (good and bad) and I've seen a definite correlation between the behavior of the kids and parents and the quality of the program being presented. If it's not interesting to both groups, one or the other will stop listening. So, as leaders, we have to tailor the program to include "Interesting to kids and adults" right along side "Recognize advancement" and "Inform the membership".

**Focus on the boys, and fine tune for the adults****BUILDING BLOCKS**

Pack meetings are constructed from a variety of building blocks that you should use effectively. Here are some of the common ones:

*Watch for the links in the following text!!*

*If it is underlined, it is a link!! CD*

- ✓ [Ceremonies](#) - Main elements of your program. Build everything else around these. The openings and closings frame the program. Advancement and graduations are your highlights.
- ✓ [Den presentations](#) - Headline acts. Set these up carefully so that they can not fail. Good den presentations build pack membership and retain good den leaders.
- ✓ [Games](#) - Bundles of FUN for everyone. Involve parents and all family members. These are the activities that will be remembered long after the meeting.
- ✓ [Sparklers](#) - Mood changers. Use these to build excitement and intensity or to settle things down for a more serious bit.
- ✓ [Songs](#) - More effective mood changers. Songs can be just plain fun or can make a closing ceremony very special.
- ✓ [Costumes](#) - Great for setting up the theme of the month. You don't have to be in uniform every meeting. Check out "Skits and Costumes" and "Puppets" sections of the [Cub Scout Leader How-To Book](#).
- ✓ [Promotion](#) - Create enthusiasm for upcoming special events. Think of TV commercials, movie trailers or circus parades.
- ✓ [Visitors](#) - New families, someone from the Chartered Organization or a neighboring Scout Troop should be introduced with proper fanfare and even a special cheer. Caution: be careful about letting them speak.

**FLOW and MOOD SETTING**

Each part of the meeting sets a tone or mood that will carry on to the next part. The opening ceremony will catch the attention of the audience and things usually begin in a subdued and attentive mood. You usually want to build the fun and excitement before you bring on a high-light event like a den skit. You can do this with sparklers, audience participation stunts, and games. If things get a bit dull, liven them up with cheers and run-ons. If the boys get too rambunctious, use a song or story to bring the mood down to earth. You may want to set a serious tone for a graduation

ceremony or a closing so choose your stunts and gimmicks accordingly. A good team of leaders can, with a bit of practice, become expert at this.

**VARIETY**

Variety and surprise can do a lot to make your meetings successful. Vary the pace throughout each meeting and vary the elements, themes and moods from month to month. When the boys and parents start wondering what will this crazy bunch of leaders do next, then you have reached top form.

**SOME TIPS FOR PACK MEETINGS**

- **DON'T BE A ONE MAN SHOW.** Putting on a ninety minute show is a huge job. It's a lot easier and things run smoother when you work as a team. Use your Assistant Cubmasters, Committee members to help. Plan and Prepare!
- **VARY THE PACE.** Keep things moving at different speeds, different volumes, and different moods. Use songs and cheers and lively songs to speed things up, stories and ceremonies to slow them down. Build toward the big event of your meeting - it may be rank awards or a special visitor but make it special.
- **INVOLVE PARENTS.** Don't let them sit at the back of the room and talk. They should be drawn into every part of the meeting - especially ceremonies and audience participation stunts. Have the occasional game just for parents - the kids will love it.
- **HIDE ANNOUNCEMENTS.** Put most information about upcoming events in your news letter. If you need to say something about a big event, do it the form of a run-on, skit or ceremony. All you need is some fun gimmick to draw attention to where the details are written down.
- **USE SONGS.** Most - almost all - of us start with the assumption that we could never lead a song. With Cub Scouts, it is really the easiest thing in the world. Kids love to sing - the dumber and livelier the song, the better. Start by leading some of the audience participation stunts in Group Meeting Sparklers or Program Helps. Next, try a very simple song like Tarzan of the Apes. All you need is three or four songs you and your pack like to sing - most of them you may learn at summer camp. It does wonders for your pack meetings.

*Ever gone to a baseball game and sung,  
"Take Me Out to the Ball Game?"  
How did that tradition start??*

Harry Caray, who is credited with singing it first at a ball game in 1971, once said, "I would always sing it, because I think it's the only song I knew the words to!" On Opening Day in 1976 Bill Veeck noticed the fans were singing along with Caray so a secret microphone was placed in the broadcast booth the following day to allow ALL the fans to hear him. Veeck explained to Caray, "Harry, anybody in the ballpark hearing you sing 'Take Me Out to the Ball Game' knows that he can sing as well as you can. Probably better than you can. So he or she sings along. Hell, if you had a

good singing voice you'd intimidate them, and nobody would join in!"

*Now lets apply this to your pack meeting - the worse you sing the more people will join in!!! I know this to be true, just listen to me sing!! CD*

- **LET THE DENS BE THE STARS.** Feature several dens at every pack meeting. They should be doing opening and closing ceremonies, skits and other presentations. Give Webelos Dens opportunities to demonstrate the spectacular things they have learned as they worked on Activity Badges and Arrow of Light. Reward every den with a special cheer.
- **USE PROPS AND SPECIAL EFFECTS.** Flags, artificial campfires, den doodles, candle-lit ceremonies all add drama and interest to the meetings. (And they help cover up the fact that we are all a bunch of amateurs doing this.) If your pack doesn't have all these, assign groups of parents to make them. Check the Cub Scout Leader's How-To Book for starters. Also they will look great in the photos for your web site and your next roundup.

**What are YOU going to do now?**

*Go get 'em. We need all the help we can get.*

*The best gift for a Cub Scout.....*

*.....get his parents involved!*

- ✓ *Also, be sure to visit Bill's website*

<http://www.wtsmith.com/rt>

to finds more ideas on everything Cub Scouting.

*Have any Comments for Bill*

*just click right here!*

**PACK ADMIN HELPS**

**Two Important Items this month -**

- ✓ **Are You a Ziploc Pack by Sean Scott**
- ✓ **An idea for recruiting leaders as a follow up to Bill Smith's Training Topic.**

**Are You A Ziploc Pack???**

*By Sean Scott*

<http://scouting.argentive.com/>

*Be sure to read Bill Smith's Training Topic on Pack Meetings, too. The two articles together are great!! CD*

Most leaders recognize that rank advancement ceremonies should be impressive and representative of the amount of work the boy has put into earning the award. But what about the belt loops, activity patches and other "smaller" awards your boys earn?

Unfortunately, these awards are often given out using the "Baggie and Handshake" ceremony. You know, a baggie with the boy's name, and a hearty handshake. No offense, but that's not PHUN! And Scouting, *especially Cub Scouting*, is supposed to be PHUN!

What many leaders don't realize is that these "minor" awards can be a blessing in disguise—a chance to really make your meetings exciting, and get parents and boys alike pumped up about the Scouting program!

So how do you polish up your pack meeting to be shiny and baggie free? Use your imagination! There's no limit to what you can do to present awards to your boys, parents and leaders. Here are some ideas to get you started:

- ✓ Shoot your awards in on balloons. Tie up a string with some cut straws, tape the award to the balloon, the balloon to the straws, and fill the balloon with air. When you release the air from the balloon, it will propel the award/balloon rocket down the string. Take on the role of "mission control" and with a little help from some willing parents you have a space themed recognition!
- ✓ Tape awards to the undersides of Frisbees and throw them out to boys standing in the back of the room. Have them throw them back to you, and let an assistant reload the Frisbees. Or mount them on paper airplanes for similar effect.
- ✓ Pot a dead tree or branch and put paper leaves on it with the awards stuck to the leaves for a conservation and nature themed ceremony.
- ✓ Place the awards in a piñata and let the boys go at it with a stick, one or two hits each. While they're taking their swings you can announce who got what.
- ✓ Hide the awards around the room and give each boy a treasure map that leads them to their award. Tell everyone what they received while they're looking. Or hide 'coins' that the boys can use to 'buy' their award from the Cubmaster, er, I mean Pirate King at the front of the room.
- ✓ Have them pan for gold nuggets and exchange them at the bank for their awards. You could make a speech about them being more precious than gold while you're at it.
- ✓ Dish them out of a pot dressed as a chef. Or make cupcakes or a cake and stick them in the icing on top.
- ✓ Have someone dressed as a delivery person "hand deliver" important packages to the boys during the meeting. Or have them dress as a military courier or paratrooper, with open parachute dragging behind them. (I'd make sure they took as lengthy a route through the room as possible in order to catch and twist the 'chute around as many things as possible. Ham it up!)
- ✓ Fire them from catapults your Webelos made. Make castle walls from refrigerator boxes and shoot from inside the castle (or outside, depending on where you want to be...)
- ✓ Give them out as carnival prizes, with each boy performing some simple, fun skill. (Don't make it so hard that your Tigers can't do whatever it is, and just get something handed to them.)
- ✓ Find someone who's good at magic or sleight of hand to conjure them out of the boys ears, from under their hats or neckerchiefs, etc.
- ✓ Put them inside Whiffle balls or balloons and hit them out to the boys with a big plastic bat. Let them "field" the award.

One month my assistant Cubmaster and I dressed as cowboys. We took the roles of Wells and Fargo, and were distributing the dividends of a successful summer of mining

operations to our "employees" from a cardboard safe. Each boy got a small cloth bag marked "Gold—Property of:" with their name on it. Halfway through the ceremony, another leader appeared to rob the bank. We wrapped him with a Mylar emergency blanket we had hidden behind the safe and pulled him out of the room as he shouted, "Drat! Foiled again!"

Another month, we dressed as pirates and distributed awards from a treasure chest, while punctuating the ceremony with a variety of pirate jokes.

It doesn't need to be elaborate, just fun and memorable. Use costumes, props and your imagination. Anything that requires throwing, catching, hitting, running, jumping, breaking, popping, bouncing, stomping, rolling, crawling, climbing, swinging or dropping is bound to bring a smile to the face of a nine-year-old.

Don't be afraid to explore and write your own ceremonies! And make it PHUN!

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### **Recruiting Adults**

*York Adams Council*

The Cubmaster is the center of the skit. He or she goes to center stage while another adult "runs the show." This adult begins by introducing the Cubmaster and explaining the important role he/she plays. This is emphasized by handling over a dozen eggs—fragile, young charges.

Then the fun begins. The talker continues to explain that the Cubmaster also has other responsibilities, especially as there isn't enough adult support to make things happen.

Depending on the open positions and just how much you want to drive home the point, either use only the open positions or use a bunch of different positions. For each "job," the talker hands over a symbol of the task described. Some examples that are fun.

<b>Position</b>	<b>Symbol</b>
Pack Trainer -	Ace Bandage
Treasurer -	Cash box
Secretary -	Paper & pencil
Ride Coordinator -	Large Toy car
Advancement -	Large badges on cardboard
PR person -	Camera

I think you get the picture. Anyway, after overflowing the Cubmaster with all sorts of jobs, the talker stops and says "Unless you help, he's going to drop those eggs." Then he/she starts taking the symbols from the Cubmaster and hands them out to the people in the assembly.

You could do this with hats or packs with labels for the positions, too.

### ***The person who submitted this told us -***

The last time we did this, the people who had been given the symbols came up after the meeting expecting and accepting that they had been given these new jobs! I tell you, this works!

## LEADER RECOGNITION, INSTALLATION AND MORE

### Survival Kit for Leaders *Baloo's Archives*

#### Needed:

One New Leader's Survival Kit for each new leader (You can adapt this to install all your leader's for the new year.)

Will (names) please come forward. These are our (new) leaders for the upcoming Scouting season. As we all know Cub Scouting is a year round sport but there are different seasons throughout the year. In the fall we recruit and go outdoors, everyone is anxious to start earning his rank badge. In the winter we do more inside and prepare for the Pinewood Derby and our big birthday party, the Blue and Gold Banquet. Then spring comes and we are back outside, earning electives and family camping. Then in the summer it is off to camp and swimming and outdoor games and activities.

Cub Scouting is unique with many adults volunteering their time and talents to help the association, our Pack, the teams, our Dens, and our players, the Cubs to success. Success is not just a one-time victory in Cubs, it is the successful development of boys into youths who have good character and recognize there is a God, are good citizens, and are mentally and physically fit.

When a sports team signs a new player you see them presenting the player with his uniform and equipment to ensure his success and safety. So to in Cub Scouts, we want our leaders to "be Prepared." So here is the emblem of your position (show position patches) and a "Survival Kit" to help you succeed. (Hold up one survival kit and go through contents)

**Rubber Band:** To remind you to be flexible.

**Glue Stick:** To help you to stick with it.

**Sandpaper:** To help you smooth out the rough edges.

**Starburst:** A star burst to give you a burst of energy on the days you don't.

**Yeast Packet:** To help you rise to the occasion.

**Safety Pin:** To help you hold it all together.

**Marbles:** To replace the ones you may lose along the way.

**A Match:** To light your fire when you are burned out.

**Hershey Kiss:** A kiss to remind you that you are loved.

*(We give kisses and hugs!!! CD)*

#### Alternate Words:

Just as a sports team has many coaches each with a specialty, our pack needs volunteers with many skills, administrative, leadership, teaching, encouraging, spirit and more. (Present patches and kits to (new) leaders as you call out their names and positions)

### Cub Scout Leaders' Sanity Kit *Heart of America Council*

Make a kit with items like those listed below and present it to the new leaders. Be sure to explain everything to the group.

Sheriff star: Use to deputize parents--don't try to do everything yourself.

**Sponge:** To help you soak up all the Cub scouting information you need.

**Smarties:** To remind yourself that you are smart enough to do the job right.

**Smiley Face:** To remind yourself to smile and keep your spirit up!

**Heart:** To remind yourself that volunteer leaders are the heart of Scouting; you are also all heart!

**Kazoo:** To help you keep a song in your Cub Scouting heart.

**2 Pennies:** When people say, "Oh, no! You're a den leader???" Have you lost your good sense?" you can say, "Why, no, here they are!" (marbles work well too.)

**Knotted rope:** When you reach the end of your rope, tie a knot in it and hang on!

**Lifesaver:** When things are tough, the boys make you crazy, the parents don't help, nothing works the way you planned, and you're at the end of your rope and even the knot is slipping through your hands, just reach out and grab that life saver, make that phone call, get some help, and just hold on a little longer 'cuz those boys are really counting on you.

### Fun Ways To Say Thank You to Leaders and Parents *Heart of America Council*

**Bouncy ball:** "You put a lot of bounce into our pack program."

**Eraser:** "Cub Scouting rubs off on you."

**Wiggle eyes glued to ribbon:**

"Our eyes are on you" *or*

"We love looking at the result of your work!"

**For the leader who sets the example.**

★ **Box of Total:** For being totally awesome.

★ **Box of Cheer:** For being the official cheerleader. *or*  
For always being cheerful.

### New Pack Leaders Welcome *Heart of America Council*

**Personnel:** Cubmaster, Committee Chairman or Pack Trainer

**Equipment:** Kentucky Fried Chicken box containing a rib, thigh, breast and a wing.

**Setting:** Call forward all who you wish to welcome.

*The narrator performs the whole thing. It will take a little hamming up to help the audience get all the double meanings. CD*

It's not easy being the **BEST**. You start out by doing that thing until you do it better than anyone else. Here in pack \_\_\_\_\_ we do one thing, and we do it **RIGHT**.

We start out by using only the **BEST INGREDIENTS** and it's our **SECRET RECIPE** (Colonel Sanders is a secret, too) that keeps making our pack #1.

So here's to you! We don't mean to **RIB** you. (Pull Rib piece out of box). We just want to say that you're a welcome addition to our **ORIGINAL STAFF**.

When you agreed to join us, we breathed a **THIGH** of relief! (Pull Thigh piece out of box). You add **SPICE**



(Point to box and mention KFC's the 11 herbs and spices) to our program.

You help keep us a-BREAST (Pull breast piece out of box) of the latest Scouting news.

We can count on you to CARRY OUT (The box is a carry out) any assignment and know that it will be WELL DONE. (just like our chicken)

When you're asked to do something, even at the last minute you pitch right in and WING it. (pull wing piece out of box)

Yes, we pick only the BEST and we SERVE the BEST because ONLY THE BEST WILL DO! That's why we're #1 because WE DO PICKIN' RIGHT!

## SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY

### The National Summertime Pack Award



It is not too late for your Cubs to earn their **National Summertime Pack Awards** and for the pack to earn it, too receive their attractive, full-color certificate, and National Summertime Pack Award streamer for the pack flag. Dens with at least 50 percent of their members at the three summertime activities receive a den participation ribbon. Check it out at [www.scouting.org](http://www.scouting.org).

And look at how they have spiffed up the pins - there is a different color ring on the pin for each year, coordinated with the slide color!!! No more, "I don't care, I got that pin last year!!"

Heck out the June 2008, H2Ohhh!! theme, issue of Baloo for more details on the Summertime Pack Award!! (*I wonder when it stopped being the Summertime Fun Award?? CD*) You can download the form with all the instructions and requirements from National's Website at

<http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/33748.pdf>

*And when the summer is over,  
have all your Cubs go out and earn a*

### Recruiter Strip

[www.usscouts.org](http://www.usscouts.org)



*Since all packs are involved in recruiting, I thought it would be appropriate for September to remind you about an incentive award for boys to get their friend to join Scouting. See Pack Admin Helps for ideas for Spring Recruiting. - CD* Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts may be awarded, and wear, below the right pocket on their uniforms, the Recruiter Strip shown above

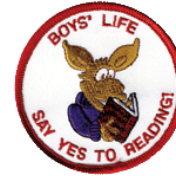
There are NO formal requirements for these strips. Each Unit establishes the procedure for awarding the strip. Usually, a Recruiter Strip is awarded to a Cub Scout or Boy Scout the first time he is successful in getting a friend, relative, classmate, or other acquaintance to join his unit.

Typically, only ONE strip is awarded to a boy while he is a Cub Scout, and another may be awarded while he is a Boy Scout. But there is no official limit.

From time to time there are special Recruiter Patches issued. I have seen Football Helmets, Garfield, and others.

*Just remember – A boy has to be having fun in Cub Scouting before he will ask his friend to join.*

### Boys' Life Reading Contest for 2008



### SAY 'YES' TO READING

#### Enter the 2008 Boys' Life Reading Contest

Write a one-page report titled "The Best Book I Read This Year" and enter it in the Boys' Life 2008 "Say Yes to Reading!" contest.

The book can be fiction or nonfiction. But the report has to be in your own words — 500 words tops. Enter in one of these three age categories:

- \* 8 years old and younger
- \* 9 and 10 years old
- \* 11 years old and older

First-place winners in each age category will receive a \$100 gift certificate good for any product in the Boy Scouts official retail catalog. Second-place winners will receive a \$75 gift certificate and third-place winners a \$50 certificate.

Everyone who enters will get a free patch like the one shown above. (*And, yes, the patch is a temporary insignia, so it can be worn on your Cub Scout or Boy Scout uniform shirt, on the right pocket. Proudly display it there or anywhere!)* In coming years, you'll have the opportunity to earn different patches.

The contest is open to all Boys' Life readers. Be sure to include your name, address, age and grade in school on the entry.

Send your report, along with a business-size, self-addressed, stamped envelope, to:

Boys' Life Reading Contest  
S306  
P.O. Box 152079  
Irving, TX 75015-2079

Entries must be postmarked by Dec. 31, 2008 and must include entry information and a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

For more details go to [www.boyslife.org](http://www.boyslife.org)

### Knot of the Month Veterans Recognition

Baloo



**Have an experienced leader you would like to honor - This is a great way to recognize their years of service. They are available in 5 year increments CD**

The Veteran Award is an adult recognition. However, tenure earned as a youth may be included in the total number of years registered.

After 5 years of registered service in the Boy Scouts of America, an adult may, upon application, receive the designation of "Veteran," provided the person agrees to live up to the Scouting obligations; to keep local Scouting authorities in the community in which residing informed as to availability for service; and further, to be as active in the promotion of the cause of Scouting as circumstances and conditions permit. Service in Scouting organizations other than the Boy Scouts of America does not count toward veteran recognition.

An individual must currently be a registered member of the Boy Scouts of America in order to receive an award.

An adult designated veteran shall pay the regular registration fee if desiring to continue to retain active connection with the movement.

Scouters desiring recognition as 5-, 10-, 15-, 20-, 25-, 30-, 35-, 40-, 45-, 50-, 55-, 60-, 65-, 70-, 75-, or 80-year veterans must have maintained an active registered relationship for the required number of years, paying the annual registration fee. The pin is for civilian wear only.

The records of the national office and local councils shall determine eligibility. The periods of service claimed for veteran recognition need not be continuous.

Application should be made to your local council. I was unable to find a form to apply for the award on National's Website ([www.scouting.org](http://www.scouting.org)) I did find several council's with forms posted but none had a number I could locate on National's site. Some Council sites with forms are:  
<http://www.gpc-bsa.org/FormsLinks/stuff/VeteranAppl.pdf>  
<http://www.directservicebsa.org/pdf/28-701.pdf>  
<http://www.utahscouts.org/training/adultawards/VeteranApplication.pdf>  
[http://www.hvcbbsa.org/advancement/docs/veteran\\_application.pdf](http://www.hvcbbsa.org/advancement/docs/veteran_application.pdf)

*This is a great way to recognize long serving members of your unit or district. Most people do not know this Award is available.*

**Next few Months -**

**Earning your Trained Patch and Service Stars!!**

## GATHERING ACTIVITIES

**Note on Word Searches, Word Games, Mazes and such –** In order to make these items fit in the two column format of Baloo's Bugle they are shrunk to a width of about 3 inches. Your Cubs probably need bigger pictures. You can get these by copying and pasting the picture from the Word version or clipping the picture in the Adobe (.pdf) version and then enlarging to page width. **CD**

### STAND UP

*Sam Houston Area Council*

Two players sit back to back with legs stretched out in front of them. They must try to stand up without using their arms. The Cub Scouts will see that they can only stand up if they work together.

### Our Town Display

*Grand Teton Council*

Put up on display using foam core or poster board displaying things unique to your area or state.

- A city map
- Tape recording of your state song
- City/County, State Flag
- Local Postcards
- Pictures of famous people from your area
- Display pictures of state bird, state tree, and state flower
- Do a timeline showing events that have happened in your town.

### Name Bingo

*Southern NJ Council*

- ✓ Each Boy has a sheet of paper marked off in a grid (either 5 by 5 or 6 by 6)
- ✓ The boys (and parents (Your choice)) go around to other guests and ask them to sign a square.
- ✓ At a designated time, everyone stops and puts their own name on a piece of paper and puts that paper in a "hat".
- ✓ The leader pulls names out of the hat and calls them out.
- ✓ If a guest has that name on their paper, they put an X on that square.
- ✓ The object is to get a straight line, horizontally, vertically or diagonally.

### Who Am I?

*Southern NJ Council*

- ✓ Using the month's theme, New Buddies, or some other idea, come up with about 20 related items associated with it. For example if you chose PARTY, the following would work: horn, party hat, favor, balloon, candy, cake, punch, ice cream, music, games, invitations, presents, fireworks, napkins, plates, cups, forks, piñata.
- ✓ Write each item on a slip of paper
- ✓ As the Scouts (and parents (Your choice)) arrive, tape a slip with an item on their back (they aren't supposed to see their item).
- ✓ The object of this activity is for each boy to ask yes or no answer questions to determine what they are.
- ✓ You may want to set a limit on how many questions a boy can ask another person before he has to ask someone else. A good limit is one (1) but 2 or 3 work also.

**Clothespin Mixer**

*Southern NJ Council*

**Equipment:** Clip-on clothespins - 3 or 4 for each person

Give everyone 3 or 4 clothespins. Tell them that the object of the game is to get rid of their clothespins without having anyone else pin THEIR clothespins on them. With everybody trying to get rid of his or her clothespins at the same time, as fast as possible, this is a rowdy and fun way to start a meeting.

**Guess Who**

*Southern NJ Council*

This is a good gathering time game for parents to play with their children. It's a good learning game and they may know some of the answers that you don't know.

- 1) Who is The Friendly Ghost?
- 2) Who was Luke Skywalker's father?
- 3) Who was the first voice of Mickey Mouse.
- 4) Who is Miss Piggy in love with?
- 5) What animal was the most popular performer of 1926?
- 6) Who is the only person to have won Oscars for the best actress and best song?
- 7) Who was known as 'The Greatest Showman on Earth'?
- 8) Who was second in command on the Starship Enterprise?
- 9) What actress made a million by the age of 10?
- 10) Who was the first non-human to win an Oscar?
- 11) What is Mickey Mouse's dog's name?
- 12) Which witch is flattened by a house in "The Wizard of Oz?"
- 13) What was the name of Roy Rogers' dog?
- 14) Who was the voice of Bugs Bunny, Sylvester and Tweety Pie?
- 15) What were Alvin, Simon and Theodore?
- 16) What's the name of Warner Brothers' romantic skunk?
- 17) Who lives at 39 Stone Canyon Way?

**Answers:**

- |                                   |                 |                     |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| 1. Casper,                        | 2. Darth Vader, | 3. Walt Disney      |
| 4. Kermit the Frog                | 5. Rin Tin Tin  | 6. Barbra Streisand |
| 7. P.T. Barnum                    | 8. Mr. Spock,   | 9. Shirley Temple   |
| 10. Mickey Mouse                  | 11. Pluto       |                     |
| 12. The Wicked Witch Of The East, | 13. Bullet      |                     |
| 14. Mel Blanc                     | 15. Chipmunks   | 16. Pepe Le Pew     |
| 17. The Flintstones               |                 |                     |

**Who's Who in Cub Scouting**

*Southern NJ Council*

Pass out this list and have people mingle to obtain signatures. See who can complete the entire board. Have a prize. If using this at a sign up night, have equal numbers of Scout and non-Scout items on the list.

1. Served as a Cub leader in the past:  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. Is a Bobcat now:  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. Was a Cub Scout as a boy:  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. Is a Denner now:  
\_\_\_\_\_
5. Earned the Arrow of Light as boy:  
\_\_\_\_\_

6. Is a Cub Scout Leader now:  
\_\_\_\_\_
7. Had a boy in the pack in the past:  
\_\_\_\_\_
8. Is a Webelos now:  
\_\_\_\_\_
9. Held the rank of Lion as a boy:  
\_\_\_\_\_
10. Is a Den Chief:  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Famous Scouts**

*York Adams Council*

**BOLD Font** and \* Indicates the Scout was an Eagle Scout

<b>1. Neil Armstrong*</b>	A. President of the US
<b>2. Bill Bradley*</b>	B. Actor
<b>3. James Brady*</b>	C. Olympic gold medal swimmer
<b>4. William C. DeVries, M.D.*</b>	D. Olympic gold medal decathlon
<b>5. Gerald Ford*</b>	E. Journalist, TV commentator
<b>6. James Lovell*</b>	F. Baseball superstar
<b>7. J. Willard Marriott, Jr.*</b>	G. Film director/producer
8. Ellison Onizuka	H. Rock music legend
<b>9. H. Ross Perot*</b>	I. Self made billionaire & Presidential Candidate
<b>10. Steven Spielberg*</b>	J. 36th President of the United States & First Eagle Scout in the White House
11. Henry "Hank" Aaron	K. Astronaut & First man on the Moon
12. Bill Clinton	L. Baseball superstar
13. Walter Cronkite	M. Sportscaster & former NFL star
14. Harrison Ford	N. Former Press Secretary to President Reagan
15. Bill Gates	O. Challenger astronaut
16. Bruce Jenner	P. Founder of Microsoft Corp.
17. Jim Morrison	Q. Pro Basketball player & U.S. Senator from New Jersey
18. Merlin Olson	R. President, Marriott corp.
19. John Ritter	S. Transplanted first artificial heart
20. Nolan Ryan	T. Astronaut
21. Mark Spitz	
22. Joe Theisman	
23. Paul Winfield	

*Answers:*

- |      |        |      |      |        |      |
|------|--------|------|------|--------|------|
| 1-K; | 2-Q    | 3-N  | 4-S  | 5-J    | 6-T  |
| 7-R  | 8-O    | 9-I  | 10-G | 11-L/F | 12-A |
| 13-E | 14-B   | 15-P | 16-D | 17-H   | 18-M |
| 19-B | 20-L/F | 21-C | 22-M | 23-B   |      |

**CUB SCOUT WORD SCRAMBLE***Heart of America Council*

Ideas -

- You can put these all on a sheet of paper for unscrambling and have everyone work alone or in pairs.
- You can give those coming into your meeting each a scrambled word, and you put the unscrambled word on someone else's back. They will then need to find the person who has the unscrambled word on their back to match their scrambled word.
- You can give out one word at a time to a Cub and when he solves it, give him another. See who gets the most before the meeting starts.

- SETCUMBRA (Cubmaster)
- END (Den)
- KCPA (Pack)
- LEAKA (Akela)
- FOWL (Wolf)
- ERBCBU (Cubber)
- TOBBAC (Bobcat)
- HENFIDEC (Den Chief)
- YOCBOUST (Boy Scout)
- ERLDEANED (Den Leader)
- RAWAD (Award)
- NEOLDODED (Den Doodle)
- REKIFENCHEC (Neckerchief)
- SLOBEEW (Webelos)
- NEDREN (Denner)
- ABER (Bear)
- METHE (Theme)

**OPENING CEREMONIES***Be sure to check out the opening audience stunt under Stunts and Applauses. CD***Do Your Best Opening***Sam Houston Area Council*

**Materials:** 10 cards with the letters to spell out "Do Your Best". The part to be read can be written on the back of the cards in LARGE letters.

**Narrator:** Welcome to our night of making new friends, new buddies! Cub Scouts truly are wonderful because of their attitude, their determination, and their keeping the Cub Scout Motto.

**Cub # 1:** D – Doing for others in need

**Cub # 2:** O – One country, allegiance and creed

**Cub # 3:** Y – Yes, a response we give

**Cub # 4:** O– Oath that we pledge to live

**Cub # 5:** U – Under one flag we all stand

**Cub # 6:** R – Ready to defend our great land

**Cub # 7:** B – Beauty, we see it each day

**Cub # 8:** E – Eagerness we all should display

**Cub # 9:** S – Service, and love toward others

**Cub # 10:** T – Thankfulness for making us brothers.

**Narrator** Have a Color Guard present the flags and invite the audience to stand and join in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Friendship Circle Opening or Closing***Sam Houston Area Council*

**Set Up:** Each Cub has a 3 foot section of rope joined with a square knot to that of the boy on his left.

**The Ceremony:**

☞ The boys form a circle

☞ Then they tie the knots

☞ Then the boys hold the rope with their left hands and pull back to form a taut circle.

**Cubmaster:** You are now a part of a group of close friends, held together by a square knot, a symbol of friendship.

**Asst CM** Let us give our "Cub Scout Promise" followed by the "Pledge of Allegiance".

*Sam Houston also had this in their book as a closing ending with these words instead of the Pledge of Allegiance:*

Instruct the boys to either untie their knot or everyone may place the circle on the floor and step back to be dismissed. As a final word, the Cubmaster might ask them to say the Cub Scout Motto: Do Your Best.

**Welcome***Southern NJ Council*

**Equipment:** 7 large colored cardboard cutouts of balloons which have the letters W-E-L-C-O-M-E on them.

**Set Up:**

✓ Boys hold balloons with letters away from audience.

✓ As each boy says his lines, he turns over his balloon to reveal the letter.

**Cub # 1:** Welcome to each and everyone.

**Cub # 2:** We're going to have lots of fun.

**Cub # 3:** Let's now officially open our meeting.

**Cub # 4:** We give to you a friendly greeting.

**Cub # 5:** Our displays today you will enjoy.

**Cub # 6:** There's something here for every adult and boy.

**Cub # 7:** Now we ask that you please stand and join us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**A Friend Flag Ceremony***Southern NJ Council*

**Cub # 1:** Many of us have heard the old saying, "A friend in need is a friend indeed.

**Cub # 2:** "Our country is often the friend who helps us in need. Immigrants coming to America find helpful neighbors and useful programs to make their move easier.

**Cub # 3:** As Americans we have many rights and privileges.

**Cub # 4:** Our system of government provides schools, libraries, roads, and other services to make our lives better.

**Cub # 5:** Along with these rights and privileges comes obligations. America needs us to be her friend.

**Cub # 6:** As Cub Scouts we can be America's friend through service.

**Cub # 7:** As we now stand and pledge allegiance to the flag, let's remember how America is our friend.

**Welcome Back***Southern NJ Council*

Eight Cub Scouts stand side by side. In turn each steps forward and recites his assigned verse. You may to be sure each boy has a big card with an appropriate picture for his verse on front and his part in LARGE letters on back.

- Cub # 1:** Another year is starting  
And we'd like to welcome you.  
And tell you what our purpose is  
And what we hope to do.
- Cub # 2:** Cub Scouts is a group of boys.  
It helps us grow up strong.  
And teaches us to do what's right  
And fight against what's wrong.
- Cub # 3:** It shows us how much we can do  
If we just work as a team.  
Then we'll have fun and jobs won't be  
As hard as they first seemed.
- Cub # 4:** We'll go on hikes and field trips  
To learn of nature's wonders.  
So we'll respect her when we're grown  
And not make any blunders.
- Cub # 5:** And we'll be shown in many ways  
That each man is our brother;  
And we will see the joy there is  
In helping one another.
- Cub # 6:** We'll learn to be good citizens  
And, hopefully, we'll see  
That laws are made for everyone  
So each one can be free.
- Cub # 7:** To do all this the Cub Scouts need  
Good leaders; this is true.  
That means we'll need the help of all  
Of you, and you, and you!  
[Cubs point to everyone in the audience]
- Cub # 8:** And now to start the year off right  
In good and proper manner,  
We'd like you all to rise and sing  
Our own "Star Spangled Banner."

**A Cub Scout Greeting***Southern NJ Council*

This is a good opening for a month when you have lots of New Cub Scouts.

- Cub # 1:** Come one, come all, come join our pack.  
It's so much fun, we keep coming back.
- Cub # 2:** We play some games and get together,  
No matter what kind of weather.
- Cub # 3:** We wear the colors blue and gold,  
Faith and love in our hearts we hold.
- Cub # 4:** We love our country and our liberty.  
On this all Cub Scouts will agree.
- Cub # 5:** We're true Cub Scouts in every way.  
We "Do Our Best" and we obey.
- Cub # 6:** We know the Promise, Salute, and the Law,  
But the Pledge of Allegiance we know above all
- Cub # 7:** Come – Father, mother, sister and brother –  
Come join the fun, it's like no other,

- Cub # 8:** So on this year of celebration  
We pledge our love and dedication
- Cub # 9:** To ourselves, our family, and our nation.  
Now, please join us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**A Friend Flag Ceremony***Southern NJ Council*

- Cub # 8:** Many of us have heard the old saying, "A friend in need is a friend indeed.
- Cub # 9:** "Our country is often the friend who helps us in need. Immigrants coming to America find helpful neighbors and useful programs to make their move easier.
- Cub # 10:** As Americans we have many rights and privileges.
- Cub # 11:** Our system of government provides schools, libraries, roads, and other services to make our lives better.
- Cub # 12:** Along with these rights and privileges comes obligations. America needs us to be her friend.
- Cub # 13:** As Cub Scouts we can be America's friend through service.
- Cub # 14:** As we now stand and pledge allegiance to the flag, let's remember how America is our friend.

**Cub Scouts Are ... Opening***Southern NJ Council*

**Setting:** 8 Cub Scouts hold cards with the letters spelling 'Cub Scout' on the front and their part in LARGE letters on the back. They say their lines in turn.

- Cub # 1:** C is for comradeship - we learn to get along.
- Cub # 2:** U is for unity - together we are strong.
- Cub # 3:** B is for Boys - wild and woolly, but nice.
- Cub # 4:** S is for socials - you needn't ask us twice.
- Cub # 5:** C is for courtesy, which all of us should know.
- Cub # 6:** O is for outings - we're ready to go.
- Cub # 7:** U is for universal - Scouts are in every land.
- Cub # 8:** T is for teamwork - we'll lend a helping hand.

**C-U-B-S***Southern NJ Council*

Make up large cards with C, U, B, and S on them for the boys to hold up high. On the backs of the cards have the following lines (or lines that you make up) for them to read.

- Cub # 1:** C stands for Caring. Cub Scouts care about their families and friends.
- Cub # 2:** U stands for Unique. Each Cub Scout is different in his own way.
- Cub # 3:** B stands for Boys. Frogs and snails, and puppy dog tails!
- Cub # 4:** S stands for Super. We will do a super job because we'll Do Our Best!

**Beginning Of the Year Opening***Heart of America Council*

**PROPS:** Cubmaster (CM), Assistant CM (CA), 6 Cub Scouts in uniform; they enter stage, one by one, saying their parts. All remain on stage to sing with audience at end.

- Cub #1:** Another year is starting and we'd like to welcome you.  
And tell you what our purpose is and what we hope to do.
- Cub #2:** The Cub Scouts are a group of boys; they help us grow up strong.  
They teach us to do what's right, and fight against what's wrong.
- Cub #3:** They show us how much we can do if we work as a team,  
Then we'll have fun and jobs won't be as hard as they first seem.
- Cub #4:** We'll go on hikes and field trips, to learn of nature's wonders,  
So we'll respect her when we're grown and not make any blunders.
- Cub #5:** And we'll be shown in many ways that each man is our brother  
And we'll see the joy there is in helping one another.
- Cub #6:** We'll learn to be good citizens and hopefully, we'll see,  
That laws are made for all the men, so each man can be free.
- CM:** To do this, the Cub Scouts need good leaders - that is true That means we need the help of all of you - and you and YOU!
- CA:** And now to start our year off right in a good and proper manner, We'd like you all to rise and sing our own "Star Spangled Banner."  
*(Audience rises. All sing. Cubs exit.)*

**Greetings***Heart of America Council*

**PROPS:** Make a banner with the word GREETINGS and artwork that fits the theme. Have as many Cub Scouts as needed hold and recite the lines. Have the audience act out the action that is read.

- CM:** Tonight as we welcome you, we need you to remember the Law of the Pack follow Akela.  
That is do what are Cubs up front here ask you to do for each letter. Cubs, please demonstrate each action for our audience after you say it,
- Cub #1:** G --Glad to see you here tonight
- Cub #2:** R --Reach out your hand to a friend
- Cub #3:** E --Everyone smile and shake your hands
- Cub #4:** E --Everybody grin and nod at another friend
- Cub #5:** T --Together now, stand up on your feet
- Cub #6:** I --I'd like you all to take your seat
- Cub #7:** N --Now that we're friends, we'll start the show
- Cub #8:** G --Goodwill is a feeling we all like to know
- Cub #9:** S --So now we say greetings to everyone.  
Spreading goodwill – that's what we've done.
- CA:** We'd like you all to rise and salute the flag and say the Pledge of Allegiance.

**WHAT IS A CUB SCOUT – OPENING***Heart of America Council*

**Equipment:** At his turn each Cub Scout holds up a card with his part written on the front (PROMISE, LAW OF THE PACK, MOTTO, SIGN, etc.) and his lines on the back.

- Cub #1:** I have a promise. It has three parts and Cub Scouts all over the nation are brothers and friends in this promise.
- Cub #2:** I have a law. It is the Law of the Pack. This law should be used daily in each Cub Scout's life, in all he does at home, school and play.
- Cub #3:** I have a motto, "Do Your Best." This means that I am willing to try as hard as I can in everything I do.
- Cub #4:** I have a sign. This I give whenever I repeat my promise or the Law of the Pack. The two fingers stand for two parts of the Promise and look like a wolf's ears ready to listen to Akela.
- Cub #5:** I have a salute. My salute means that I respect my country and flag. I give my salute like this. (Give salute.)
- Cub #6:** I have a handshake. I give it with my right hand. I have two fingers up and two fingers down. This means that I will help others and obey the Law of the Pack. (Give handshake.)
- Cub #7:** I have a uniform and am proud to wear it. It must be neat at all times. When in uniform I try even harder than usual to obey the Law of the Pack.
- CM:** Will the audience stand and recite the Cub Scout Promise and the Law of the Pack?
- CA:** Now, we'd like you stay standing and salute the flag and say the Pledge of Allegiance.

**DO YOUR BEST – OPENING***Heart of America Council*

- Den Ldr:** Today, in our country, there are over 6 million boys and adults in Scouting, from Cub Scouts to Boy Scouts and Explorers, working towards the same goal and that is working to "do their best," "to help other people" and to "respect God and County."
- Cub #1:** We are the America of tomorrow.
- Cub #2:** I may be President.
- Cub #3:** I may be Chief Justice of the Supreme Court.
- Cub #4:** I may serve in the Senate.
- Cub #5:** I may serve in the House of Representative.
- Cub #6:** I may become governor of a state.
- Cub #7:** We do not know what we will grow up to be.
- Cub #8:** But we will all be good citizens of this great nation.
- Cub #9:** We will always do our best, help other people, and respect God and Country.
- Cub #10:** Tonight we will simply DO OUR BEST to have a great pack meeting.
- Cub #11:** Let's start out our meeting just right as we salute our flag and unite in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Double Circle Opening**

*Sam Houston Area Council*

- ✓ Have all present stand in a double circle with Cub Scouts and other boys on the inside and parents and visitors on the outside.
- ✓ Focus a spotlight on the American Flag held in the center of the circle.
- ✓ Say the "Pledge of Allegiance"
- ✓ Then Sing "God Bless America."

**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATIONS**

**THE GREAT CUB SCOUT**

*Sam Houston Area Council*

- ✓ Break audience into four groups
- ✓ Assign each group a part and a motion.
- ✓ Have everyone respond on CUB SCOUT.
- ✓ Practice responses as you are assigning parts.
- ✓ Have each group give the Cub Scout sign as it says its part.

FOLLOW - A Cub Scout Follows Akela (Give sign)  
 HELP - The Pack Helps the Cub Scout Grow (Give sign)  
 GIVE - A Cub Scout Gives Goodwill (Give sign)  
 PACK - A Cub Scout Helps the Pack Go (Give sign)  
 CUB SCOUT - Do Your Best (Give sign)

This is the story of a CUB SCOUT who wanted to do something to HELP his neighbor. She was a widow, and much too old to do very much for herself. This CUB SCOUT wanted to FOLLOW the advice of his PACK leaders, who asked every CUB SCOUT to find some way they could GIVE HELP to someone else. The best way he could think of to HELP his neighbor would be to shovel the snow off her driveway for her. But it was such a big driveway and he was such a little CUB SCOUT. So he thought some more and decided he would go and talk to his PACK leaders and see if they could think of a way to HELP him. The PACK leaders said they would ask if any other CUB SCOUTS would like to HELP. So what started with only one CUB SCOUT was soon being done by two CUB SCOUTS then three CUB SCOUTS then four CUB SCOUTS then five CUB SCOUTS.

*(Continue adding CUB SCOUTS until the audience starts to laugh.)*

The moral of this story is that if you FOLLOW the advice of your PACK leaders, and GIVE HELP to those around you; you too could be a great CUB SCOUT.

**I Wanna Be A Cub Scout**

*Heart of America Council*

- ✓ Break audience into groups as indicated below
- ✓ Assign each group a part and a motion.
- ✓ Practice responses as you are assigning parts.

Cub Scout: All Boys "Do your best"  
 Tiger: Tiger Den & Coaches "GRREEAATT"  
 Bobcat: All NEW boys "It's the beginning"  
 Wolf: Wolf Den "I'm learning and growing"  
 Bear: Bear Den "I'm well on my way"  
 Webelos: Webelos Dens "Boys Scouts is next"  
 Parents: All Parents "Can I help?"

Leaders: All Leaders "Keep it simple make it fun"  
 Pack: Everyone "Pack \_\_\_\_!"

Once upon a time, not a long time ago actually, there was a boy. This boy had a dream of becoming a CUB SCOUT. He asked his PARENTS if he could join a PACK. A PACK was the CUB SCOUT organization at his school (church). His PARENTS were thrilled. Their son wanted to be a CUB SCOUT.

The PARENTS and their son went to the first PACK meeting. On entering the school cafeteria (church hall) they saw many other PARENTS and sons. Waiting in the cafeteria were LEADERS with their sons, who are now TIGERS, BOBCATS, WOLVES, BEARS, and WEBELOS. The PARENTS and their son were so impressed. All the LEADERS, TIGERS, BOBCATS, WOLVES, BEARS, and WEBELOS were in uniform and they all looked important and so happy.

There they stood greeting everyone and ready to answer questions about CUB SCOUTING and the PACK. The LEADERS told the story of Akela and Mowgli. The LEADERS spoke about the TIGER ideas, the BOBCAT trail, the WOLF trail, the BEAR trail, and the WEBELOS achievements. The PARENTS listened intently as it was explained that their involvement would help their son be a good CUB SCOUT. Everyone there was reminded that it takes LEADER S , who were once "just" PARENTS and CUB SCOUTS who were once "just" sons to make a PACK successful. This is how CUB SCOUTING continues to thrive.

**Auto-matic Laughs**

*Southern NJ Council*

Make the following assignments to the audience -  
 When the word is said, if you fit the category, do the action

Word	Action
Blue	All those with blue eyes pat the top of their head
Brown	All those with brown eyes pat the top of their head
Left	All those that are left handed clap their hands
Right	All those that are right handed clap their hands
New	All those under 20 years of age stomp your feet
Old	All those over 20 years of age stomp your feet
Man	All males stand up
Woman	All females stand up

Be sure to practice as you make assignments. You may want to recruit prompters to help with this one!!  
 One day a MAN and a WOMAN went to the store looking for a NEW car. Their OLD one, which was muddy BROWN, was not running well. It LEFT much to be desired in the way of speed and safety, and they wanted another one RIGHT away. They wanted a bright blue one. As they walked in the dealership, the WOMAN noticed a BLUE sports car on the showroom floor. "Darling," said the WOMAN. "Look at the lovely NEW car RIGHT over there. Wouldn't it be perfect for us. You may be RIGHT, it's a lot better than our OLD, BROWN buggy. Unfortunately, there's one problem. I've LEFT all my money at home," said the MAN. "You've LEFT it at home?" asked the WOMAN. "Yes, it's RIGHT in the pocket of my NEW BROWN suit", said the MAN.

“Your NEW BROWN suit? Why I took that suit to the cleaners just this morning, and I didn’t notice any money in any of the pockets,” said the WOMAN.

“But I’m certain I LEFT my money in the side RIGHT pocket of my NEW BROWN suit,” the MAN said as he scratched his head in wonder. “Now wait a minute! Are you saying I’m not RIGHT? Are you saying I’m wrong about this? MAN oh, MAN oh, MAN! You have a lot of nerve!” shrieked the WOMAN.

“Let’s not argue. We’re here to look at cars, and that BLUE one in the corner is a RIGHT nice model. And just think. If we buy the NEW BLUE car, we’ll never have to worry about our OLD BROWN one again.”

After looking at the price of the NEW BLUE car, and figuring out what they could get as a trade in on their OLD BROWN one, the MAN and the WOMAN decided buying a NEW car would be the RIGHT move for them. But before they LEFT the store, they started questioning their decision. Would they be better off with the OLD BROWN car if the NEW BLUE one didn’t run RIGHT? Or what about a NEW BROWN one? How long before they thought of the NEW car as the OLD car? And would they ever feel BLUE about trading in their BROWN auto? BLUE or BROWN, OLD or NEW, what was RIGHT and which car did they want to be LEFT with? The MAN and the WOMAN were so confused that they decided to sell their car and buy themselves bicycles. And that’s just what they did. And they knew it was a RIGHT, LEFT, RIGHT, LEFT.

**ADVANCEMENT CEREMONIES**

*At this time of year there are probably not a lot of rank advancements. You will have what the boys earned at camp and over the summer. BUT you will have all your new Bobcats and Leaders. So this month there are a lot of ceremonies for Bobcats and New Leader Inductions and Appreciations. CD*

**Parent Induction Ceremony**  
*Sam Houston Area Council*

**Personnel:** Cubmaster (CM), 4 pack committee members (MC - Member of Committee) and committee chair (CC).

**Equipment:** Candle holder with 4 candles

**CM:** (to parents) I welcome you and your son to Cub Scout Pack \_\_\_\_\_. The success of Cub Scouting depends upon the boy’s family relationships. To all the new parents in our pack, we offer a challenge. As members of our pack committee light candles, hear the challenge.

**1st MC:** (Lights candle) Learn to have more fun with your boy. Encourage and help him with his accomplishments. Help him progress regularly through Cub Scouting into Scouting.

**2nd MC:** (Lights candle) Learn to live together better...as Cub Scouts in a den, as families, as neighborhoods, and as a nation.

**3rd MC:** (Lights candle) Become better parents by practicing the Cub Scouting principles of affection, participation, recognition and security,

moving your son into Scouting upon graduation from Cub Scouting.

**4th MC:** (Lights candle) Extend and strengthen the influence of the institution on boys, parents and the community.

**CC:** We welcome you and your family into our pack. Good luck and good Cub Scouting with your son.

**The Secret Letters of the Cub Scout Sign**  
**A Parent Induction Ceremony**

*Baloo's Archives*



On your hand you have five fingers. We use two when we make the Cub Scout sign. These two upright fingers, like the alert ears of a Wolf, mean TO OBEY, and to HELP OTHER PEOPLE.

The three folded fingers in our Cub Scout sign stand for the three secret letters in our Law, F-H-G. These letters mean Follows, Helps, Gives. As in the Law of the Pack the Cub Scout Follows Akela, Helps the pack go, and Gives Goodwill. They also mean Fair, Happy, Game. And finally, they can remind us of something each Cub Scout respects, Freedom, Home and God.

All parents and all of our leaders want to do their best to teach Cub Scouts to learn to follow, to help, to give, to be fair and happy whatever the game might be and to respect their freedom, home and God.

Now as part of your induction into the pack as a parent of a Bobcat I ask you to make the Cub Scout sign and repeat after me :

“I (name ) promise to do my best, to help my son and all the Cub Scouts in his den and pack to do their best, to help other people, and to do their duty to God and their country, and to obey the Law of the Pack”.

As Cubmaster of this pack, I take pleasure in welcoming you into our Scouting family and active participation in Cub Scouting. May your days ahead be happy, game, and fair.

**Family Circle (Bobcat Induction)**

*Southern NJ Council*

**Personnel:** Cubmaster, Bobcat Candidate and Parents, all Cub Scouts and Parents.

**Equipment:** Imitation council fire, Bobcat pins, certificates.

**Arrangement:** Bobcat candidates and Parents to be inducted are placed within circle of Cub Scouts and parents. Cubmaster (CM) Standing at side faces them over the fire.

**CM:** You have come tonight seeking admission to the friendship and fun of Cub Scouting. You have attended a meeting of the den you expect to join. You have learned, along with your parents who are here with you, those things necessary to become a Bobcat. Will you give the Cub Scout sign and repeat with me the Cub Scout Promise. (They do so.)



Parents, we welcome you. Cub Scouting is for the whole family. Fun and friendship within this circle come because we have all joined hands, Cub Scouts and Parents. As parents you have responsibilities in Cub Scouting. We expect that you will attend the monthly pack meeting and work with your son on his achievements, approving them for him when satisfactorily completed. When called upon we will expect you to assist, along with the rest of the parents, in various leadership capacities. Will you accept this responsibility?

*Parents respond, "We will."*

**CM:** Parents will you pin this Bobcat pin on your son making him an official Cub Scout. (Parents place pins on sons.) This privilege will be yours for each badge he earns. We expect that you will work as hard as he on some of the projects (Cubmaster presents membership cards.) Your boy is now starting up the Cub Scout trail. May you all be happy with us in this pack. Cub Scouts, what is our motto?

*Cub Scouts (yell back) "Do your best!"*

**CM:** Give each family the Cub Scout handshake and congratulations

*Lead a cheer*

### **Bobcat Induction**

*Greater St. Louis Council*

**Personnel:** Cubmaster (CM), Assistant CM (CA), Den Leader (DL), Den Chief (DC), Bobcat candidates and parents

**Equipment:** Awards

**Setting:** Cubmaster calls the den leader forward

**CM:** Do we have any boys who desire to join our Pack?

**DL:** Akela, I have a boy who has shown his desire to join our Pack.

**CM:** How has he shown his desire?

**DL:** He has studied the Bobcat requirements and understands the purpose of Cub Scouting.

**CM:** Does he come alone?

**DL:** No, his parents wish to join the Pack also.

**CM:** Good, bring him forward. (Den Chief escorts new Bobcat candidate and his parents to the front).

What is your name? (Boy answers).

Do you know the Law of the Pack? (Boys answers).

Are you prepared to try to follow the Cub Scout ideals and obey the law? (Boy answers).

Are you prepared to work hard and to advance in rank? (Boy answers).

Are you willing to do your best? (Boy answers).

Good. You are about to start on the Cub Scout trail. Please repeat with me the Law of the Pack. (CM and boy repeats Law).

**CA:** (*To parents*) Cub Scouting is a family program. Parents have certain responsibilities too. They are expected to help their son advance in rank. They are expected to attend pack meetings with their son, and help at other times when called upon. Are you willing to do these things to help your son achieve the

goals and fun that will be his in Cub Scouting? (Parents answer).

**CM:** (*To boy and parents*) You are starting the Cub Scout trail which leads to the great game of Scouting. May each of you be happy in our pack. (CM shakes hands with boy and parents).

**CA:** Welcome to our Pack. *Lead Cheer*  
**Bobcat Advancement**

*Baloo's Archives*

**Equipment:** Oversized key cut out and painted gold, written on it is "Scout Spirit: and an old key on a string.

**CM:** We have with us tonight someone who has just joined the Cub Scout program. Will he and his parents please come forward?

**CA:** In the Cub Scout program will face you with many challenges. You need to attend weekly den meetings and monthly pack meetings. You will need to work with leaders and also at home with your parents. In order to achieve your rank each year and the highest rank in Cub Scouting, the Arrow of light.

**CM:** At times you may get discouraged because the trail seems steep and hard to climb. There is a key to achieving each of these goals. The key to Cub Scouting. Do you know what the key is? (Wait for the answer of no and the produce the oversized key.)

**CA:** The key to Scouting is "Scout Spirit." "Scout Spirit" includes teamwork. It includes fair play and good sportsmanship. It includes that "something special" that makes scouts want to be the best they can be at everything they do. This key will unlock the door of achievement. Remember, with this key to Scouting - "Scout Spirit" - you can now step on the Scouting trail.

**CM:** This small key is a reminder of the Key to Cub Scouting. (hang key around his neck.) And that first step is rewarded with the Bobcat rank. I will present this award to your parents in token of the help they have given you. They may pin it on your uniform. (Do so.)

**CA:** **Lead Cheer**

### **Immediate Recognition Den Ceremony**

*Heart of America Council*



As a Cub Scout completes achievements for Wolf and/or Bear, the den leader should make sure that a simple recognition ceremony is held in the den meeting. Use the Cub Scout Immediate Recognition Kit which contains enough materials for a den of Cub Scouts for two years. This is a motivational device used to encourage each boy to complete the rank for his age. Use a brief ceremony related to the monthly theme, or the one below:

**DEN LEADER:** We would like to tell you the story behind these wonderful beads. The custom of awarding beads started in the ancient tribes of the Webelos. They were given to braves who did their best to help the tribe and others.

**DEN CHIEF:** Many moons ago, when the animal world was ruled by wolves and bears, the braves of the Webelos tribe feared these strong beasts.

**DEN LEADER:** But some braves (names of boys being recognized) still untried, decided that the best way to live without fear was to learn to understand the creatures of the forest.

**DEN CHIEF:** So they went, disguised as animals, to live with the wolves and bears. The animals accepted them and all their brothers and called them 'cubs' just as if the braves

were their own. This was according to the Law of the Pack.

**DEN LEADER:** For their bravery and friendliness to the beasts, they were given a thong with colored beads on it. It signified that he knew the ways of the tribe and did his best at everything without worrying if someone else did better. This is the Law which the tribe borrowed from the animals and had the 'cubs' learn. (Ask den to form a living circle and repeat Law of the Pack.)

**DEN CHIEF:** For doing your best in completing three achievements toward your (Wolf/Bear) badge, I award you (names) this thong and this bead. May you always obey the Law of the Pack.

### **A History Of Cub Scouting**

*Sam Houston Area Council*

We all know that the Boy Scout movement in America was started by William Boyce after he was directed to an address in London by a boy who refused a tip because he was a Scout. Mr. Boyce was so impressed by his talk with Lord Baden-Powell that he helped incorporate the Boy Scouts of America on February 8, 1910.

Almost as soon as Scouting began, younger boys started clamoring for a chance to participate in Scouting. This resulted in the Wolf Cub program being started in England in 1916. It wasn't until August 1, 1929 that the first demonstration Cub units were started. By 1933, the time had come for promoting Cub Scouting as a part of the Boy Scout program.

As we read in the Wolf book the basis for much of the program came from THE JUNGLE BOOK by Rudyard Kipling. In this book is the story of two wolves who find a man cub who is being hunted by SHERE KHAN, the tiger. They take in the boy, whom they name Mowgli, and raise him as part of their family.

The wolves are part of a pack, which is led by Akela, the great gray Lone Wolf. Once a month, the new cubs are presented to the pack for acceptance. If two members of the pack do not accept them, they are turned out. When Mowgli was presented to the council, none of the other wolves would speak for him.

Just as Mother wolf was ready to give up. Baloo, the kindly brown bear who taught the wolf cubs the Law of the Jungle

stood up and said, "I will speak for the man cub." When no one else spoke, Bagheera, the black panther rose and offered to pay one bull if the man cub would be accepted into the pack. And so it was that Mowgli became a part of the Wolf Pack, for the price of a bull and on Baloo's good word.

In looking back at old Cub Scout books, we are reminded that the Cub Scout program has survived with very little change. In a 1934 Cub Book, the rules for becoming a Bobcat are:

- ★ -He has taken the Cub Promise.
- ★ -Explained & repeated the Law of the Pack.
- ★ -Explained the meaning of the ranks.
- ★ -Shown the Cub sign and Handclasp.
- ★ -Given the Cub Motto and Cub Salute.

Today as Bobcats, we must do the same requirements. When Akela says that we are ready, we are presented to the pack for recognition.

**(BOBCAT)**

(List names of Bobcat recipients and call them with their parents to the front of the room.)

(Hand parents the awards to present to the boys and congratulate them with the Cub Scout handshake. Offer an applause and ask them to take their seats.)

All boys, no matter what rank they join Cub Scouting, must earn the Bobcat rank.

Our newest Cub Scout rank, Tiger, joined the pack in 1982. Tigers are roaring and ready to advance and receive recognition.

**(TIGER)**

(List names of Tiger recipients and call them with their parents to the front of the room.)

(Hand parents the awards to present to the boys and congratulate them with the Cub Scout handshake. Offer an applause and ask them to take their seats.)

Will our Tiger Cubs and Tiger Cub adult partners please come to the front.

Just as the Wolf cubs learned about the world around them by taking short trips into the woods, so have our own Cubs grown in their understanding of nature and of their families.

**(WOLF)**

(List names and invite them with their parents to come forward.)

(Hand out badges to parents to give to the boys.

Congratulate them and offer a suitable applause. Have them sit down.)

Originally, only two arrow points could be earned for each rank. The basic rank was called the Bronze Badge. The first ten electives earned the Cub the Gold Rank, and the next ten elective the Silver Rank. Today we award the Gold Arrow Point for the first ten elective and Silver Arrow Points for each ten additional electives.

**(ARROW POINTS)**

(List names and invite them with their parents to come forward.)

(Hand out badges to parents to give to the boys.

Congratulate them and offer a suitable applause. Have them sit down.)

Just as Baloo the kindly Bear, taught the young Wolves the secret names of the trees, the calls of the birds and the language of the air so must each of you help others in you Den in order to meet the requirements for Bear.

(BEAR)

(List off Bear candidate names and invite them and their parents to the front of the room.)

(Hand parents the awards to present to the boys and congratulate them. Offer an applause and ask them to take their seats.)

Up until a few years ago, the next rank was Lion. In 1967, this was dropped and the Webelos program expanded to cover an entire year. The Webelos Colors and 15 activity badges were added at this time. A new Webelos Badge was also created and the original Webelos Badge retained as the Arrow of Light.

The Webelos rank is the transition between Cub Scouting and Boy Scouting. Originally the name was derived from the three ranks: Wolf, Bear, Lion and Scouts. Now, Webelos stands for "WE'll BE LOyal Scouts!" To become a Webelos requires a further expanding of one's horizons.

(WEBELOS)

(List names and invite them forward with their parents)

(Hand parents the awards to present to the boys and congratulate them. Offer an applause and ask them to take their seats.)

The Arrow of Light is the highest award in Cub Scouting. It can also be worn on the Boy Scout uniform in recognition of your achievement. To be standing here tonight, means that you have reached the highest point along the Cub Scout trail. Do not stop here for the trail leads on to Boy Scouting and great new adventures that can only be dreamed about for now.

(ARROW OF LIGHT)

(List names and invite them forward with their parents)

(Hand boys the parent's Arrow of Light pins to present to their parents. Then give parents the awards to present to the boys and congratulate them. Offer an applause and ask them to take their seats.)

## SONGS

*Ever gone to a baseball game and sung,  
"Take Me Out to the Ball Game?"*

*How did that tradition start??*

Harry Caray, who is credited with singing it first at a ball game in 1971, once said, "I would always sing it, because I think it's the only song I knew the words to!" On Opening Day in 1976 Bill Veeck noticed the fans were singing along with Caray so a secret microphone was placed in the broadcast booth the following day to allow ALL the fans to hear him. Veeck explained to Caray, "Harry, anybody in the ballpark hearing you sing 'Take Me Out to the Ball Game' knows that he can sing as well as you can. Probably better than you can. So he or she sings along. Hell, if you had a good singing voice you'd intimidate them, and nobody would join in!"

*Now lets apply this to your pack meeting - the worse you sing the more people will join in!!! I know this to be true, just listen to me sing!! CD*

## LORD BADEN POWELL

*Sam Houston Area Council*

(Tune: Father Abraham)

Lord Baden-Powell has many friends

Many friends has Lord Baden-Powell

I am one of them, and so are you

As we go marching on - - (shout out)

"With a RIGHT" ARM (beginning swinging arm)

*Repeat verse above and add in turn:*

- "With a LEFT" ARM (begin swinging arm)
- "With a RIGHT" FOOT (begin stamping foot)
- "With a LEFT" FOOT (begin stamping foot)
- "With a HEAD" (begin nodding head)
- "TURN AROUND"
- "SIT DOWN"

(Words above are accompanied by actions adding new motions as soon as sung until you are performing all motions.)

## Hey, Look Us Over

(Tune: Hey, Look Me Over)

*Heart of America Council*

Hey look us over, lend us an ear,

Watch us advance in Scouting every year.

First we are Bobcats, then we're Tiger Cubs

Soon we're Wolves and we'll go on from there (singing)

Hey look us over, lend us an ear,

Bear Cubs are next and we want to make it clear

Then its WEBELOS as we earn our arrow,

Soon we are Boy Scouts and we are on the run, (singing)

Hey look us over, lend us an ear,

Join us in a song and sing out loud and clear,

That Cub Scout advancement is the way to grow,

Stand back parents, here we go!

## I'VE GOT THAT CUB SCOUT SPIRIT

*Sam Houston Area Council*

*[Point to each part of the body as you sing. Replace "up in my head" with other words in the last four verses]*

I've got that Cub Scout spirit up in my head

Up in my head Up in my head

I've got that Cub Scout spirit up in my head

Up in my head to stay

*Repeat verse above and sing in turn:*

Deep in my heart

Down in my feet

All over me

*Last Verse*

I've got that Cub Scout spirit up in my head

Deep in my heart, down in my feet

I've got that Cub Scout spirit all over me

All over me to stay.

## WE'RE GLAD TO SEE YOU HERE

*Sam Houston Area Council*

(Tune: Farmer in the Dell)

We're glad to see you here,

It gives us joy and cheer.

Sure, it's true, we say to you,

We're glad to see you here.

**THAT'S WHY WE'RE IN CUB SCOUTING***Sam Houston Area Council*

(Tune: Deep in the Heart of Texas)

The fun things in life,  
Our family's delight! (clap hands four times)  
That's why we're in Cub Scouting.

We do our best,  
To pass the test: (clap hands four times)  
That's why we're in Cub Scouting.

Just me and my son,  
Work, plan and have fun, (clap hands four times)  
That's why we're in Cub Scouting.

We think our pack's great,  
We keep it first-rate, (clap hands four times)  
That's why we're in Cub Scouting!

**Home In Our Pack***Southern NJ Council*

(Tune: Home On The Range)

Oh, here is our home  
Where the Webelos roam,  
And the Tigers and Bobcats all play.  
The Bears on the prowl  
Make the Wolves give a howl,  
And our leaders all work for no pay.  
Home, home in our Pack  
We are earning the ranks that we lack.  
Akela, we hear,  
Has planned a great year  
And we're happy to welcome you back.

**Hello***Southern NJ Council*

Tune: Coca Cola's I'd Like to Teach the World to Sing  
or Auld Lang Syne

I love to hear the word Hello,  
Wherever I may go.  
It's full of friendship  
And good cheer  
And warms the heart up so.  
Hello, Hello, Hello, Hello,  
Hello, Hello, Hello.  
When e'er we meet  
Like friends let's greet  
Each other with Hello.  
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**CUB SCOUT FAIR**

(Tune: When Johnny Comes Marching Home)

The Cub Scout Fair has come to town,  
Hurrah, hurrah,  
With Cub Scouts here to laugh and clown,  
Hurrah, hurrah.  
Each Den will do a special trick  
And lots of games, just take your pick  
Oh, we'll all be glad 'cause  
The Cub Scout Fair came to town.

**FRIENDS***Heart of America Council*

*Cubs will probably not want to sing all eight verses so  
choose a few to try this.*

*There is a midi file at*<http://kids.niehs.nih.gov/lyrics/makenew.htm>

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|---|--|---|--|
| 1 | Make new friends,<br>but keep the old.<br>One is silver,<br>the other is gold.             | 5 | Silver is precious,<br>Gold is too.<br>I am precious,<br>and so are you.     |
| 2 | A circle is round,<br>it has no end.<br>That's how long,<br>I will be your friend.         | 6 | You help me,<br>and I'll help you<br>and together<br>we will see it through. |
| 3 | A fire burns bright,<br>it warms the heart.<br>We've been friends,<br>from the very start. | 7 | The sky is blue<br>The Earth is green<br>I can help<br>to keep it clean      |
| 4 | You have one hand,<br>I have the other.<br>Put them together,<br>We have each other.       | 8 | Across the land<br>Across the sea<br>Friends forever<br>We will always be    |

**I LOVE SCOUTING***Heart of America Council*

(Tune: Clementine)

I love Scouting, I live Scouting  
I enjoy having fun.  
You should also be in Scouting  
Come and join us everyone.

**I LOVE THAT WORD, "HELLO"***Heart of America Council*

(Tune: Auld Lang Syne)

I love to hear that word "hello"  
Wherever I may go.  
It's full of friendship and good cheer,  
And warms the heart up so.  
Hello, hello, hello, hello  
Hello, Hello, hello;  
Where e'er we meet  
Like friends let's greet  
Each other with "hello."

**MY FRIEND***Heart of America Council*

(Tune: Jimmy Crack Corn)

I am playing with my friend.  
Fun like this should never end.  
We're bouncing balls and climbing trees  
And running races in the breeze.

**Chorus:**

Toe the mark and then shout, "Go!"  
Our four feet are never slow.  
Down the walk we run with glee

**It Isn't Any Trouble***Southern NJ Council*

Tune: Battle Hymn of the Republic

It isn't any trouble just to S-M-I-L-E

It isn't any trouble just to S-M-I-L-E

There isn't any trouble

They would vanish like a bubble,

If you only take the trouble

Just to S-M-I-L-E

**Chorus -**

Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!

Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!

Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!

Just to S-M-I-L-E

(Substitute word from verse each time)

**Additional Verses:**

2. L-A-U-G-H
3. G-R-I-N grin
4. Ha-Ha-Ha-Ha-Ha

**Do Your Best***Southern NJ Council*

Tune: Are You Sleeping

When you do your best

When you do your best

You'll feel great

You'll feel great

Make and do for others

Make and do for others

Spread good cheer

Spread good cheer

**There's No Business Like Cub Business***Circle 10 Council*

Tune: There's No Business Like Show Business

There's no Cub Scouts like our Cub Scouts,

'Cause our pack is the best!

Everything we're doing shows we're eager,

Working on the skits and games and songs,

Planning with our leader to have you,

Look us over!

We're having fun!

There's no Cub Scouts like our Cub Scouts.

We smile each time we meet!

Even when we're nervous we will do our best,

And we hope our families will do the rest!

So you see in Cub Scouts we have passed the test!

Let's go, on with our show!

**Be Kind To Your Scouting Friends***Southern NJ Council*

Tune: Stars and Stripes Forever

Be kind to your Scouting friends,

That's a pledge from one Scout to another.

Be kind to your leaders today,

'Cause for helping they don't get any pay.

Be kind to your neighbors and friends,

'Cause by caring you follow Scouting's letter.

Scouting and friendship are grand,

And as we grow, the world will know,

We've made things better.

**STUNTS AND APPLAUSES****AUDIENCE STUNTS****Let's Get Acquainted***Southern NJ Council**This will go great right after opening  
before everyone sits down. CD*

Have everyone shake hands with the person on his right, then his left. Then tell everyone on the word "Go" to turn around and shake hands with the person behind him. At this point, if everyone has followed directions, there will be no one behind to greet, for he too, will have turned.

**APPLAUSES & CHEERS***Southern NJ Council***Round Of Applause***New Style - Turn body around while clapping.*

OR

*Old Style - Make a large circle with hands while clapping.**Bottom of circle about at knees, top over your head.***What Are We Cheer**

At the beginning of the meeting, tell the audience that anytime during the meeting you say, "What are we?" they are to respond "One big, happy Family".

*Sam Houston Area Council*

**FRIENDSHIP CHEER** - Have your neighbor put his left hand out to his side, and you clap it with your right hand; meanwhile you are also holding out your left hand and your other neighbor is clapping with his right hand, etc.

**THUMBS UP** - Hold out a hand at arms length; make a fist with the thumb up. For variation add, "GREAT JOB!"

**NEW PERSON CHEER** - "Hi, there. Welcome, welcome, WELCOME!"

(Effective when given by continuing Cub Scouts and families after new families or leaders are introduced.)

**GRAND CHEER** - While sitting stomp feet four times, slap knees four times, clap hands four times, stand up and yell HURRAH!

**PACK CHEER** - The Cubmaster says, Clap your hands (everybody claps two times) "stomp your feet" (everybody stomps two times), then everyone yells together "Pack \_\_\_\_\_ can't be beat!"

**I LIKE CUB SCOUTS -**

Divide into two groups.

Group One: "I like Cub Scouts; yes, I do! I like Cub Scouts; how about you?"

Group one the points to Group Two.

Group Two: Responds in same manner.

Then Group Two points to Group One

Continue taking turns for a couple of rounds.

*Heart of America Council*

**Bubble Gum Applause** - (Pantomime) Unwrap gum, stick gum in mouth, chew, then blow a bubble. Slap hands together representing bubble popping.

**Lollipop Clap** - Tell all you have a large lollipop, start licking it from the bottom to top, "ummmmm."

**Stamp Collector's Applause** - Hold left hand in front of you, palm up. Place first two fingers of right hand to mouth as if licking stamp and then strike the palm of your left hand smartly with them. Do this several times rapidly.

**DYBS yell:** DYBS means "Do Your Best, Scouts" and is pronounced like 'dibs'. Leader raises his fist in the air and brings it down hard each time 'DYBS' is yelled. Number of DYBS given is according to accomplishment.

**That reminds me of the HOW Cheer**

You can give someone a big How, or two or three -

*According to the Commissioner Dave How Scale -  
Three How's is a perfect score. I almost never give three  
how's but very often award two and a half how's.  
That is yelled - How, How, Ugh.*

**Pack Cheer:** "Clap your hands, stamp your feet, Pack \_\_\_\_\_ can't be beat!"

**Bravo:** The cheer leader says, "That deserves a Bravo! We'll do this in a circle." He then proceeds to have one end of the circle start with the 'BRR' sound and proceeds to point around the circle while they do the 'AVOOOO' sound. The sound level should rise as more of the circle starts yelling.

**The Good Turn:** Stand up and turn around while clapping.

**Heart and Soul Applause:** (For people who put their heart and soul into something.) Pat the palm of your hand on your heart and then on the sole of one shoe.

*Trapper Trails Council*

**Musical-** Announce the name of a well known song such as "Yankee Doodle" or "Dixie" and ask everyone to clap to its rhythm. For a different finish, tell everyone to miss the last note. Someone is sure to forget.

**Big Hand-**Leader says, "Let's give them a big hand!" Everyone holds up one hand with palm open.

**RUN-ONS**

*Sam Houston Area Council*

**FRIENDSHIP**

**Cub # 1:** What kind of ship never sinks?

**Cub # 2:** Friendship!

**FLOWERS**

**Cub #1:** What do flowers call their best friends?

**Cub #2:** What?

**Cub #1:** Buds.

**NINE**

*(Maybe put signs on boys - 1 through 7)*

**Cub # 1:** I am one.

**Cub # 2:** Two is company.

**Cub # 3:** Three is a crowd.

**Cub # 4:** (Silent, Looks Around, Pretends to Worry)

**Cub # 5:** (Silent, Looks Around, Pretends to Worry)

**Cub # 6:** What are four and five?

**Cub # 7:** Nine.

*Heart of America Council*

**Cub #1:** I was going to get you a pocket calculator for your birthday.

**Cub #2:** How thoughtful of you.

**Cub #1:** But I changed my mind. I thought you already knew how many pockets you had.

**Cub #1:** What three states have the most cows?

**Cub #2:** I don't know. Which ones?

**Cub #1:** Cow-lorado, Moo-ssouri, and Cow-lifornia.

**Cub #1:** Spell "we" using two letters other than W or E.

**Cub #2:** U and I.

**Cub #1:** What can a person wear that is never out of style?

**Cub #2:** A smile.

*Trapper Trails Council*

Spell surpass with two letters.

X L

What runs around all day and lies under your bed at night with its tongue hanging out? Your shoes.

**Cub 1:** So we're supposed to do a run-on, right.

**Cub 2:** Yup.

**Cub 1:** Ya got one in mind?

**Cub 2:** Nope.

**Cub 1:** Then I guess we'll do a run off.

**Cub 2:** Yup.

*Sam Houston Area Council*

**GIVE IT AWAY**

What should a Cub Scout keep after he gives it away?

*Answer: A promise.*

**SHARE IT**

What is it that always increases the more Cub Scouts share it?  
*Answer: Happiness.*

**JOKES & RIDDLES**

**KNOCK, KNOCKS**

*Sam Houston Area Council*

Knock, Knock

Who's there?

Ketchup

Ketchup who?

Ketchup to me if you can!

*Heart of America Council*

Knock, knock.

Who's there?

Gladys.

Gladys who?

Gladys time for Scouts.

**STICK**

*Sam Houston Area Council*

**Cub:** (Comes on stage with stick in his hand.

He puts the point of the stick down on the floor, Then he picks it up and puts it down in another place.

**Leader:** What are you doing?

**Cub:** Oh, I'm just sticking around.

## SKITS

### CUB – SCOU – TING

*Sam Houston Area Council*

**Props:** Draw frogs on poster board; cut holes for faces

**Scene:** Three frogs are sitting to the side of the stage facing the audience.

**As the Curtain Rises:**

The first frog softly says, "Cub."

The second frog says, "Scou."

The third frog says, "Ting."

Frogs continue as the skit begins, getting progressively louder throughout the skit.

**Cub 1:** I wish there were something exciting to do.

**Cub 2:** Me too. Like outside in the woods, maybe.

**Cub 3:** Yeah, like going fishing too.

**Cub 4:** Or going on a campout.

**Cub 5:** Hey, maybe we could join that group of kids we saw the other day.

**Cub 1:** What group of kids?

**Cub 5:** Let me think a minute – I'll remember. [The frogs slowly get a little louder and faster saying their lines at this point. After about three or four times, the Cub speaks again.]

**Cub 2:** Why can't we think of it?

**Cub 3:** It's right on the top of my tongue.

**Cub 4:** It's like I can hear it. [The frogs say "Cub-Scou-Ting" with a normal speaking voice two or three times. Then the Cub speaks again.]

**Cub 5:** That's it! We need to join Cub Scouting!

### Cub Scout Stew

*Sam Houston Area Council*

**Setting:**

- ✓ On stage is a huge pot, made from a cardboard carton. The pot could be painted on the side of the carton.
- ✓ Boys in the pot, pile on top of each other face down.
- ✓ Boy with chef's hat is stirring in pot with a broomstick.

**Chef:** (Pretends to taste) Hmmm-mm. Tastes like a well-rounded den to me.

**DL:** What did you put in it?

**Chef:** (reading from oversized card marked "Recipe") Cub Scouts that do their best. (Any number of uniformed Cubs climb into pot)

"A sense of humor" (Grinning Cub wearing sign "Humor" climbs in pot)

"A pinch of wanting to please" (Cub wearing sign, "I want to please" climbs into pot)

"A dash of mischief" (Cub wearing sign "Mischief" climbs into pot)

"A bit of Obedience" (Cub wearing sign "Obedience" climbs into pot)

"A bundle of sunshine" (Cub wearing "Sunshine" sign climbs into pot)

"And a ton of energy" (Cub wearing "Energy" sign scampers into pot)

"Stir well and you have Cub Scout Stew".

**DL:** (Pretends to taste) Hmmm-mm. A few parents and a Den Chief and it will be absolutely perfect!

### Cub Scouting is Many Things

*Simon Kenton Council*

This can be used as an opening or a skit. Each of 12 Cubs (or adults) holds a candle, which is lighted as he gives his message. The room lights are turned off.

**Cub # 1:** Cub Scouting Is A Boy, He is somewhere between 7 and 11 years old. He is just an average boy - energetic, inquisitive, noisy and eager to explore the world around him.

**Cub # 2:** Cub Scouting Is Parents Who Love This Boy, and care about him. They want him to grow up to be a well-rounded individual who can live and work in an atmosphere of harmony and cooperation.

**Cub # 3:** Cub Scouting Is A Den Leader, who opens their home and heart to this boy and 5, 6 or 7 others just like him, so they may learn to do things in a group, rather than individually, and learn to share the limelight with others.

**Cub # 4:** Cub Scouting Is A Den Chief, a Boy Scout who works into his busy schedule the time for the younger boy, so he may encourage him to stay on the Scouting trail for many years.

**Cub # 5:** Cub Scouting Is A Cubmaster, who gives of his spare time, and sometimes much more, to provide a program that will bring Cub Scouting to this boy.

**Cub # 6:** Cub Scouting Is A Committee, made up of interested parents who back up the Cubmaster and who serve willingly to carry out pack goals.

**Cub # 7:** Cub Scouting is a Nationwide organization a little brother to Boy Scouting, provided by the Boy Scouts of America for the 7, 8, 9 and 10 year old.

**Cub # 8:** Cub Scouting Is Fun, for the boy, his parents and his leaders.

**Cub # 9:** Cub Scouting is Fellowship, with the boy in your class at school, your neighbor and other people you might never meet, except through Cub Scouting.

**Cub # 10:** Cub Scouting Is Citizenship, teaching the young boy respect for God and country. He learns his moral obligation to himself and his fellow man.

**Cub # 11:** Cub Scouting Is A Challenge, to all who become involved - a challenge to live up to high ideals, bring forth creative ideas, express yourself. It is also a challenge to learn to accept the ideas of others who may not agree with you and learn to compromise and work out differences.

**Cub # 12:** Cub Scouting Is Achieving, by boys and parents, as they work together in advancement in the boy's book. Leaders achieve as they carry out the den and pack programs successfully.

**Emcee:** As you can see, Cub Scouting is many things - each one important and shining forth in its own way. If we keep all these lights burning brightly in our pack, our radiance will be seen by many people. THIS IS CUB SCOUTING! (Pause - the lights on, candles are blown out, and readers exit.)

**Making A Cub Scout***Viking Council**An excellent opening for the induction of new Cub Scouts into the pack***Characters:** Child, Two Leaders, Two Parents**Props:**

- You will need a large table for the child to lie on during the "operation."
- The "doctor" can carry a large cardboard knife.
- Props to be "removed" are tacked to back of table, out of sight.
- Those to be "put in" can be placed nearby. (Props are listed where used.)

**Narrator:** We are about to instruct you in the method of making a Cub Scout. To complete this project, you will need one small eager boy, two interested parents, one patient Den Leader, and one courageous Cubmaster.

*(Each character enters as his name is spoken. Boy wears uniform under a large loose-fitting shirt and climbs up on the table. Others don surgical masks. As the narrator continues, the operation proceeds, with Cubmaster acting as doctor. Den Leader and parents hand him the things to be put in and take the things removed. When the boy is hidden under a sheet, he removes his shirt.)*

**Narrator:** Cover him with fun and good times  
*(Hold up posters labeled "FUN" and "GOOD TIMES" and cover boy)*

We use laughing gas for anesthetic.

*(Use a tire pump labeled "Laughing Gas.")*

Take out hate and put in Love.

*(Hate - lump of paper, so labeled.*

*Love - big paper heart, labeled).*

Take out selfishness, put in cooperation.

*(Sign "I," sign "WE).*

Take out idle hands, put in busy fingers.

*(Idle - empty rubber gloves. Busy - glove full of flour.)*

Take out laziness, put in ambition.

*(Laziness - rag;*

*Ambition - blown up balloon.)*

After this pleasant operation, we have a "CUB SCOUT."

*(Remove the sheet.*

*Boy, in uniform, stands up and gives the Cub Scout sign.)*

**The Singing Den Leaders**

Song: I've Got That Cub Scout Spirit  
(in the Cub Scout Songbook)

*Simon Kenton Council*

**Props:** An Ace bandage, a phony arrow and tape, crutches, a paint brush and some old clothes with paint splotches.

**Scene:** All den leaders stand in a semicircle around the microphone. They can start each stanza in unison with the appropriately attired den leader merely stepping forward, or that den leader can start the stanza with the others joining in after the first line.

**1st DL:** Steps forward, her (or his) head wrapped in an Ace bandage. She sings: "I've got that Cub Scout Spirit up in my head," and is then joined by the other den leaders to finish the stanza.

**2nd DL:** Steps forward with the phony arrow "through her heart" ) or the cardboard arrow taped at a 90 degree angle to her heart). She sings: "I've got that Cub Scout Spirit deep in my heart". The others join in to finish the stanza.

**3rd DL:** Steps forward. He is on crutches. He sings: "I've got that Cub Scout Spirit down in my feet." And is joined by the others.

**4th DL:** Steps forward. His clothes are covered with paint, and he carries a paintbrush. He sings: "I've got that Cub Scout spirit all over me," and is joined by the others.

**CUBNAC***Circle 10 Council*

**Preparation:** The following answers and questions can be used in a Cubnac presentation (based on the Johnny Carson "Carnac" routine.) A Cub Scout dresses in a turban and cape and his assistant (or use a different assistant for each question) carries in envelopes with questions inside. After Cubnac holds each envelope to his forehead in order to "telepathically" come up with the answer (it is written on the outside of each envelope), he states the answer out loud, opens the envelope and reads the question. The boys can ham this up as much as they want.

**Answer** Dances with Wolves

**Question** What would you call a den leader who square dances with her den?

**Answer** I Can Bear No More

**Question** What does a new Webelos Scout say?

**Answer** Bobcat

**Question** What would you call Robert Cat if you were a close friend?

**Answer** Bear, Aaron, and Wells Fargo

**Question** Name a rank, a Hank, and a bank.

**Answer** Rankled

**Question** What happens to patches on your uniform after washing?

**Answer** Arrow of Light

**Question** What would you call 20 candles in a straight line?

**Answer** Tiger Paws

**Question** What do you call a group of Tiger fathers?

**CLOSING CEREMONIES****Three Pleasant Things Closing***Sam Houston Area Council*

**Cub # 1:** Even though it's time to bring this meeting to an end, let us tell you three pleasant things.

**Cub # 2:** We are here.

**Cub # 3:** We are here together.

**Cub # 4:** We think well of one another.

**Cub # 5:** If we would take the time to remember these three pleasant things whenever we are together, every meeting would be a success.



**"U" Are Important Closing***Sam Houston Area Council*

**Props:** Have each Scout prepare a sign with their word minus the U.

**Cub # 1:** We cannot spell: C\_ B SCO\_ TS without U

**Cub # 2:** We cannot spell: YO\_ TH without U

**Cub # 3:** We cannot spell: S\_ CCESS without U

**Cub # 4:** We cannot spell: F\_ N without U

**Cub # 5:** We cannot spell: O\_ TDOORS without U

**All:** **Clearly Cub Scouting needs U!**

**Thanks for Coming***Heart of America Council*

**Personnel:** 6 Cub Scouts

**Equipment:** 6 cards spelling out the word THANKS

**Cub # 1:** We hope you liked our show tonight.

**Cub # 2:** We tried real hard to do things right.

**Cub # 3:** It's easy to do good, you see,

**Cub # 4:** When you have the help of your family.

**Cub # 5:** Thanks for coming! Come again!

**Cub # 6:** Enjoy this time. We'll soon be men.

**May I Closing***Trapper Trails Council*

**Setting:** 10 uniformed Cub Scouts reading the following lines. (or maybe 5 each with two lines)

**Cub # 1:** May I grow in character and ability as I grow in size.

**Cub # 2:** May I be honest with myself and others in what I do and say.

**Cub # 3:** May I learn and practice my religion.

**Cub # 4:** May I always respect my parents, my elders, and my leaders.

**Cub # 5:** May I develop high moral principles and have the courage to live by them.

**Cub # 6:** May I strive for a healthy body, mind and spirit.

**Cub # 7:** May I always respect the rights of others.

**Cub # 8:** May I set a good example so that others will enjoy and benefit from being around me.

**Cub # 9:** May I work hard and do my best in everything I try to do.

**Cub # 10:** Cub Scouting helps me learn these things and will prepare me for the doorway to Boy Scouting.

**MY CUB SCOUTING LIGHT***Heart of America Council*

**Equipment:** 3 candles

**Personnel:** Narrator (an older Cub Scout) and two assistants, usually Cub Scouts.

**Narrator:** This is my Scouting Light...it is all I know and it is all I can do. If I pass this knowledge on to another (lights 1st assistant's candle with his) what you will have is a greater light and two of us who know and can do more.

And if he were to pass his knowledge and his Scouting light to another (1st assistant lights the 2nd assistant's candle with his), there is even more light and knowledge.

You will notice too I have given my Scouting light to others but my own light burns just as brightly. Let us all share our Scouting Light.

**THE PURPOSE OF CUB SCOUTING***Heart of America Council*

**Personnel:** Cubmaster, 7 parents (include den leaders and committee members), 2 Cub Scouts. Use parents of boys already in the pack.

**Equipment:** 7 large cards with the letters P-U-R-P-O-S-E on them. (Write the lines to go with them on the back sides of the cards in LARGE print.

One large card with "Cub Scouting" printed on it.

**Arrangements:** Parents stand in a semi-circle around 2 Cub Scouts holding the Cub Scouting sign. As parents are introduced, they hold up their card and read their line.

**CM:** I have asked some of the parents of boys already in the pack to help with the closing ceremony tonight. We hope you new parents will better understand the purposes of Cub Scouting.

**Introduce each adult in the following manner:**

*"This is Jimmy Brown's father, John.*

*This is David Smith's father, Harry, etc.*

*After the introduction of the parents, they then read their letter and what it stands for....*

**# 1:** P is to Provide **fun and adventuresome** things for boys to do.

**# 2:** U is to foster **Understanding within the family**, an idea not new.

**# 3:** R is to Respond to **good sportsmanship** and **prepare them for the Boy Scout program.**

**# 4:** P is for Pride in **growing strong in mind and body** and **personal achievements** as they grow toward manhood.

**# 5:** O is to Open new areas where they can offer **friendly service** and do their best.

**# 6:** S is to **Strengthen boys abilities to respect and get along with others** and be accepted by the rest.

**# 7:** E is to Encourage habits and attitudes that help with **character development, spiritual growth, and good citizenship** each day.

**I Made A Promise***York Adams Council*

Five or six boys are needed for this ceremony. Each should have his part printed on a small card he can conceal in his hand or have the part memorized. Or each could have poster with his part in LARGE print on the back.

**Cub # 1:** I made a promise... I said that whatever I did I would do the best I could.

**Cub # 2:** I made a promise...to serve my God and my country the best I could.

**Cub # 3:** I made a promise...to help other people the best I could.

**Cub # 4:** I made a promise...to obey the Law of the Pack the best I could.

**Cub # 5:** I have done my best, and I will do my best because I am the best... I am a Cub Scout.

**Cub # 6:** (*or Den Leader*) Will everyone now join us in repeating the Cub Scout Promise.

*Heart of America Council listed this as an Opening.  
Your choice. CD*

**Words to Live By***Southern NJ Council*

- Cub # 1:** Do more than belong - Participate  
**Cub # 2:** Do more than care - Help  
**Cub # 3:** Do more than believe - Practice  
**Cub # 4:** Do more than be fair - Be kind  
**Cub # 5:** Do more than forgive - Forget  
**Cub # 6:** Do more than dream - Work  
**Cub # 7:** Do more than teach - Inspire  
**Cub # 8:** Do more than live - Grow  
**Cub # 9:** Do more than be friendly - Be a friend  
**Cub # 10:** Do more than give – Serve

**Slogan Closing***Heart of America Council*

**Arrangement:** Cub Scouts hold up cards with slogans as they read lines printed on the back in LARGE print.

- Cub #1:** DO YOUR BEST in everything you do on life's way.  
**Cub #2:** ALWAYS BE FRIENDLY to brighten other's day.  
**Cub #3:** GIVE AWAY YOUR SMILES for 'tis rewarding indeed.  
**Cub #4:** BE PREPARED to help other's in their daily need.  
**Cub #5:** BE HONEST AND SINCERE towards others you meet.  
**Cub #6:** BE LOYAL AND TRUE a most commendable feat.  
**Cub #7:** COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS, be thankful each day, for life's wonderful opportunities that come your way.  
**Cub #8:** Good night to each and everyone of you. May these thoughts stay with you your whole life through.

## Cubmaster's Minutes

**The Ruler***Southern NJ Council*

**Props** - Show an ordinary ruler

What do I have here? Right, it's a ruler. Some people call it a rule. This one isn't golden but it does remind me of the Golden Rule. Do you know what the Golden Rule is?

"Do unto others as you would have them do unto you."  
 That's a great guide for living, Scouts. If we always followed that rule, we would always be kind to others because no one wants unkindness done to him.

The trouble is, we aren't saints. And so we don't always follow the Scout Law - "A Scout is kind" - or the Golden Rule. Some of us follow the Golden Rule for about three inches. Others make it eight inches. A few of us might make it all the way to eleven inches.

How far do you go on the Golden Rule? Probably not as far as you could. So the next time you're tempted to do something unkind, or say something that will hurt someone, stop and think. What will it do to your place on the Golden Rule?

**Getting to Know You***Southern NJ Council*

In these times of gas shortages and economic problems, our neighborhood has become more important to us than ever before. We've all heard stories from our grandparents about the good old days when people sat in their yards and visited and got to know each other better. There are some of us here tonight who really don't know each other even though our sons share a common experience. Let's take a few minutes right now to introduce ourselves to each other.

*(CM start going around so others get the idea. You may want to have a few plants in the audience who know this is coming to help get it going.)*

Den \_\_\_\_ will retire the colors for us.

**Cub Scout Prayer***Southern NJ Council*

The air we breathe, the friends we meet,  
 The walk to use our eyes and feet,  
 The things around us make us say,  
 Thank you, Creator, for each new day!

**A Smile***Southern NJ Council*

A smile costs nothing, but creates much. It happens in a flash, but the memory sometimes lasts forever. It cannot be bought, begged, borrowed, nor stolen, but is something that is of no earthly good to anyone unless it is given away. So, if in you hurry and rush, you meet someone who is too weary to give you a smile, leave one of yours. No one needs a smile quite as much as he who has none left to give.

*Heart of America Council suggests dividing this up amongst seven Cubs, each saying a part. Your choice. CD*

**National Treasure Closing***Southern NJ Council*

Of all the National Treasures in our country, some of the most important are our families and friends. They are what make life fun. Our Pack is a great treasure also. Remember this as we leave and go back to our homes. Please stand as we retire our colors.

All rise (Go through usual flag protocol)

**Closing Thought***Greater St. Louis Area Council*

There are times when a man gropes for words and nothing seems to come. We get a little flustered taking tests, reciting poetry, thanking our leaders, etc.

But, if we take our time the words for all those things soon come just as these words will come to help complete this message for you.

If you want to touch the past: touch a STONE.  
 If you want to touch the present: touch a ROSE.  
 If you want to touch the future: touch the life of a BOY.

## THEME RELATED STUFF

*Next Month - .*

### TIGERS

#### Tiger Cub Program

*Kevin in Norman, Oklahoma*

#### *For those of you just joining us -*

Tigers earn their Bobcat first and use the Cub Scout motto. Tigers wear the blue uniform.

*(And those designed to grow with them S2 zip off pants!!!)*

**Search, Discover and Share** is the Tiger Cub CONCEPT or IDEA. There is no Tiger Cub Motto, they are Cub Scouts and use the Cub Scout motto, Do Your Best.

Search, Discover and Share are the names of three of the eight parts of a Tiger Cub Meeting. Check out planning the meeting at <http://www.geocities.com/~Pack215/tc-meetings.html> *(I will have some Tiger Den Meeting tips next month. CD)*

#### Requirements for the Tiger Cub Totem

- \* Learn the Cub Scout motto:
- \* Learn the Cub Scout sign
- \* Learn the Cub Scout salute

A Tiger Cub must finish Bobcat before beginning to earn his Tiger Cub rank. But hey, once he has learned the Cub Scout Motto, Sign and Salute, the Immediate Recognition Emblem is already earned, it's a done deal except for presentation.

So even if the Law of the Pack or the Promise take a bit longer, the Immediate Recognition Emblem requirements are in fact already done. Applying a bucket of common sense, and as we favor instant recognition in Cubs, I would say go ahead and do the Immediate Recognition Emblem either that day in the den meeting, or at the latest the next pack meeting, even if Bobcat is not yet completed.

If you want more information, go to **Tiger Cub Leader Fast Start** at [www.myscouting.org](http://www.myscouting.org) for the online version. It's worth a look through, even if you are not a Tiger leader, to help get up to speed so you can help Tiger leaders in your unit, district and online. (PS in the one picture on Fast Start it says to mouse over the Tiger Cubs but the boys have khaki shirts and compass emblems, they are Webelos. In another they have blue uniforms but blue neckerchiefs, too. They are Bears.)

After earning his Bobcat Badge, the Tiger Cub must then complete one Den Activity, one Family Activity, and one Go See It Activity within each of the five achievement areas to earn the Tiger Cub rank. He works with his adult partner to do this. As he completes each of the 15 requirements, he receives the appropriate orange, white, or black bead at the next den meeting to add to his totem.

#### What is Tiger Cubs?

*Grand Teton Council*

- ★ T - Time spent building a stronger relationship with a boy and his family
- ★ I - Introducing a boy and his family to Scouting.
- ★ G - Getting to know others and ones self better.
- ★ E - Entering into a group; being part of something special.
- ★ R - Reaching out to one another and getting hands on experiences.
- ★ S - Sharing and discovering new things and ideas.

#### **This is what Tiger Cubs is all about - Searching, Discovering, Sharing.**

*Let's start at the beginning of the achievements -*

#### **Achievement #1 Making My Family Special 1F Family Activity**

During the time the Tigers are learning the Tiger Cub Motto, the Cub Scout Sign and Salute you can also work on this Achievement. The Tiger Cub, along with his adult partner can make a chart using poster board outlining family activities, job and fun activities. Allow the Tiger Cub to assign some jobs. This will give the adult partner and the Tiger to a chance to plan ways to keep things clean and tidy in their home. For example, the Tiger can clean his room or take out the trash. Let the Tiger assign a chore and a fun activity to plan with his adult partner, remember this is a growing up process for them. Working together can reinforce in your Tiger the importance of the family and how every family member plays an important part in keeping their home in good shape.

#### **Den Activity 1D**

Make a family scrapbook

**Materials:** Three-prong folder for each boy; 3-hole-punched typing paper; markers, crayons, stickers and other materials to decorate the cover.

**Directions:** Have the Tiger Cubs decorate the folder and fasten the paper into it.

These scrapbooks are great if the Leader can keep them while the boys progress through the program. They can add many projects to their scrapbook, even though it is a Family Scrapbook. Discuss with the adult partners whether they want the Tigers to get the books upon graduation from Tigers or from Cubs or presented earlier for the families to take home and keep up. Another thought may be to have enough material for 2 scrapbooks. Then have the Tigers make one to be a Cub Scout Scrapbook and one to be a Family Scrapbook. In the Family Scrapbook the Tiger can put items in there that remind him of special memories of things he has done with his family.

#### **Go and See It-1G**

Go to a library, historical society, museum, old farm, historical building or visit an older person in your community. Discover how life was the same, and how it was different for a boy your age many years ago. The following ideas come from the York Adams Council Pow Wow book.

1. Share the family photo album. Identify special family members.
2. Share family histories and traditions.

3. Have a 'families' picnic. Get to know one another.
4. Have a group party. Use a holiday for theme. How about a Valentines Party in October?
5. Design and make a family tree. Share it with others in your den.
6. Design a family coat of arms. Have the Tiger include special areas of the family's past.
7. Conduct your own 'Family' activity.

#### Ideas to Help Tigers Share

*Circle 10 Council*

#### Who's Who?

- ✓ Have each Tiger Cub and partner bring a baby picture.
- ✓ Mix them up and see who can guess the most matches.

#### Who Am I?

- ✓ With the help of their partners, have each of the Tiger Cubs write short descriptive paragraph about themselves stating likes, dislikes, things they have done, etc.
- ✓ When all are done, have an adult read them out loud and let the boys try to guess who is being described.

#### Where Were You Born?

- ✓ Display a world map.
- ✓ Let each Tiger and their partner mark where they were born. You can use stick pins with colored heads or pins with flags attached (available at office supply stores.)

#### A Sharing Craft

- ✓ Ask each Tiger Cub draw a picture of three things that he and his partner like to do.
- ✓ When finished, ask them to share their picture with the rest of the den.

#### Tiger Scrap Book

Each Tiger Cub can start a scrapbook. Provide enough pages for the whole year and have the boys glue in pictures, nature items, patches, or items they like to help them remember each activity (Requirement 1D)

#### Den Yells

*North Florida Council*

*For high-spirited Tiger Cubs,*

*there's nothing like a lot of noise for good fun!*

*A den yell provides plenty,*

*and also gives the den a feeling of togetherness.*

- # 1: (Boys stand in circle)  
North (point), South (point),  
East (point), West (point),  
Tiger Cub (Hands on shoulders) are the best!  
(Boys form straight line facing the audience and bow)
- # 2: (Boys stand in line)  
Our group is the Tigers  
(Have boys make hand like claws ready to scratch)  
Now you've been told  
Tigers are the one's  
(Hold up one finger)  
Who are brave and bold
- # 3: Look and see! (Clap, clap)  
You and me (point, point)  
Tiger Cubs (Clap, clap)  
Wheee! (Hands over head and jump)

- # 4: (Begin with boys in squatting position)  
Our Tigers are Great!  
Our group is swell!  
All for the Tiger Cubs  
Stand up and yell!  
(All stand and yell like "Tony the Tiger" We're Great)

## PACK AND DEN ACTIVITIES

*Alice, Golden Empire Council*

Check out the **Ethics in Action** activities about **"Friendship"** for some great ideas that can help boys understand friendship and overcome bias, gaining a new regard for how alike, different, and unique they are. Other Ethics in Action themes cover disabilities and being different.

**Invite parents** to come to den meetings and share stories about their countries or origin, cultures and what friends do together.

Assign different boys each week from within the den or pack to team up and find out about each other, then share what they learned about different boys at the next meeting. After being paired with a different boy each week, the boys will know a lot more about each other – and that's the basis for friendship.

Have the boys vote on their favorite things to do with a friend, then try different favorites each week at the den meeting.

Have a **Scavenger Hunt for Friends:** give each boy, family or den a list of people to find – someone who collects stamps, has initials that spell a word, has been to Disney World, has had a broken arm, traveled to five states, etc. This could be a month-long game or a Gathering Game for the pack meeting.

**Have treats that must be shared** – one long length of licorice for example. The boys must agree how the treat will be divided, then come to Akela and explain BEFORE they can eat the treat!

Another great food to share – **make a giant sandwich** that everyone contributes to, a fruit salad, a soup that everyone brings a veggie for, or, most fun of all, a giant ice cream sundae. Use a raingutter lined with foil, then add ice cream and toppings. Each person gets a bowl and spoon and takes their pick!

**Make cookies**, then divide them into small baggies – give two to each person, but tell them to share one with a buddy.

**Prepare a "community" trail mix** – have each person bring an item to add, then mix them all together while you talk about why that item is good to have. Then everyone gets to fill a snack bag with some trail mix and the den can go on a hike. OR Have everyone bring a snack to share on a den hike – two cookies, two boxes of raisins. Let the boys share or mix and match.

Try the **"Funny Feet" game** at your Pack meeting. Arrange to have five or six people go to another room and remove their socks and shoes, sit on the floor, and hide behind a sheet or curtain. Only the soles of their feet should show, no

clothing. Have the rest of the group come in and try to guess who the feet belong to. Person with the most correct guesses wins.

Have a **"Snowball Fight"** – Give each person a paper with questions on it, like "What is your favorite sport?" When everyone has filled out the answers to the questions, have them scrunch up their paper. When you yell "Snowball Fight" everyone throws their paper – after a few minutes, everyone has just one paper – they read about the friend who filled out the page and everyone tries to guess who it is!

Another "oldie but goodie" game to make friends is to **bring out a roll or yarn or string** and a pair of scissors. Ask everyone to cut off a length – BUT don't tell them why! Now each person must take a turn to talk about themselves while they wind the string around their finger – whether that takes ten seconds or ten minutes!

**Decorate your Pack meeting with life-size silhouettes** or paper figures made by having each boy lay down on large paper or cardboard in some fun pose, while someone draws around his body – if boys are going to fill in clothes and features, guide them to really look at how far down their eyes begin on their faces – have them look at a photo of themselves to make a more accurate drawing. A boy could be "flying a kite" and you could even add a real kite attached to the wall above his silhouette – or have every boy pose doing a different thing that friends like to do together.

If you **make silhouettes**, have a parent's contest to see if they recognize the boys – some are obvious, but parent's often have trouble picking out their own sons!

**For your pack meeting, set up different activities and games that "take a friend" to do** – anything from board games to marbles. Give everyone time to choose and try an activity before giving out the awards.

Send **secret code messages** throughout the den and pack – Try all kinds of different codes, from the string code to the telephone code. Lots of ideas in the Wolf book also.

Memories make friends – **make a den or pack scrapbook** – solicit photos and memorabilia about past den or pack events. Let each den do a section about their den and the boys. Show off the scrapbook at pack meetings, Roundtable, district and council events.

**Make a special den flag** or create a special den activity t-shirt. One simple way to do it – choose cut-outs representing den activities, such as a hammer, music note representing a performance the den attended, a flamingo representing a visit to the zoo – lay the cut-outs on a plain t-shirt, then color the surrounding area of the shirt using a spray bottle with a small amount of acrylic paint and some water. The finished shirt will look like spatter painting. Make a stencil and add your Pack and den numbers by over spraying with a second darker color.

**Find some pen pals** for your den – especially fun when you choose another country or part of the USA – check under Websites for links.

**Bubbles and friends go together** – Furnish various kinds of bubble "wands" for everyone. Pour bubbles into a shallow bowl or plate, then mix in food coloring (I used this with a

Wolf den as a fun way to make primary/secondary colors for the Artist elective). Everyone gets a large sheet of white paper, then blow the bubbles and "capture" them on your paper. Show off your Bubble Art at the Pack meeting.

Make a den or pack **"Friendship Mural"** or Scrapbook – have the boys think about things they have done with friends, or friendly things that they have done or had done to them – they can either use magazine cut-outs or draw pictures, or even just write a short story. Share the mural or scrapbook at the Pack Meeting.

**Buddy up the boys or families and have them play Double Number Maze** – on a piece of paper, write numbers 1 through 20, scattering them randomly all over. Now write them all over again, trying not to have matching numbers too close to each other. The object is to make a line connecting two of the same number, without crossing another line. Play till someone can't connect any two of the same number. You could also use letters instead of numbers, or if the boys get really good, mix letters and numbers!

**Make a list of some famous buddies** – like Mickey and Minnie, or Mutt and Jeff – put one of the names on the back of each person, and have them find their Buddy by asking questions that can be answered by a "yes" or "no"

#### **Build A Den Doodle/Flag**

*York Adams Council*

Does your Den have a Den Doodle yet? I sure hope so for your sake and the sake of the boys. The Cub Scout Leader's Book and the How To Book cover the importance of the den flag and give lots of ideas for designing and making a den doodle. These are great "team builders" and should be a part of every den. They also provide some extra incentive to the less enthused to keep up the good work (when they are recognized publicly through displaying the den doodle). Then, make sure the pack is "on board" with the whole den doodle operation as well. Does the pack give out doobies to hang on the colors each month? Ask the Cubmaster to start providing a theme-related doobie when the den does something neat at a Pack Meeting!

#### **Friendship Survival Kit**

*Sam Houston Area Council*

*This would be a great item to pass out to all your new Cubs this Fall. Use it as an induction ceremony CD*

#### **Materials:**

Small bag (Ziploc® works well,  
Labels for each item (small strips of paper or cardstock) or a sheet telling what everything in the bag is and why it is there.

#### **Materials to go in the bag**

Toothpick	Band-aid	stick of gum
cotton ball	eraser	happy face sticker
small candle	small rock	rubber band
roll of Lifesavers candy (or one of the individually wrapped Lifesaver candy,		

#### **Labels (or information printed on a sheet)**

- ★ Toothpick – "To pick out the good qualities in everyone"
- ★ Band-Aid – "To heal hurt feelings"
- ★ Gum – "A reminder that friends stick together"

- ★ Lifesavers – “A reminder that friends sometimes need our help”
- ★ Cotton Ball – “To cushion the bumpy roads ahead”
- ★ Eraser – “To remind you to always start each day clean”
- ★ Happy Face – “Smiling is contagious”
- ★ Candle – “Remember to share the light with others”
- ★ Rock – “To remind you of the stability of your friendship”
- ★ Rubber Band – “To remind you to be flexible when dealing with friends”

With glue, attach the labels to the objects.

Label the bag – “Friendship Survival Kit”.

Once items are dry, put them all in the bag.

\*Depending on the age group the labeling could be done before meeting time and then the boys would just need to assemble the survival kits and while doing that you could lead a discussion about how to be a good friend.

**Frame A Friend Or Family**  
*Sam Houston Area Council*

**Materials:**

- Empty CD case,
- string,
- various decorations – see list below for ideas,
- family picture or other photos,
- glue

**Instructions:**

- Start by taping the family picture on the inside of the CD case facing out. Some pictures may have to be trimmed in order to fit inside of the CD case. If you still have one of the inserts that came with the CD originally, it could be used as a pattern for sizing.
- Cut a 3-4 inch piece of string.
- Tape it to both sides of the opening of the case on the inside. This keeps the case open in a standing position.
- Decorate the front of the case around the edges of your picture with any form of decoration. Some ideas or themes could be dependent upon your picture.
- Feathers, buttons, beads, felt cut outs, glitter (use cardboard strips to glued to the case to glue the glitter to), wood die cut outs, cotton balls (snow), stickers, etc

**Funny Putty**  
*Sam Houston Area Council*

**Materials**

- 1 tablespoon liquid starch,
- food coloring,
- 2 tablespoons white glue,
- a plastic egg or small Ziploc bag

**Instructions:**

- ★ Mix glue and food coloring together in small bowl.
- ★ Pour liquid starch into a second bowl,
- ★ Then slowly pour the glue mixture on top of the starch.
- ★ Allow the concoction to stand for 5 minutes or until the glue absorbs the starch.
- ★ Remove putty from bowl and knead. (At first, the mixture looks as if it's a mistake, but it isn't. The more you knead the putty, the better the consistency will be.)
- ★ Store funny putty in a plastic egg or Ziploc bag.

- ★ Press funny putty down on newspaper comics or pictures printed on inkjet paper.
- ★ Slowly pull the funny putty off of the paper.
- ★ The picture will transfer BACKWARDS onto the putty.
- ★ You can also roll your funny putty into a ball and bounce it.

**Friendship Bracelet – Simplified**  
*Sam Houston Area Council*

**Materials:**

- Embroidery floss – many colors,
- Masking tape

**Instructions:**

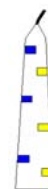
- ✓ Cut three strands of floss long enough to go around the Cub Scout’s wrist and be tied.
- ✓ Lay the three strands side by side on a table.
- ✓ At one end of the strands, tie all three strands together in an overhand knot.
- ✓ Tape the knot to the table with a small piece of masking tape, so that the other strands are able to be moved, but the knot is attached to the table.
- ✓ Braid the three strands together, alternating between the three stands, until about 2 inches from the end of the strands.
- ✓ Tie off to keep the braiding together.
- ✓ Wrap around your wrist and tie to secure.

**Friendship Finger Paint**  
*Sam Houston Area Council*

- ✓ In large saucepan mix 1 cup all purpose flour with 1 cup cold water.
- ✓ Stir until smooth.
- ✓ Then add another 3 cups cold water.
- ✓ Cook over medium heat, stirring till mixture thickens and bubbles.
- ✓ Reduce heat and simmer 1 minute more while still stirring.
- ✓ Divide into three heat-resistant bowls.
- ✓ Tint with food coloring.
- ✓ Cover and cool.

This makes a very good washable paint for finger painting or window painting!

**How To Make The Magic Candle**  
*Southern NJ Council*



- Use a tall white candle.
- Drill quarter inch diameter holes every two inches down opposite sides of the candle.
- Place scrapings of blue and gold crayons in the holes.
- Melt paraffin and whip with egg beater.
- Cover candle with whipped paraffin using a fork and give the candles a rough texture.
- As the white candle burns, it will drip blue and gold wax decoratively down the side of the candle.

**Memory Book**

**Supplies:** Posterboard, yarn or brad fasteners, crayons, and hole punch

Cut posterboard slightly larger (1/2 inch) than notebook paper, or construction paper.

Give each boy a front cover and back.

Let your scouts decorate the front of their Memory Books.

Now your scouts have their own scrapbooks for their Cub Scouting memories.

Anything your Cubs do that will fit it here can now be kept and given to them when they graduate from the Pack or even passed on the Troop for when your Cubs become Eagles.

**Watermelon Slide**

*Simon Kenton Council*

Take a Brazil nut and paint to look like a watermelon. After the paint has dried, hot glue a drink tab or PVC pipe to the back of the nut.

**CD Crafts**

*Mike, the USScouts.org Webmaster*

*As Mike sez, "Don't toss 'em. Save 'em!"*

**Make a Clock** - At many craft stores you can buy a clock movement that will fit right in the hole in the center. Paint a few numbers on the shiny side and you've got a fairly inexpensive clock.

**Make a Holiday Tree** - Save a bunch of them and towards the year end holiday season you can hot glue them together to form a triangle with about five or six across at the bottom. Insert flashing holiday lights and you have an instant holiday tree with the shiny CD surface acting as a big reflector. Great gift item to give from a den to a retirement home or to add to a church's festive decorations.

**Make a Pyramid** - On the other hand if you have loads of them, you could do three of them and make a pyramid with flashing lights on all three sides. Don't know what you'd use if for, but I suspect somebody imaginative can come up with a use. ;-)

**Orienteering** - Use 'em for a set of trail markers or orienteering checkpoints - portable and reusable. Just paint them different colors. Collect them when you are done and use again.

**Relay Race** - Quick game - have a rolling contest to see who can roll one the farthest on its edge.

**Trail Lights** - Use the CD's for trail lights at night. Fill a number ten can about a third full of water. Put a candle through the hole in the CD. Place the CD/candle on the surface of the water inside the can. Light candle. When done blow out candle and turn upside down.

**Night Trail Markers.** Paint outside edge about an inch all the way around with a color to denote the trail. Place each CD on ground within view of the next. Scouts with a flashlight aimed downward see the bright reflection from the shiny side (unpainted area).

**Toss in the Bucket Game.** Mark a line. Place a wash bucket or wastebasket at a reasonable distance. Have Scouts try to fling the CD into the bucket for points.

Use the CD's for signaling (same way you used to use mirrors)

**Tent Markers.** Each Scout's first name is on a CD. Run twine through hole and hang from tent pole. Is said to help Scout remember which tent is home for a week at camp.

**Cowboy Hat Decorations.** Cut off bottom half of medium paper cup. Invert and tape to center of CD. Paint light brown with dark brown hatband from ribbon glued on. Instant wild west memento.

**Safety kit.** One disposable luminescent tube and CD for each family car. You can buy the tubes at camping and auto stores. When you bend the tube the glass inside breaks and the chemical reaction produces light. By inserting the tube through the CD, you get a reflective surface making it easier to see the light. Apparently you can also take this idea a little farther - leave a few inches of the tube on one side and put that and the edge of the CD on the ground pointed where you want people to see it. Put several of these on the sides of a trail from a campfire area at camp leading toward the parking lot for visitors to help them find their way back to their cars. Another use is as an ornamental sun-catcher. Use silicon sealer to glue two of them together label to label. Drill a small hole near the rim and suspend with string.

**Pinewood Derby Center piece.** Run short sections of dowel through two evenly spaced CDs to form axle and wheel sets.

Use cardboard and masking tape to form the body of the car (use your imagination). Decide what shape you want and make a template for the side of each car. Cut out separate pieces for the sides. Cut out pieces for the front, hood, seat area, and back. Tape together. Spray paint the wheels black before assembly. Spray paint the body red, yellow or whatever before assembly. Sit the body on the dowels and you have a very large "derby car" center piece. Additional suggestion is to paint several cars blue and several gold. Use them for Blue & Gold table centerpieces. How's that for a very cheap project?

**CD Farm Animals -**

**Materials:** Old CDs, felt or foam board, thin cardboard, markers, glue, scissors.

Cover CD with appropriate color felt for animal to be made. Cut out head, ears, legs for the animal and glue to thin cardboard and then to CD. Decorate with markers

**MORE GREAT STUFF**

*Sam Houston Area Council*



From the Cub Scout Leader How-To Book –

- ✓ Accentuate the Positive, Chapter 1, make everyone feel wanted and positive about the group. Den Doodles to bring your dens together as teams
- ✓ Razzle Dazzle, Chapter 5, really WOW! Them at the that first Pack Meeting!!

## ADVANCEMENT IDEAS

From Program Helps via  
[www.cubroundtable.com](http://www.cubroundtable.com)

### Bobcat -

**Ach.** 1, 4, 6

### Tigers -

**Ach.** 2, 4G

**Elect.** 6, 9

### Wolf-

**Ach** 2C, 4A, 12D

**Elect.** 1A, 11A, 23D

### Bear -

**Ach** 3F, 7A, 9E, 11C, 16B, 23B, 23C

**Also - 24A - Be A Leader, with an Adult follow up on your, "Bring A Buddy" invitation to encourage a new boy to join Cub Scouting.**

*Alice, Golden Empire Council*

Every rank of Cub Scouts can use this beginning of the year at school and scouts to practice being friendly and helpful, and to include every boy in activities. Parents and adult Scout leaders can help the boys understand friendship – try the **Ethics in Action** activities. If you have new boys in the den, encourage everyone to mix by playing games and assign older boys to help the new boys learn the Bobcat, make a neckerchief slide, or add their name and goggle to the Den Doodle. Make sure every family has a good contact list and information about activities, and ask them to help with a game or an activity. Have a special New Family Induction ceremony and introduce the family and new boys.

### Tiger Cub Achievements:

**Ach. #1D** – Make a family or den scrapbook

**Ach. #1G** – Visit an older person, ask how family life was different and find out what friends did to have fun. **Ach.**

**#2F** – Look for places where friends could spend time together.

**Ach. #3G** – Learn the rules of a game or sport, then go to a sporting event with a friend. **Ach. #4F** – Practice listening and taking turns –then do it when you talk with friends. **Ach. #4D** – Play “Tell It Like It Isn’t” **Ach. #4G** – Visit a TV or radio station or newspaper – see if how they communicate is the way friends do it; how are they different, or the same?

**Ach. #5D** – Compare your leaf rubbings – are they different and the same in some ways, like friends? **Ach. #5G** – Take a hike with the den and share ideas, discoveries along the way, and a treat.

### Tiger Cub Electives:

**Elect. #2** – Work together with your den to make a decoration to share with someone. **Elect. #6** – Teach a song to your den and sing it together like good friends – especially if you have a new boy who doesn’t know a den or pack favorite! **Elect. #9** - Help a new boy or girl get to know other people. **Elect. #10** – Be a friend to an elderly person; **Elect. #15** – Make Bubble Art with a friend **Elect. #16** – Share collections and hobbies with the den to make new friends or learn more about each other. **Elect. #26** – Practice good manners and friendly behavior on the phone; **Elect. #35** – Play a game; **Elect. #39 or 41** – Watch to see how people treat each other – how can you tell if they are friends? Look for good manners and kindness.

### Wolf Achievements:

**Ach. #1a, 1j** – Do these Feats of Skill with a buddy; **Ach. #2g** – You need a buddy to help you fold a flag; **Ach. #4f** – Invite a buddy or his family to go with you, or “buddy-up” if you go with your den; **Ach. #10** – Invite a buddy or his family to join your family; **Ach. #11c** – if you choose an idea that involves befriending someone. **Ach. #12d** – having courage to be a “buddy” to someone different;

### Wolf Electives:

**Elect. #1** – Use a code to “talk” to a buddy; **Elect. #2** – if your den does a skit; **Elect. #4a-e**

Play a game with a buddy; **Elect. #7c** – Make a pair of footwalkers and use them with a buddy; **Elect. 9** – Have a party with “buddies” and make a gift to share; **Elect. #14** – do with and for a best buddy – your pet; **Elect. #19** – go fishing and take along a buddy; **Elect. #20** – do any of the sports activities with a buddy; **Elect. #22a, b** Share a new language with a buddy; **Elect. #22e**

Invite a boy to join Cub Scouts or help a new boy do the Bobcat. **Elect. #23d** – Explain and use the buddy system

### Bear Achievements:

**Ach. #1b** – practice being kind and helpful to make a new buddy; **Ach. #3c, d** – Invite a buddy to come along on your visit; **Ach. #3f** – Help a new buddy learn how to do the flag ceremony; **Ach. #6b, g** – Buddy up to plant trees or do a service project; **Ach. #8b** – find out what buddies did together when you talk to an older person;

**Ach. #8c** – start a scrapbook to share memories of good times with your buddies; **Ach #9a** – Make cookies with an adult, then put 2 each in a baggie and give them to others – one to eat and one to share with a buddy; **Ach. #9e** – Make trail food with buddies and then eat it on a hike; **Ach. #10a** – Invite a new buddy or his family to join you; **Ach. #12c, d** – Invite a new buddy or his family to join your family; **Ach. #14f, g** – Invite a new buddy to bike along; **Ach. #16b** – you need a buddy to do this contests – remember to a good sport and be kind; **Ach. #18 b, d, e** – Write to a buddy; **Ach. #24a** – Help a boy join Scouts;

### Bear Electives:

**Elect. #8** – Make and play with some buddies in a Cub Scout band; **Elect. #9a** – Try Bubble Art with a buddy; **Elect. #9b** – Invite a buddy to come along to see some art; **Elect. #18** – plan and make a backyard gym and invite your buddies to come enjoy it; **Elect. #19d** – Always use the buddy system when swimming and share it with a friend if he doesn’t know it; **Elect. #20** – do any of the activities with a buddy – remember to be a good sport! **Elect. #25b** – Use the buddy system on a hike

### Webelos Activity Pins:

Learn the Scout Law and think about how those qualities can help you be a better “buddy.” Help another boy learn the Law or earn his Bobcat.

- ★ **Athlete** – Try the Dual Person contests with a buddy – be a good sport!
- ★ **Citizen #3** – with a buddy, raise and lower the flag and fold it properly
- ★ **Communicator #3, #5, #9, #10, #11** – Learn about communicating and get in touch with a buddy or make a new buddy.



- ★ **Family Member #8** – if you invite a buddy to come along
- ★ **Handyman #2, #3, #6, #10, #13** – Be a “buddy” to a neighbor or friend by using these skills
- ★ **Scholar #13** – help a buddy with schoolwork
- ★ **Showman** – use any of the skills to put on a play, puppet show or event for a buddy or buddies
- ★ **Sportsman #2** – explain what good sportsman ship is (if you are a good sport, you can be a good friend)

## GAMES

### TELL ME ABOUT YOURSELF

*Sam Houston Area Council*

- ✓ Players sit in a circle.
- ✓ One player is “It” and stands in the center. “It” points at any player and asks a simple question and immediately begins to count to 10, while looking only at the boy he points at.
- ✓ But the boy who is really supposed to answer the question is not the one “It” is pointing at, but the third player on the left of that boy.
- ✓ If he fails to answer the question, he goes to the center and becomes “It.”
- ✓ Remember, the questions must be simple, such as “How old are you?” “Where do you live?” “What’s your name?” etc.
- ✓ The boys are told at the beginning the rules of the game-it is always the third one on the left.

### DROP THE CUB SCOUT NECKERCHIEF

*Sam Houston Area Council*

Drop the Neckerchief is played in a circle. Only two players will be running at a time. Besides the thrill of the chase, this game offers the suspense of never knowing when or behind whom the neckerchief will fall.

- ✓ To begin, all the players except one stand in a ring close together.
- ✓ The remaining player is “it.”
- ✓ He walks slowly around the outside of the ring holding a neckerchief and begins saying this rhyme:
 

A tisket, a tasket,  
A blue and yellow basket  
I wrote a letter to my mom  
And on the way I dropped it.  
A friendly Cub Scout picked it up  
And put it in his pocket.
- ✓ At any time during the rhyme, “it” secretly drops the neckerchief behind one of the players but keeps on singing.
- ✓ The players in the circle all the while keep an eye on “it”, and most will be able to tell quickly when he’s dropped the neckerchief.
- ✓ A few moments may pass, however, before the player that “it” has chosen realizes the neckerchief has been dropped behind him.
- ✓ When he does, he sets off in hot pursuit of “it.”
- ✓ “It” races around the circle, trying to get back to the chosen player’s space in the ring before he is tagged.

- ✓ When dropping the neckerchief, “it” should try to play it cool and perhaps stroll along a few steps before tearing off around the ring.
- ✓ The more time that passes before the chosen player realizes that he must give chase, the farther ahead “it” will be.
- ✓ If “it” is caught before reaching the empty spot in the circle, he remains “it” and must drop the neckerchief again. But if “it” gets all the way around the circle, the pursuing player becomes the new “it.”

### DO THIS, DO THAT

*Sam Houston Area Council*

This game is similar to “Simon Says.” One player is selected to be the leader. The rest of the players line up facing him. The leader then instructs them in actions they must do. The catch is that when he says “Do this” and shows an action, they must obey him. But if he says “Do that,” and shows an action, the players must ignore him. Any player who makes a mistake is eliminated.

### Do a Good Turn Relay

*Southern NJ Council*

- ✓ Divide den into two teams.
- ✓ Give each team a list of things the team must do in order to complete the game.
- ✓ Make up your own list with things such as: carry a pail of Legos from point A to B, sweep a circle around the team, read one joke from Boy’s Life, fold paper airplanes, recite the Cub Scout promise, etc.
- ✓ Emphasize the ideas are ways to help other people.

### Balloon Passing

*Southern NJ Council*

*This game is for den families, also.*

- ✓ Give each team a balloon inflated to about six inches in diameter.
- ✓ On signal, the first player on each team tucks the balloon under his chin and, without using his hands, passes it to the next player, who must take it under his chin.
- ✓ Continue until all have received the balloon.
- ✓ If it drops, the player may pick it up with his hands but must put it under his chin before passing it on.

### Smile Tag

*Southern NJ Council*

*A quick game for a break. Takes about 5 minutes.*

- ★ Players form two equal lines facing each other and about three feet apart.
- ★ One is heads and the other is tails.
- ★ The leader tosses a coin and calls out the side that is face up.
- ★ If it is heads, then the heads laugh and smile and try to make the tails smile without touching them.
- ★ The tails must remain solemn or turn into a head.
- ★ The coin is tossed again and again.
- ★ The side of the coin landed up has the opportunity to win players to their side.
- ★ After five minutes, the side with the most players wins.

**Human Knot***Southern NJ Council*

This is a great game to start off the new year. It gets everyone working together right from the get-go. Here's how it work--

Have everyone gather round in a circle.

Have them put their arms into the center of the circle, close their eyes, and grab onto two other peoples hands.

Now they can open their eyes.

Now, without letting go of each other, they need to untangle the knot they've created.

Leaders, keep an eye out that they don't get frustrated or it could backfire by having someone get upset at someone else. Otherwise, let them go!

**Promise/Law Puzzle***Southern NJ Council*

*This came from a Den leader for 14 Wolf cubs. She used this jigsaw puzzle type game to help them learn the Cub Scout Promise and the Law of the Pack.*

- ✓ Write out the Promise and Law on pieces of two foot by two foot 1/4 inch masonite.
- ✓ Then use a jigsaw to cut out each word. When you are done each word will be a separate piece of the puzzle.
- ✓ Have the Cubs take turns in groups of four (or so) putting the puzzles together.
- ✓ Time the groups to see which group is the fastest to assemble the puzzles.
- ✓ Not only does this help them learn the Promise and the Law, it also forces them to work as a team if they want to be the winners.

*It took the DL about an hour and \$5 to make 2 of each puzzle. The puzzles are also good for gathering activities, as boys arrive, to keep them busy until everyone is there.*

**Cub Scout Salute Race***Simon Kenton Council*

*A great way to help prepare boys for their Bobcat badge.*

- ✓ Line up the teams.
- ✓ At "GO", the first man on each team runs to the judge (one judge is required for each team), snaps to attention and salutes.
- ✓ Player then returns and touches off next member, while the judge calls out right or wrong.
- ✓ First team completing a given number of the correct salutes wins.

**Variation 1:** Judge keeps the player until he does the salute correctly. In this case, the first team finished wins.

**Variation 2:** Use the Cub Scout sign, handshake, Promise, Law, Motto, or any combination, instead of the salute. This game is a natural for new Cub Scouts and their parents.

**Cub Scout Dice***Simon Kenton Council*

**You will need:** Make dice from large cubes of foam rubber or blocks of wood. Paint words pertaining to Cub Scouting on the 6 sides of the dice - Tiger Cub, Bobcat, Wolf, Bear, Webelos, Arrow of Light, Boy Scouts.

**How to play:** Divide boys into teams. Each team rolls one die (boys take turns rolling), trying to match the words on

top. If they match, each team gets two points. If not, the team rolling the "higher" level of Scouting gets one point.

**TOYS FOR SALE***Heart of America Council*

- ✓ Each Cub Scout is given the name of a toy - soldier, trumpet, clown, jumping jack, top, kite, etc.
- ✓ The Toys sit in a circle with the Storekeeper outside the ring.
- ✓ The Store keeper walks around the circle and calls out the names of the Toys in any order.
- ✓ As they are named, the Toys leave the circle and follow him, imitating the toy they represent until there is a long line walking around the circle.
- ✓ When the Storekeeper shouts, "Sold", the Toys rush back to their places and sit down.
- ✓ At the same time, the Storekeeper tries to find a seat.
- ✓ The one left standing is the next Storekeeper.

**Variation:**

Give Cub Scouts names of pets and have a pet store owner.

**C.U.B.S.***Viking Council*

**Equipment:** 1 beanbag

**Formation:** circle

The Cubs sit in a circle with the beanbag in the center and the leader gives them a letter in the order C.U.B.S. all the way round the circle. The leader calls out one of the letters and all the Cubs with that letter run right round the outside of the circle and back through their places into the center - where they try to snatch the beanbag. The Cub who get the bag is the inner.

**BAREFOOT MARBLE RELAY***Heart of America Council*

- ★ The Cub Scouts remove their shoes and socks.
- ★ Place two marbles on the starting line in front of each team.
- ★ On signal, the first player on each team grasps a marble with the toes of each foot and walks to the finish line.
- ★ When he reaches the other end of the room he picks up the marbles and runs back to give them to the next player in line, who repeats the action.
- ★ The first team to finish wins.

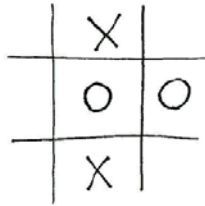
**MARBLE SHARPSHOOTERS***Heart of America Council*

Allow each person in turn to roll five marbles at soda-bottle obstacles. Score one point for each marble that rolls between the bottles without touching them.

*Keep some of the following in mind for A-MAZE-ing Games in January 2009. CD*

**TIC TAC TOE – A GAME FOR BUDDIES**

*Sam Houston Area Council*



Creating a Tic-Tac-Toe board is as easy as drawing two horizontal lines and two vertical lines. (See illustration.)

The nine squares that result should be about the same size.

The players decide who will be the Os and who will be the Xs and who will go first.

The first player has the advantage so it is only fair for the players to alternate who goes first.

Each player aims to get three of his own mark in a row – horizontally, vertically or diagonally.

To play, the first player makes his mark, an X or an O, in one of the squares.

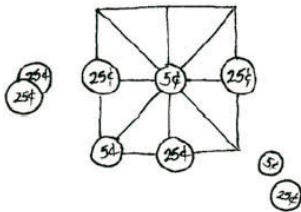
The players continue to take turns making their marks as they try to get three in a row and block their opponent from doing the same.

The first player to get three in a row draws a line through his marks and calls out, “tic-tac-toe!” to win the game.

If neither player is able to complete a line of three marks, the game is considered a draw.

**MAGIC SQUARE TIC TAC TOE – A GAME FOR BUDDIES**

*Sam Houston Area Council*



This version of Tic-Tac-Toe is played with coins, five each of two different denominations such as nickels and quarters.

The playing board in this game is a square crossed by four lines: one horizontal, one vertical and two diagonal (see illustration.)

Players take turns placing their coins at any of the intersections on the playing board (the center, corners and the middle of each side.)

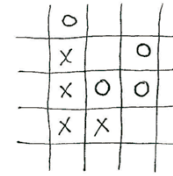
The goal is to complete three in a row.

The first to complete horizontal, vertical or diagonal is the winner.

**ULTIMATE TIC TAC TOE –**

**A GAME FOR BUDDIES**

*Sam Houston Area Council*

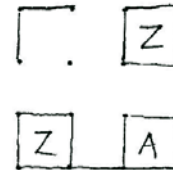


- The grid for this game is 16 squares (three vertical lines or three horizontal lines) or 25 squares (four lines each way.)
- Using Xs or Os, each player competes to get three, four or five of his marks in a row.
- Players try to form as many lines as possible.
- A mark could be counted several times - as part of a horizontal, vertical or diagonal line.
- The scoring is as follows:
  - three marks in a row scores 1 point;
  - four in a row scores 3 points,
  - five in a row scores 5 points.

The game ends when all spaces are filled. The highest score wins.

**BOXES – A GAME FOR BUDDIES**

*Sam Houston Area Council*



- ✓ In this game opponents compete to make the greatest number of boxes out of a dot grid.
- ✓ To begin, players draw a square grid of 16 dots with four even rows of four dots. (After you get good, use a larger grid)
- ✓ Players take turns drawing lines connecting any two dots that are next to each other.
- ✓ The lines must be horizontal or vertical (no diagonals) and each player can only draw one line at a time.
- ✓ As lines accumulate, each player tries to be the one who can close up a four-dot box by drawing the fourth line.
- ✓ When a player completes a box, he claims it with his initial and then draws another line. He can go on as long as he keeps completing boxes.
- ✓ Sometimes drawing the fourth line on a box can start a chain reaction. When the player cannot complete any more boxes, then it is finally the other player’s turn again.
- ✓ The game is over when all the dots are connected and the boxes are filled in with initials. The player with the most boxes is the winner.

**Variations:**

- ✓ Square grids can be made any size for a longer game.
- ✓ Players can also try to complete the smallest number of boxes rather than the greatest number of boxes. In this variation, the player who has the fewest boxes at the end of the game is the winner.

**DISABILITIES AWARENESS GAMES***Heart of America Council*

To make Cub Scouts aware of the needs of others, three special games are suggested. These “disability awareness games” are fun in themselves, but they also serve to show able-bodied boys the problems of boys who have physical disabilities.

Without making a big deal of it, you might introduce these games with the thought that disabled boys must deal with the limitations imposed for the games in their everyday lives. The idea is to make them aware of the needs of others.

**Fumble Fingers**

Divide the den into two teams.

Tell players to untie their shoe laces.

Then tell them to put one hand behind their back (or tie one hand to belt.)

On signal, each team tries to tie their shoe laces, with each player only using one hand.

First team finished wins.

**Ships In The Fog**

Divide the den into two teams and line them up relay fashion at one end of the room.

For each team set up a series of obstacles—a chair, tables, stools, etc.—between them and the other end of the room.

Blindfold the first player on each team.

On signal, he starts for the other end of the room, trying to avoid the obstacles.

His teammates may call out directions (“Go right”, “Turn left”, etc.)

When he reaches the other end of the room, he takes off the blindfold and runs back to touch the next player, who is already blindfolded.

Continue until all team members have raced.

First team finished wins.

**Muffled Sounds**

Divide the den into two teams and give each player two cotton balls to stuff in his ears.

When all ears are covered, one leader steps outside the room where he or she cannot be seen and produces a series of sounds—tinkling bell, sentence spoken in normal conversational tones, pan being scraped, barking dog, hammer on a board, etc.

When the leader returns, each team huddles and writes a list of the sounds it heard.

Winning team is the one with the longest list of correct sounds.

**Variation:**

Tape-record the sounds in advance.

**CUB GRUB****RECIPE FOR A HAPPY DAY***Sam Houston Area Council***Ingredients**

1 cup of friendly words  
1 headful of understanding  
4 heaping teaspoons of kindness  
1 cup of courteous manners  
A dash of laughter

**Directions**

- ✓ Mix well.
- ✓ Cook but keep temperature low, do not boil.
- ✓ Serve to everyone you meet

**DUMP CAKE***Sam Houston Area Council***Ingredients**

2 cans pie filling (any flavor)  
1 box yellow cake mix  
1 cup walnuts  
1 cup butter  
Whipped topping

**Directions**

- ✓ Spread pie filling in 9”x 13” pan.
- ✓ Sprinkle cake mix over pie filling.
- ✓ Top with nuts.
- ✓ Melt butter and drizzle over top.
- ✓ Bake at 350° for 30 - 45 minutes.
- ✓ Top with whipped cream.

**HOT POCKETS***Sam Houston Area Council***Ingredients**

1 package crescent rolls,  
Pizza sauce,  
Pepperoni,  
Cheese

**Directions**

- ✓ Cut up the pepperoni and cheese.
- ✓ Spoon a spoonful of pizza sauce on one crescent roll.
- ✓ Put some pepperoni and cheese in the center and fold over and smash edges together with a fork.
- ✓ Cook at 375° for 15 - 18 minutes
- ✓ You can also use the same idea for peanut butter and jelly, pie filling etc.

**PITA SANDWICHES***Sam Houston Area Council***Ingredients**

1 package pita bread,  
Any meat and cheese,  
Lettuce, pickles, salad dressing, mustard,  
tomatoes...

*or tuna fish, or peanut butter, etc.*

**Directions**

- ✓ Cut pita bread in half,
- ✓ Open up and make your sandwich the way you like.
- ✓ Enjoy!

**Insect Themed Food***Baloo's Archives***ANTS-ON-A-LOG**

Slice stalks of celery, and spread peanut butter in the groove.  
Sprinkle with black raisins.

*Variations:*

- 1) aphids-on-a-log (sunflower seeds),
- 2) gnats-on-a-log (currents).

**BEE BREAD****Ingredients**

- 1 cup corn syrup
- 1 1/4 cup powdered sugar
- 1 cup peanut butter
- 1 1/4 cup powdered milk

**Directions**

Combine ingredients,  
Then roll into 1-2" balls,  
Then roll the balls in powdered sugar to keep them from sticking together.

**FLY-IN-THE-BATTER DESSERTS**

- **Fly-in-the-batter cookies:** Make chocolate chip or oatmeal cookies, adding raisins (flies) or chocolate sprinkles (gnats).
- **Fly-in-the-batter pudding:** Vanilla pudding with raisins.
- **Cow Pies:** Chocolate pudding with slivered almonds or coconut sprinkles (maggots). Place a few plastic fly adults on top.

**CATERPILLAR IN A COCOON**

1. Use a Bundt cake & filling recipe or box, but bake in cupcake tins (greased-do not use cupcake papers).
2. When cool, dip or cover with a thin layer of frosting, and
3. Then roll in or sprinkle coconut on top.
4. Soften (but don't melt!) caramel candies,
5. Coat with melted chocolate and/or roll in nuts/sprinkles/coconut.

**BUTTERFLY MOUTHPARTS****Ingredients**

- 1 3-oz. pkg. flavored gelatin
- 1/2 cup warm water
- 1 1/2 cups mini marshmallows

**Directions**

- ✓ Grease an 8-9" square pan VERY LIGHTLY.
- ✓ Mix boxed gelatin (any flavor) with warm water in a 1 1/2 quart size bowl and microwave 1 1/2 minutes.
- ✓ Stir to dissolve completely.
- ✓ Add marshmallows, microwave 1 minute more or until marshmallows are puffed and almost melted.
- ✓ SLOWLY stir mixture until marshmallows are melted.
- ✓ Allow creamy layer to float to the top-don't mix it all together.
- ✓ Pour mixture into pan.
- ✓ Refrigerate until set (about 1 hr.).
- ✓ Loosen edges with a knife.
- ✓ Roll up tightly like a jelly roll, then (with seam-side down) cut into 1/2" slices with a sharp knife.

- ✓ Serve immediately or refrigerate.

**SPIDER CAKE****Ingredients**

- 1 boxed cake mix
- Black Frosting
- 1 box green gelatin
- 8 black licorice sticks
- 8 gumdrops, M & M's or other round candy for eyes

**Directions**

- ✓ Prepare any boxed cake mix.
- ✓ Bake it in 2 metal bowls, 1 bigger than the other.
- ✓ Once unmolded, cut the bigger one (the "body") in half, horizontally.
- ✓ CAREFULLY scoop out an adequate cavity in each half.
- ✓ FILL with well-whipped set green Jell-O, and reattach the halves.
- ✓ Frost both cakes black, arrange on serving platter.
- ✓ Use licorice sticks as legs.
- ✓ Use 2 BIG green gumdrops and 6 little ones as eyes.
- ✓ When the cake is cut into, it spurts green goop, just like a real spider when stepped on.

**Variations:**

1. Add a red hourglass to the back for a Black Widow.
2. Substitute pistachio pudding instead of green Jell-O.
3. Black cake frosting: add blue food coloring to chocolate frosting or purchase black food coloring from a specialty store.

**BUG BLOOD or BUG JUICE**

Mix a yellow drink (citrus pop or lemonade) with a blue one (kool-aid).

You'll end up with a radioactive shade of green.

**CHOCOLATE PRETZEL SPIDER**

Stick two Oreo cookies together with chocolate frosting. Make 8 curved legs by breaking bow-tied pretzels, and attach them around the middle of the spider by sticking them into the chocolate frosting. Use M & M's for eyes on the front, 'glued' with frosting.

As a variation, use sandwich crackers, instead of sandwich cookies, stuck together with peanut butter.

**BUTTERFLY SNACKS**

Use pretzels as butterfly wing frames, and stick them together with softened caramel candy or peanut butter. Sprinkle chocolate chips on top.

**"DIRT" CAKE****Ingredients**

- 1 20-oz. pkg. chocolate sandwich cookies, crushed
- 1/2 stick margarine
- 1 8-oz. pkg. cream cheese
- 1 cup powdered sugar
- 3-1/2 c. milk
- 2 pkg. instant chocolate pudding
- 1 12-oz. tub whipped topping
- 1/4 c. mini marshmallows (for "beetle grubs")
- 1 plastic flower pot
- 1 plastic flower
- plastic ants/beetles
- gummy worms

**Directions**

- ✓ Cream margarine, sugar, cream cheese.
- ✓ In another bowl mix milk and pudding.
- ✓ Let sit until thick.
- ✓ Stir in cool whip, mix with cream cheese mixture.
- ✓ Make sure pot holes are plugged.
- ✓ Put 1/3 of cookie crumbs in bottom of pot.
- ✓ Add 1/2 of cream cheese mixture.
- ✓ Repeat cookie crumbs and cream cheese mixture, add in some gummy worms and the mini marshmallows.
- ✓ Add extra crumbs on top (to look like dirt).
- ✓ Refrigerate over night.
- ✓ Add flower(s), plastic bugs, and the rest of the gummy worms on top.
- ✓ Use a trowel to serve.

**WEBELOS**

**Get your Year off to a good start –  
Go On a Webelos Overnighter or  
Go to a Webelos Woods weekend!!**

**Webelos Activity Pin Ceremony**

*Capital Area Council*

**Purpose:** To recognize Webelos Scout(s) who have earned activity pins.

**Props:** Poster made to look like the Webelos colors with activity pins and cards attached.

Tonight we have the privilege of recognizing Webelos Scouts that have earned the \_\_\_\_\_ activity pin (and the \_\_\_\_\_ activity pin) since the last Pack meeting.

As you can see from our Pack's Webelos colors, that   #   Webelos Scouts have earned their pins.

Would Webelos Scout/s \_\_\_\_\_ (Name/Names) \_\_\_\_\_ and his/their parents please come forward? \_\_\_\_\_

(Name of the 1<sup>st</sup> Scout) \_\_\_\_\_ I see that you have earned the \_\_\_\_\_ (name activity pin) \_\_\_\_\_ pin, would you like to share one thing that you did to earn this pin? I would like to give this to your parent/s and ask that they pin it to your colors.

**CITIZEN  
COMMUNITY GROUP**

***Remember – Citizen is a required Activity badge for the Webelos Badge. CD***

**The Plan:**

The Citizen Activity Badge is recommended to be presented in a two month format, as outlined in the Webelos Leaders Book. This example outline presents the Badge in eight weekly meetings. It is possible to accomplish enough requirements in four or five weeks but that leaves little time for games and fun activities to assist with the learning. Every requirement in the first section is covered in the outline in eight meetings. Each Scout who attends all meetings will satisfy all of the first set of requirements.

The electives can be worked on partly in the Den meeting, partly at home. The Webelos Leader may wish to pick the electives for the Den to avoid confusion. Number 8, Visit a community leader, as a field trip outside the Den meeting time, to visit the City Mayor. Also, requirements 12 or 13 can be requirements that are done by each Scout. The remaining electives are then discussed, in some detail, during the Den meetings, in order to impart a good deal of information to the Scouts and hopefully increase their thinking skills as a Citizen.

A note: Most of the things the Scouts will learn when working on this badge will be forgotten quickly. Have each Webelos create a notebook to record what he has learned. The WL could prepare fill in the blank pages - names of President and Vice President, Governor, Flag history (Print pictures of several flags and have write something about each one), write out the Pledge in sections and have boys define several each word or phrase, ... You should hold a friendly competition quizzing them on the basic points each meeting. Beads or other prizes will help. This is also the right time to start having each scout take a turn leading the opening flag ceremony.

Use the Webelos book in the meeting. Have the Scouts read sections from the book. Use all the resources you have available, such as the Program Helps and the Webelos Leader Book. Make sure you sign off their books each meeting.

*Longhorn Council*

Belt Loop (required) – Citizenship

A good website for US History: [www.ushistory.org](http://www.ushistory.org)

Earn the National Heritage patch – [www.nationstrails.com](http://www.nationstrails.com)

Contact your city council officials.

*Baltimore Area Council*

At first glance, you might assume this Activity Badge will be rather dry, but in actuality, the Citizen Activity Badge offers a myriad of opportunities for the boys to expand their relationship with their community while having a lot of fun.

**Speakers**

Mayor, politician, history teacher, judge, police officer.

**Field Trips**

- ★ Visit a local government building (the State House, the Capitol Building, or Library of Congress.
- ★ Attend a court hearing
- ★ Plan a trip (Traveler) to visit your Senator or Representative in Washington, DC.

**Pack Meetings**

- ★ Bring some items which show what you have studied this month: election literature, information on good citizens, chamber of commerce, or local village center.

**Den Activities**

**Citizen Scavenger Hunt:** Most government buildings have some form of tour and you might be able to combine the tour with your scavenger hunt. Divide the den into two or three teams and give the boys a reasonable time limit. Have them locate answers to questions as well as inexpensive available items. Examples for these would be:

- 1) What is the middle initial in the full name of our town's mayor? What does the initial stand for?
- 2) Bring back a piece of stationery showing our county's logo or crest.
- 3) Draw a picture of our state flag.
- 4) On what floor can you find \_\_\_\_\_? (a symbolic statue, historical artifact, etc.)
- 5) Who runs the Water Works Department and what does that department do?
- 6) Where does the City or County Council meet?
- 7) What's on the top floor of the building?
- 8) What is the full name of the governor of the state?
- 9) Get a brochure about trash pickup services.
- 10) Who takes care of snow removal from city or county streets and what is their budget?

These are just a few examples of the kinds of things your scavenger hunt could require. Ask someone who handles the public relations for your local government to help you make up a list. If you don't want to make it competitive, just have different lists for the teams to complete and then have them report back to the group when the time's up.

**"Wanted: Good Citizen" Poster Project**

Imagine the type of citizen you would want to be a part of your community. How would the person act? What would the person look like?

Design a WANTED poster of the ideal citizen. Cut and paste a picture or photo on a sheet of paper of the citizen you are wanting. It can be a picture or photo of someone you cut from a magazine or you can draw a picture of a real or pretend person. Then, describe the person physically and also describe his or her personality traits. *Example: Wanted person with good humor, a concern for others, and ability to get along with others.* Then, complete the following statements on your poster: This person was last seen in . He/she was , once again showing himself/herself an active and responsible citizen. If you have seen or have any information about this person, please contact . This person is an ideal citizen because.

**Citizenship Baseball**

Before the game begins, write 40 questions with answers on strips of paper, assign each question a "hit". Examples:

- ★ Who is the president of the United States? (single) [answer: George W. Bush]
- ★ Name two of the four levels of government in the United States. (double) [answer: federal, state, county, and local]
- ★ When should a Cub Scout salute the United States flag? (triple) [answer: When the flag is being hoisted or lowered; the flag passes by or you pass the flag; you recite the Pledge of Allegiance]
- ★ What is our national anthem and who wrote it? (home run) [answer: "The Star-Spangled Banner", Francis Scott Key]

**Directions**

- ✓ Fold the strips of paper and place them in a bowl or hat.
- ✓ Set up areas as the baseball diamond.
- ✓ Divide Webelos into two teams - one begins in the "outfield" and the other team is "at bat".
- ✓ A batter comes up, he draws a question from the hat.
- ✓ The leader reads the question.
- ✓ If the Webelos gets the correct answer, he takes his base.
- ✓ If he misses it, it is an out.
- ✓ After three outs, the teams reverse.

**More Ideas**

Ask a parent in your den or pack (if you have a parent in public service) or invite a guest who is a politician, judge, police officer, fire fighter, or county administrator to come and talk about their career. How did they get interested? Where did they go to school? What kinds of courses did they take? Have they moved up through several jobs to get where they are? What is their future?

*Greater St. Louis Area Council*

**Citizen**

At first glance, you might think this achievement offers a variety of opportunities for the boys to expand their thinking about their relationship with their community while having fun. Good citizenship is emphasized throughout Scouting. The boys will learn what good citizenship is all about while doing this activity.

**Den Activities**

- ☞ Attend a court hearing
- ☞ Invite a local politician, police officer or judge to your den meeting
- ☞ Plan and carry out a citizenship project or litter campaign
- ☞ Discuss ways the boys can be good citizens
- ☞ Observe the voting process
- ☞ Invite a "new" citizen to talk to the boys and tell what becoming a citizen means to them

**Information Every Citizen Should Know**

Who succeeds the President? Everyone knows that in the case of the death of the President, the Vice-President would take over the Presidency. However, what happens if the Vice-President also dies? Congress dealt with this issue in the 1940's and decided that the following people should take over the Presidency in the order given (1):

- 1st:** The Vice President  
**2nd:** Speaker of the House  
**3rd:** President pro tempore of the Senate (2)  
**4th:** Secretary of State  
**5th:** Secretary of the Treasury  
**6th:** Secretary of Defense  
**7th:** Attorney General  
**8th:** Secretary of the Interior  
**9th:** Secretary of Agriculture  
**10th:** Secretary of Commerce  
**11th:** Secretary of Labor  
**12th:** Secretary of Health and Human Services  
**13th:** Secretary of Housing and Urban Development  
**14th:** Secretary of Transportation  
**15th:** Secretary of Energy  
**16th:** Secretary of Education  
**17th:** Secretary of Veterans Affairs  
**18th:** Secretary of Homeland Security

## NOTES:

- 1) An official cannot succeed to the Presidency unless that person meets the Constitutional requirements.
- 2) The president pro tempore presides over the Senate when the vice president is absent. The president pro tempore is elected by the Senate, but by tradition the position is held by the senior member of the majority party.

*This succession was first established by an Act of Congress on July 18, 1947. It has been modified as the positions in the President's Cabinet have changed.*

**Rights and Duties of Citizens**

- ★ Right to equal protection under the law and equal justice in the courts.
- ★ Right to own property.
- ★ Right to be free from arbitrary search or arrest.
- ★ Right to free speech, press, and assembly.
- ★ Right to equal education and economic opportunity.
- ★ Right of religious freedom.
- ★ Right to choose public officials in free elections.
- ★ Right to have legal counsel of your choice and prompt trial when accused of a crime.

**Responsibilities of Citizens**

- ℞ Duty to obey the laws.
- ℞ Duty to respect the rights of others.
- ℞ Duty to be informed on issues of government and community welfare.
- ℞ Duty to serve on jury, if called.
- ℞ Duty to vote in elections.
- ℞ Duty to serve and defend our country.
- ℞ Duty to assist agencies of law enforcement.
- ℞ Duty to practice and teach principles of good citizenship in the home.

**Citizenship Pledge**

As citizens we will do our best to be prepared in body and will, in spirit and skill. We accept our obligation to God and will show by our actions we are willing to serve others, and be good members of the Scouting team.

**Symbols of Freedom**

**Bald Eagle** – noted for its strength, is an important symbol of our country. Its beauty in flight invokes the idea of

freedom so integral to our system of government. Since 1792, the eagle has served as the central motif of the Great Seal of the United States. On the seal, the eagle brandishes the arrows of war and the olive branch of peace to represent the strength and liberty of our nation.

**American Flag** – adopted by the First Continental Congress in 1777 to represent the 13 new states. The original resolution officially designed the U.S. flag as 13 alternating red and white stripes and 13 white stars in a blue field. The American flag has become the main symbol of our nation and people.

**Bell** – symbolizes American independence and liberty. Located in Philadelphia's Independence Hall, it rung on July 8, 1776, to proclaim the Declaration of Independence. Later it became associated with the antislavery movement.

**Statue of Liberty** – was a gift to the U.S. from France to commemorate America's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. Dedicated in 1886, it was placed in New York Harbor. It is sculpted with a copy of the Declaration of Independence in one hand and a torch in the other, symbols which reflect the freedom and opportunity offered by the United States.

**Games****Independence Tag**

As in all tag games, "it" pursues the rest of the players and tries to touch one of them. When one has been touched, he must keep his hand on the spot where he was touched and pursue the others. His hand cannot be freed from this spot until he has tagged someone else. The idea is to tag people in inconvenient places...on the ankle, knee, etc.

**Drawing Columbus' Ship**

This is a good quiet game for Den meetings. All that is needed is one pencil or marking pen and one piece of paper. The first player draws a line. He passes the pen to the next players, but keeps the pen on the paper at all times. Everyone has a turn, each trying to add the lines to draw Columbus' ship. Having a picture available of Columbus' ship might also help.

**American Heritage**

Make posters of well-known buildings or symbols and put them up around the room. Number each poster. Give each person a piece of paper which is also numbered. Ask him to identify the posters and write the proper names by its corresponding number on the sheet of paper. Suggestions are: American flag, White House, Lincoln Memorial, Eagle, Presidential Seal, Uncle Sam, Statue of Liberty, etc.

**Geography**

Divide into teams. One team picks out a place on a U.S. map, calls out the name and challenges the other team to find it in four minutes. If the other team gets it in the time limit, they get one point. If they do not, the other team gets the point. The game ends when one team has earned 5 points.



**Star Makers**

Give everyone a piece of paper, about 5” square. At the signal to go, each player rips the paper, trying to make a five-pointed star. When 30 seconds are up, the judge calls “Time” and everyone has to stop whether he’s finished or not. The judge then inspects the stars, giving a prize to the person with the best star.

**Minuteman Run**

To play this game, you’ll need a group of about 10 Cubs. The players form a circle and hold hands. A person who is chosen “it” stands inside the circle. He walks around the circle, tapping each player’s hands as he says each word of the rhyme, “Red, white, blue, out goes you”. The two persons he taps on the word, “You”, runs around the circle in opposite directions. “It” steps into one of the empty places. The last one to get back to the other empty place becomes “it.”

**Hand in Hand Flag**

Give each boy some red and white construction paper. Have them collect hand tracings of their family and friends to bring to a meeting. On some extra white paper have them get 50 hand tracings of children under 4 years old. Make blue tracings of the den’s hands. Cut one the tracings. Take “contact” paper and place sticky side up on a table. Arrange the hand tracings in the form of the U. S. flag (stripes-starting and ending with red, white, in between red. Blue for the union and the small white hand tracings for the stars). You may choose t have the person’s names and cities or states written on the tracings, this makes a good pack meeting display.

**Word Quiz**

- ✓ Answer the definitions before
- ✓ The answers are the words you are to find in the hidden word block.
- ✓ Words may appear diagonally, up, down, across, either forward or backward.

1. The first 10 amendments to the U.S. Constitution are the \_\_\_\_\_.
2. The quality of condition of being free and independent.
3. The officially constituted governing body of a nation or country.
4. City where the Liberty Bell is located.
5. Third President of the U.S. who helped draft the Declaration of Independence.
6. The father of our country.
7. Freedom from oppression and tyranny.
8. Rules of conduct, recognized by custom or decreed by formal enactment.
9. The state or condition of being free and enjoying civil liberty
10. A native or naturalized person owing allegiance to, and entitled to protection from a government.

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*Answers to word quiz:*

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|-------------------|-----------------|
| 1. Bill of Rights | 2. Freedom      |
| 3. Government     | 4. Philadelphia |
| 5. Jefferson      | 6. Washington   |
| 7. Liberty        | 8. Laws         |
| 9. Independence   | 10. Citizen     |

**COMMUNICATOR  
 COMMUNITY GROUP**

*Baltimore Area Council*

We are all communicators. What does it mean to communicate? Communication is the art of transmitting and receiving information. And how do we as human beings go about this exchange of information? We communicate with words, facial expressions and body language. As the human race developed, so did our communicative skills. Early man drew pictures on the walls of caves. With the development of language came a better way to keep records and tell stories...writing!

With the discovery of electricity came the telegraph, telephone, radio, television, computers, micro-wave transmission, optical fibers, lasers, and on and on and on.

Who makes a good communicator? We do, of course!

With all of the modern technology at our fingertips today, it is still important for us to learn basic communication skills.

Skills that will be with us throughout our entire lives. Things, like how to talk to one another with respect, how to listen to one another. Silly things, like saying “please” and “thank you.” Things like learning good telephone manners and practicing being polite and courteous to others.

**Speakers**

News broadcaster, radio DJ, politician, minister

**Field Trips**

- ✓ Visit library - talk to librarian, learn how books are indexed.
- ✓ Visit radio station - see how it operates.
- ✓ Visit television station
- ✓ Visit police station or 911 dispatcher - learn how 911 calls are processed and prioritized.
- ✓ Visit school for the deaf and/or blind.
- ✓ Use a computer to talk to other people
- ✓ Visit a newspaper office - see how a newspaper is put together. Watch the printing presses run.

**Den Activities**

- At a school or church function, create and post directional signs.
- Read to a visually impaired person.

**Games****Play a game of Charades.**

**Blindness Awareness Game:** How would you go about describing something to a blind person? An animal for instance,

one they have never seen? Try this exercise, blindfold your den, give them each a pencil and a piece of paper, then describe to them an animal and have them draw what they think they hear. Remove the blindfolds and see if they can guess what animal they have drawn. Hint: Don't use any key words. Example, if you are describing an elephant don't use the word trunk for his nose.

**Communication with the blind:** Have your den form a large circle. In the center place an empty coffee can. Blindfold one of the boys and supply him with a broomstick. The object of the game is to have the den direct the blind Scout to the can and have him pick it up with the broomstick.

Was it easy? Does it work better with one boy giving directions of all of them?

**Secret Sounds:** Use prerecorded sounds or have den chief produce sounds from behind a screen or another room.

Webelos listen as each sound is produced and then write down what they think the sound is. Example: Sandpaper rubbing against something, a deck of cards being flipped into the air, a golf ball or Ping Pong ball bouncing on a bare floor; bursting of a paper bag, etc.

*Capital Area Council*

**Den Activities**

- ★ Visit a local newspaper office, radio station, or cable TV station.
- ★ Have a visually impaired, hearing impaired, or speech impaired person or a teacher for those with these impairments explain their compensatory forms of communication.
- ★ At the local library, find books about secret codes and various forms of communications
- ★ Visit the base of a ham radio operator.
- ★ Have a parent who uses a computer in his/her job explain its function.
- ★ Visit a travel agent to see how a computer is used to book a flight. This could also be used as part of the

Traveler Activity Badge, as you determine cost per mile of various modes of travel.

- ★ Learn the Cub Scout Promise or Boy Scout Oath in sign language.
- ★ Visit a telephone company. Find out how they help others communicate.
- ★ Visit and tour a post office and see how communication by mail is processed and delivered.
- ★ Visit a retail or production facility for cellular phones.
- ★ Learn how to make a cellular call.
- ★ Visit a vision impaired or hearing-impaired learning center.
- ★ Visit library - talk to librarian, learn how books are indexed.
- ★ Visit radio station - see how it operates.
- ★ Visit television station
- ★ Visit police station or 911 dispatcher - learn how 911 calls are processed and prioritized.
- ★ Visit school for the deaf and/or blind.
- ★ Use a computer to talk to other people
- ★ Visit a newspaper office - see how a newspaper is put together. Watch the printing presses run.
- ★ At a school or church function, create and post directional signs.
- ★ Read to a visually impaired person.

**Newsletter**

Have the boys use their knowledge of communications to set up a den newsletter with a calendar of upcoming events, a listing of supplies needed at future den meetings, a reporting of den activities, and acknowledgments of people who have helped with recent den programming.

This amusing way for expressing actions and moods will cause boys and parents more fun than you can imagine. A fun way to start is to have boys in a circle. The leader makes an action and players exaggerate their version. Then make up your own mime and have fun!

- ✓ Say with your hand, "Stop"
- ✓ Say with your head, "Stop"
- ✓ Say with your shoulder, "I bumped the door"
- ✓ Say with your foot, "I'm waiting"
- ✓ Say with your ear, "I hear something"
- ✓ Say with your waist, "I'm dancing"
- ✓ Say with your jaw, "I'm surprised!"
- ✓ Say with your tongue, "Yum, this taste good"
- ✓ Say with your finger, "Come here"
- ✓ Say with your fingers, "This is hot!"
- ✓ Say with your nose, "I smell fresh pie"
- ✓ Make up your own gestures.

**GAMES****Win, Lose or Draw**

Divide into two teams. The equipment needed for this activity includes a one-minute timer, drawing marker, a pad of newsprint on an easel and a box with object cards. One member of a team chooses an object card and tries to draw it on the newsprint. His team tries to guess what he is drawing within one minute. If the team guesses the object, they receive three points. If the team is unsuccessful, the drawing is passed to the other team to guess within 30 seconds. An accurate guess is worth two points. If they too, are not

successful, guessing is opened up to both teams together for another 30 seconds, and an accurate guess is worth only 1 point. Play continues when the second team chooses an object card and draws it. The winner is the team with the most points after a designated period of time. Charades are not allowed for hints.

Ideas For Object Cards: Blue and Gold, U.S. Flag, Cub Scout, Neckerchief Slide, Award, Cub master, Table Decorations, Parents, Den, Summer Activity Award, Bobcat, Campfire, Pack Flag, Council Patch, Bear, Pinewood Derby, Wolf, Tiger, Arrow of Light, Skit, Applause, Webelos Activity Badge, Uniform, Webelos.

**International Symbols**

Have Cubs figure out which symbol is which. Play BINGO by making various arrangements of the symbols, then calling out what they are for boys to place markers on them.



**Answers**

- 1. No U-turn 2. No bicycles 3. Tent site 4. Hotel, motel 5. Boat ramp 6. Forest 7. Restrooms
- 8. Wet floor 9. Trash can 10. First Aid 11. Red Cross 12. Animal Crossing 13. Handicap Access 14. Wildlife Refuge 15. Magnetics 16. Shower 17. Information 18. Campsite 19. Child Crossing 20. Fasten Seat Belts

**Tower of Playing Cards**

**Equipment:** Several decks of playing cards (all the same size)  
 Divide the boys into teams and have them build a tower with playing cards (Skip-be, Uno, Fish can be mixed if they are the same size.)  
**Here's the catch.** The boys cannot say one single word while building the tower - it all has to be done with sign and body language. When the tower is built, each team uses their verbal skills by deciding on a package that "sells" their tower. Why it's the best, tallest, grandest, wackiest, most pleasing, sturdiest, most stable, etc.

**Who's Who in the History of Communication**

Match the following inventions to their inventors.

1	Telephone	A	Johann Guttenberg
2	Phonograph	B	Guglielmo Marconi
3	Telegraph	C	Louis Jacques Madre' Daquere
4	Printing Press	D	Alexander Graham Bell
5	Photography	E	Thomas Alva Edison
6	Typewriter	F	Howard Aiken
7	Radio	G	Samuel Morse
8	Computing Machine	H	Xavier Progin
9	1 <sup>st</sup> Digital Computer	I	Charles Babbage

**Invisible Writing**

**Equipment:** Hot light bulb, Paper, White crayon, White paper, Water colors, Paint brush, and One of the following: milk, vinegar, lemon / orange / grapefruit/ apple/ onion juice, soda pop, or sugar water.

Invisible Writing can be accomplished in many ways - milk, vinegar, lemon/ orange/ grapefruit/ apple/ onion juice, soda pop, and sugar water all dry invisible but when put next to a hot light bulb.

They will darken so they can be read.

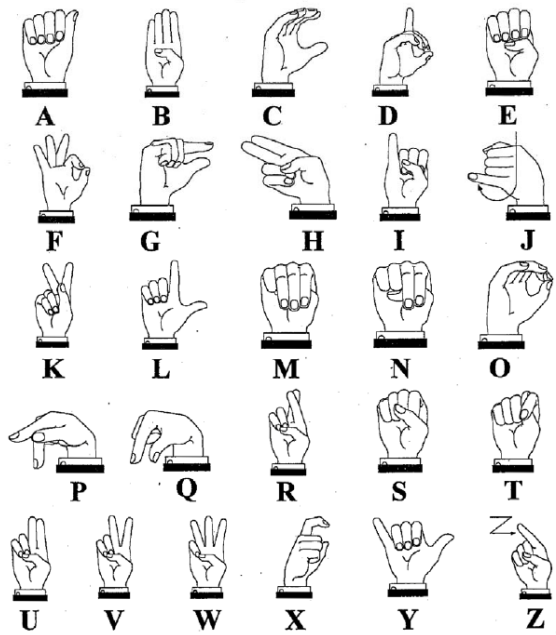
Here is a different approach. Draw your message in code or in picture writing using a white crayon on white paper. The receiver uses watercolors to find the message.

**Rules For On-Line Safety**

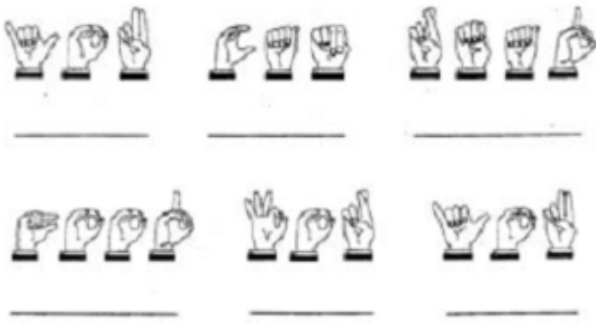
1. I will talk with my parents so that we can set up rules for going online. We will decide on the time of day that I can be online, the length of time I can be online, and appropriate web sites for me to visit. If I want to visit other web sites, I will get their permission first.
2. While I'm online, I will not give out personal information such as my address, telephone number, parents' work addresses/telephone numbers, or the name of my school without my parents' permission.
3. I will tell my parents right away if I come across any information that makes me feel uncomfortable.
4. I will not respond to any messages that are mean or in any way make me feel uncomfortable. It is not my fault if I get a message like that. If I do, I will tell my parents right away so that they can contact the online service.
5. I will never agree to get together with someone I meet online without first checking with my parents. If my parents agree to the meeting, I will be sure that it is in a public place and I will bring a parent or my adult guardian along.
6. While I'm online, I will never send a person my picture or anything else without first checking with my parents.

**Signing**

The Manual Alphabet or Signing is a means of communication used by people who have a hearing impairment. Study the signs shown and see if you can learn them. Practice them to see if you can spell out some words.



Can you read what the hands are saying in the message?



Requirements 14 and 15 encourage your Webelos to earn the Belt Loops for Communicating and Computers as two of the seven requirements they need to complete

*Remember, they must be earned as Webelos. If earned previously, they can be earned again.*



Check out the requirements for the Computers Belt Loop and Pin - <http://usscouts.org/advance/cubscout/academics/computers.asp>



Check out the requirements for the Communicating Belt Loop and Pin - <http://usscouts.org/advance/cubscout/academics/communicating.asp>

*Great Salt Lake Council*

Using the letter of the alphabet displayed, fill in the answer for each clue. The first one has been done for you.

The "Jungle Book" name of an important Cub Scout Leader is **Akela**.

When they are old enough, Cub Scouts can join a troop of **B**\_\_\_\_\_.

The title of the leader of the Pack is **C**\_\_\_\_\_.

The title of the Cub Scout who is the number one den helper is the **D**\_\_\_\_\_.

One Cub Scout elective activity that could include wiring a doorbell is **E**\_\_\_\_\_.

Every Cub Scout shows respect to this patriotic item that is used in opening ceremonies, the **F**\_\_\_\_\_.

The Webelos activity badge that includes the study of rocks, minerals, mountains and earthquakes is **G**\_\_\_\_\_.

A physical journey that Scouts big and small enjoy in the outdoors is a **H**\_\_\_\_\_.

This substance is found in instruments we write with: **I**\_\_\_\_\_

Kids like to see how far or how high they can do this physical action: **J**\_\_\_\_\_

One way to move the ball in football or soccer is to **K**\_\_\_\_\_ it.

This is the noise we make when something is funny or we are happy: **L**\_\_\_\_\_

This is made by voices or by instruments: **M**\_\_\_\_\_

A familiar information source that contains many articles and is often recycled is a **N**\_\_\_\_\_.

People from many nations around the world take part in the **O**\_\_\_\_\_ events every four years.

These play characters are fun to make and are used in some skits: **P**\_\_\_\_\_

The Cubmaster expects **Q**\_\_\_\_\_ when he gives the Cub Scout sign.

During races or relays we move our legs quickly and this is called **R**\_\_\_\_\_.

The act of making musical sounds with words is another word for **S**\_\_\_\_\_.

When the Cub Scout sign is given, we must stop **T**\_\_\_\_\_.

A shirt, neckerchief and slide are part of the Cub Scout **U**\_\_\_\_\_.

During the summer, we often take time for a family **V**\_\_\_\_\_.

When a Cub Scout is 10 years old, and in the 4th or 5th grade, he can earn the Cub Scout rank of **W**\_\_\_\_\_.

The musical instrument, a **X**\_\_\_\_\_ sort of resembles a piano.

Today is **Y**\_\_\_\_\_ tomorrow.

A **Z**\_\_\_\_\_ is where lots of wild animals are kept for visitors to view.

**Answers to "Who's Who History in the of Communication"**

Answers: 1. Bell, 2. Edison, 3. Morse, 4. Gutenberg, 5. Daquere, 6. Progin, 7. Marconi, 8. Babbage, 9. Aiken.

## POW WOW EXTRAVAGANZAS

*Let me know as soon as your date is set. I will post whatever I receive! CD*

### Southern NJ Council Cub Scout Centennial Express

January 24, 2009

Lakeview School, Millville, NJ 08332

Call Southern NJ Council, 856-327-1700, extension 32, or visit the website, [www.snjscouting.org](http://www.snjscouting.org) for more information

### Catalina Council Knights of the Roundtable



November 1, 2008

Fairmount LDS Center  
6150 E. Fairmount, Tucson

For detailed information call 520-750-0385 or go to [http://www.catalinacouncil.org/training/2008\\_Pow\\_Wow.pdf](http://www.catalinacouncil.org/training/2008_Pow_Wow.pdf)

*I know Catalina's Pow Wow will be great -  
A Bob White is in charge!!!! CD*

### Connecticut Rivers Council Seeds of Kindness

November 15, 2008  
PowWow2008

East Windsor High School, East Windsor, CT 06088

For detailed information call 860-289-6669 or go to <http://members.cox.net/jcrakoczy/PW2008.html> .

*On-line Registration begins September 1, 2008.*

## WEB SITES

*Alice, Golden Empire Council*

<http://www.makingfriends.com/concraft.htm> - originally set up after 9/11 as a way for kids to share friendship with kids in crisis, with all kinds of crafts, activity ideas, including a section for scouting

Click on "scout friends" for free printables that let you personalize, add badges to make your own den, either tigers or cubs. Great for a craft project or decorations for the pack meeting! Other countries, scout programs as well! See a sample above

Using their instructions and printouts, you can make flat "paper-doll" type scouts, or even 3-D ones with real clothes!

<http://www.shykids.com> – created to help kids learn how to find friends; includes great book listings by age range, even parents and links to animal lovers, games, activities and printouts



<http://www.pbskids.org/zoom> - printables, games, ideas for kids and parents, flip books and other activities to do with a friend; environmental ideas to share

<http://life.familyeducation.com/manners-and-values/parenting/34452.html> - great ideas on how to teach good manners, good sportsmanship, how to make introductions, gift giving, delivering compliments and criticism, including a quiz about table manners and "living" manners

[www.familyfriendlysites.com/](http://www.familyfriendlysites.com/)

click on "scouting" under People and Lifestyles for links to scouting all over the world, from New Jersey to Scotland – either just to see how scouting works in other areas, or to set up a pen pal exchange on one-time exchange

<http://www.studentsoftheworld.info> – pen pals of the world, info. about kids in other cultures, go to "Links" for some good websites

**San Juan Capistrano** This mission has a program for Scouts posted on their website. If you know of something similar by you, send me the link, please.

<http://www.missionsjc.com/scouts.html>

### **Explore the Outdoors**

You might have a similar program with your state.

<http://exploretheoutdoorsohio.com> (Thanks to Carol)

### **Craft ideas for Scouts**

[http://www.makingfriends.com/scouts/scouts\\_boys\\_all.htm](http://www.makingfriends.com/scouts/scouts_boys_all.htm)

**Astronomy** - This site shows how small our world is to all that exists. It is great teaching tool. Kids will easily master this site. Its great to see all God has made and know somewhere out there is where all who believe will spend eternity. [www.worldwidetelescope.org](http://www.worldwidetelescope.org)

### **FLAG AND FLAG CEREMONY RESOURCES**

The United States Flag page

[www.usflag.org](http://www.usflag.org)

Pictures and history of all the American flags

[www.ushistory.org/betsy/flagpics.html](http://www.ushistory.org/betsy/flagpics.html)

History of the U.S. Flag, with pictures of the old flags and lyrics to patriotic songs

[www.hightowertrail.com/FlagDay.htm](http://www.hightowertrail.com/FlagDay.htm)

Flag folding traditions

[www.HightowerTrail.com/Flagfolding.htm](http://www.HightowerTrail.com/Flagfolding.htm)

Displaying and Caring for the flag

[www.scouting.org/media/flag](http://www.scouting.org/media/flag)

American flag ceremonies

[www.geocities.com/flag\\_of\\_usa/american\\_flag\\_ceremonies.htm](http://www.geocities.com/flag_of_usa/american_flag_ceremonies.htm)

American flag page, with history, etiquette, songs and ceremonies from Wood Badge C-37-02 Beaver Patrol  
[www.bsa-grc.org/flag/index.html](http://www.bsa-grc.org/flag/index.html)

## ONE LAST THING

### The Wooden Bowl

*From Baloo's Email*

I guarantee you will remember the tale of the Wooden Bowl tomorrow, a week from now, a month from now, a year from now. A frail old man went to live with his son, daughter-in-law, and four-year old grandson. The old man's hands trembled, his eyesight was blurred, and his step faltered. The family ate together at the table. But the elderly grandfather's shaky hands and failing sight made eating difficult. Peas rolled off his spoon onto the floor. When he grasped the glass, milk spilled on the tablecloth.

The son and daughter-in-law became irritated with the mess. "We must do something about father," said the son. "I've had enough of his spilled milk, noisy eating, and food on the floor." So the husband and wife set a small table in the corner. There, Grandfather ate alone while the rest of the family enjoyed dinner. Since Grandfather had broken a dish or two, his food was served in a wooden bowl! When the family glanced in Grandfather's direction, sometime he had a tear in his eye as he sat alone. Still, the only words the couple had for him were sharp admonitions when he dropped a fork or spilled food. The four-year-old watched it all in silence.

One evening before supper, the father noticed his son playing with wood scraps on the floor. He asked the child sweetly, "What are you making?" Just as sweetly, the boy responded, "Oh, I am making a little bowl for you and Mama to eat your food in when I grow up." The four-year-old smiled and went back to work.

The words so struck the parents so that they were speechless. Then tears started to stream down their cheeks. Though no word was spoken, both knew what must be done. That evening the husband took Grandfather's hand and gently led him back to the family table. For the remainder of his days he ate every meal with the family.

And for some reason, neither husband nor wife seemed to care any longer when a fork was dropped, milk spilled, or the tablecloth soiled.

### Ponderables

*From Baloo's Email*

- ✓ Can you cry under water?
- ✓ If money doesn't grow in trees then why do banks have branches?
- ✓ Since bread is square, then why is sandwich meat round?
- ✓ Why do you have to "put your two cents in" ...but it's only a "penny for your thoughts?" Where's that extra penny going to?
- ✓ Once you're in heaven, do you get stuck wearing the clothes you were buried in for eternity?
- ✓ Why does a round pizza come in a square box?
- ✓ What disease did cured ham actually have?

- ✓ How is it that we put man on the moon before we figured out it would be a good idea to put wheels on luggage?
- ✓ Why is it that people say they "slept like a baby" when babies wake up like every two hours?
- ✓ If you drink Pepsi at work in the Coke factory, will they fire you?
- ✓ Why are you IN a movie, but you're ON TV?
- ✓ Why do people pay to go up tall buildings and then put money in binoculars to look at things on the ground?
- ✓ How come we choose from just two people for President and fifty for Miss America?
- ✓ Why do doctors leave the room while you change? They're going to see you naked anyway.
- ✓ Who was the first person to look at a cow and say, "I think I'll squeeze these dangly things here, and drink whatever comes out!"
- ✓ Or watch a white thing come out a chicken behind and think, "that ought to taste good."
- ✓ Why do toasters always have a setting that burns the toast to a horrible crisp, which no decent human being would eat?
- ✓ When your photo is taken for your driver's license, why do they tell you to smile? If you are stopped buy the police and asked for your license, are you going to be smiling?
- ✓ If Jimmy cracks corn and no one cares, why is there a stupid song about him?
- ✓ Can a hearse carrying a corpse drive in the carpool lane?
- ✓ If the professor on Gilligan's island can make a radio out of a coconut, why can't he fix a hole in a boat?
- ✓ Why does Goofy stand erect while Pluto remains on all fours? They're both dogs!
- ✓ What do you call male ballerinas?
- ✓ If Wyle E. Coyote had enough money to buy all that ACME stuff, why didn't he just buy dinner?
- ✓ If corn oil is made from corn, and vegetable oil is made from vegetables, what is baby oil made from?
- ✓ Is Disney World the only people trap operated by a mouse?
- ✓ Do the Alphabet song and Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star have the same tune?
- ✓ Why did you just try singing the two songs above?
- ✓ Why do they call it an asteroid when it's outside the hemisphere, but call it a hemorrhoid when it's in your butt?
- ✓ Did you ever notice that when you blow in a dog's face, he gets mad at you, but when you take him for a car ride; he sticks his head out the window?