



BALOO'S BUGLE



November Cub Scout RT

Tiger Cub 5 &

Webelos Craftsman & Scientist

Works of Art

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Operation Dear Abby has been suspended this year, which means the military is no longer accepting any mail marked "Any Service Person". This has always been a Good Turn supported by Scouting for many years. We in Scouting remain undaunted, finding other ways to satisfy our need to "Help Other People at all Times." Let's not forget those here at home. Yes, throughout America, there are many families who will be spending Christmas without their mom or dad, grandma, grandpa, brother, sister or other loved one. Below are a few suggestions on how to those:

- 1: Pray for them.
- 2: Invite them to go to Church with you.
- 3: If they are without extended family then invite them for Dinner or for the Holidays.
- 4: Offer to babysit at NO CHARGE!!!

Also, there is still time to participate in the Angel Project. The Angel Project is brought to us by our Friends at Clapper Communications, publishers of "Pack-o-Fun". At this point, let me point out that I receive nothing in monetary value or any other kind of recognition from them. Only the ability to buy their magazines like others. So you ask "What is The Angel Project?" Many needs for physical items have been met. Still, many want to do something more.

Clapper Publishing has organized a nation-wide crusade, "The Angel Project" is asking Americans and anyone worldwide to make an angel in memory of the victims of our nation's tragedy. In December, angels will be hand-delivered by Clapper Publishing staff and volunteers to New York City for a special *The Angel Project* memorial service. Angels will also be delivered by volunteers to the crash sites in Pennsylvania and Washington D.C.

The following information was taken directly from their site at <http://www.theangelproject.com/>

"Through *The Angel Project*, people can pay tribute to those who have died and, by creating something with their own hands, help themselves heal from this heartache, too," said Marie Clapper, president of Clapper Publishing.

"Although not everyone can deliver condolences in person, all Americans can send a message from their hearts through these angels."

Participation is open for individuals, schools, churches, and civic organizations... anyone who feels they would like

to contribute to the healing of our nation by making an angel.

Details about *The Angel Project* as well as free instructions and patterns for a variety of angel projects for every skill level are available here on this website. Instructions and patterns are also available for those who would prefer to send a heart or dove. These patterns are provided courtesy of [Clapper Communications](#) as suggestions, but we are accepting any ornament-sized handmade angel, heart, or dove that you would like to send.

Please mail completed angels by December 7, 2001, to:

The Angel Project

c/o Clapper Publishing

2400 Devon, Suite 375

Des Plaines, IL 60018-4618, USA

Feel free to sign your angel and attach a personal message if you wish to do so. For further information, email:

theangelproject@clapper.com or contact Heather Fox, Founder of *The Angel Project*, at 847-635-5800 ext. 272.

We hope you will join us in this outpouring of sympathy, love, and support.

God Bless America!

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Let's not forget those though that we have always helped in the past. In past Baloo's Bugles you can find ideas to help those who are less fortunate: the homeless, the forgotten elderly, families who have difficulties celebrating the magic of the December Holiday season. And "Helping other People at all times", means exactly that, at all times. Remember, December isn't the only month that others would appreciate help from Cub Scouts.

We have heard the saying, "It's not over til the fat lady sings," purportedly said by baseball legend Yogi Berra.

I'd like to say, "It's not over until Pedro starts singing, braying :). Yes on December 31, 2001, if Pedro hasn't received your envelope, (postmarked by that date), your Cubs can't earn Boy's Life, "Yes to Reading" patch, Pedro will be singing.

Every year Boys' Life has a **FABULOUS** reading program for Scouts. This contest/program, "Say Yes to Reading" was detailed in the June issue page 13, of Boys' Life.

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Write a one-page report titled "The Best Book I Read This Year" and enter it in the Boys' Life 2001 "Say Yes to Reading" contest.

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

8 years old and younger

9 and 10 years old

11 years and older

Send your report with your name, address, age and grade in school along with a business-sized, self-addressed stamped envelop to:

Boys' Life Reading Contest - S304

P.O. Box 152079

Irving, TX 75015-2079

Entries must be postmarked by Dec. 31, 2001.

LOOKING for:

New Powwow books—yes with the end of the year I am completely out and have no new ideas for the coming year, January 2002-December 2002. Contact me if you can help.

Awhile back, we changed ISPs, and I lost some email addresses. If anyone out there talks to Earl Bateman, Canada, Scott Thayer, Alabama, please have them email me at cmr1954@usscouts.org or cmr1954@knology.net

PRAYERS & POEMS FOR SCOUTERS

*"I will hold Christmas in my heart,
and try to keep it all the year." - Charles
Dickens.*

Now Hear this Lord

Unknown

Before I lay me down to sleep
And fall into a slumber deep
Hear this little prayer of mine
Hope it gets to you in time
Bless those on land and sea and air
Who fight for freedom here and there
Send special blessings from above
Protect them with your shield of love
Return them safely, we humbly pray
To the Land of the Free
And the Home of the Brave

What Is A Leader?

Heart of America Council

L Learn, Listen, Laugh

E Encourage, Educate, Enthuse

A Assure, Accomplish, Accept

D Direct, Devise, Develop

E Explain, Envision, Evaluate

R Recognize, Reach, Re-create

Heart of America Council

Dear Father,

Be with us today as the little boys burst in for their important meeting. Be with each Cub, the one who jostles., the one who disappears with a book, the one who works so carefully. The one whose face is always smudged. I love them all and thank Thee for the privilege of knowing them in these years when each is so completely his honest self. Help me engage their wonderful enthusiasm in worthwhile projects which catch their imagination, for then all trouble ceases and we move ahead like a canoe in swift waters. I ask Thy blessing on their rumpled heads and pray that in some measure these meetings may help them grow to be their own best selves. Amen.

- Josephine Robertson

(Skits, Puppets, Ceremonies 1963)

A Fathers Prayer

Heart of America Council

Build me a son, O Lord, who will be strong enough to know when he is weak, and brave enough to face himself when he is afraid; one who will be proud and unbending in honest defeat, and humble and gentle in victory.

Build me a son whose wishbone will not be where his backbone should be; a son who will know Thee and know that to know himself is the foundation stone of knowledge. Lead him, I pray, not in the paths of ease and comfort, but 'under the stress and spur of difficulties and challenges. Here let him learn to stand up in the storm; here let him learn compassion for those who fail.

Build me a son whose heart will be clear, whose goal will be high; a son who will master himself before he seeks to master other men; one who will learn to laugh, yet never forget how to weep; one who will reach into the future, yet never forget the past.

And after all these things are his, add, I pray, enough of a sense of humor so that he may always be serious, yet never take himself too seriously. Give him humility, so that he may always remember the simplicity of true greatness; the open mind of true wisdom; the meekness of true strength. Then, I, his father, will dare to whisper, "I have not lived in vain".

Douglas MacArthur

Don't Forget He's Just A Boy!

Heart of America Council

Get to understand the lad -

He's not eager to be bad.

If the right he always knew

He would he as old as you

Were he now exceeding wise,

He'd be just about your size.

When he does things that annoy

Don't forget he's just a boy.

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Could he know and understand,
He would not need a guiding hand.
But he's not you and hasn't learned
How life's corners' must be turned.
Doesn't know from day to day
There is more to life than play.
More to face than selfish joy.
Don't forget - he's just a boy.

Being just a boy he'll do
Much you will not want him to.
He'll be careless of his ways,
Have his disobedient days.
Willful, wild and headstrong too,
Things of value, he'll destroy,
But reflect, he's just a boy.
Just a boy who needs a friend -
Patient, kindly, to the end.
Needs a father who will show
Him the things he wants to know.
Take him with you when you walk
Listen when he wants to talk.
His companionship enjoy.
Don't forget he's just a boy.

Author Unknown

**"YOU CAN 'T NO MORE TEACH WHAT YOU AIN'T
LEARNED THAN YOU CAN GO BACK TO WHERE YOU
AIN'T BEEN".**

**A Dear Friend sent this to me. Could be changed a bit for
Mom or Dad.**

POSITION: Parent

Job Description: Long term team players needed for challenging permanent work in an often chaotic environment. Candidates must possess excellent communication and organizational skills and be willing to work various hours, which will include evenings and weekends and frequent 24 hour shifts on call. Some overnight travel required, including trips to primitive camping sites on rainy weekends and endless sports tournaments in faraway cities. Travel expenses not reimbursed.

Responsibilities: This is for the rest of your life. Must be willing to be hated at least temporarily, until someone needs \$5 to go skating. Must be willing to bite tongue repeatedly. Also, must possess the physical stamina of a pack mule and be able to go from zero to 60 mph in three seconds flat in case, this time, the screams from the backyard are not someone just crying wolf. Must be willing to face stimulating technical challenges, such as small gadget repair, mysteriously sluggish toilets and stuck zippers. Must screen phone calls, maintain calendars and coordinate production of multiple homework and den

projects. Must have ability to plan and organize social gatherings for clients of all ages and mental outlooks. Must be willing to be indispensable one minute, an embarrassment the next. Must handle assembly and product safety testing of a half million cheap, plastic toys and battery operated devices.

Must always hope for the best but be prepared for the worst. Must assume final, complete accountability for the quality of the end product.

Responsibilities also include floor maintenance and janitorial work throughout the facility.

Possibility For Advancement And Promotion:

Virtually none. Your job is to remain in the same position for years, without complaining, constantly retraining and updating your skills, so that those in your charge can ultimately surpass you.

Previous Experience: None required, unfortunately. On-the-job training offered on a continually exhausting basis.

Wages And Compensation: You pay them, offering frequent raises and bonuses. A balloon payment is due when they turn 18 because of the assumption that college will help them become financially independent. When you die, you give them whatever is left. The oddest thing about this reverse-salary scheme is that you actually enjoy it and wish you could only do more.

Benefits: While no health or dental insurance, no pension, no tuition reimbursement, no paid holidays and no stock options are offered, job supplies limitless opportunities for personal growth and free hugs for life if you play your cards right.

The Key

Heart of America Council

The key to getting along with others is when you are wrong be easy to change and when you are right be easy to live with.

The key to the Cub Scout Program is FUN.

A key to teamwork. is remembering that Greater is he who gets ten men to work than he who does the work of ten men.

The key to success is to climb the ladder instead of sitting and waiting for the elevator.

The key to involvement is TRY IT - YOU'LL LIKE IT!

A key to Good Leadership is consideration.

A key to a smooth running pack is teamwork.

A key to the success of not becoming completely wrapped up in ones self is to remember that when that happens you are a very small package.

The key to character is to be yourself for character is what you do when no one is looking.

A key to being helpful to others is to remember that the important person is the other fellow, not yourself.

(Balboa District Pow Wow)

**THE KEY TO A GOOD CUB SCOUT PROGRAM IS A
TRAINED LEADER.**

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Survival Hints For Den Leaders

Heart of America Council

You can be a den leader and enjoy it. You've taken care of your own son for eight years and you're still fairly normal, so adding seven or eight more boys to the roost isn't all that hard. The first rule is - clothe yourself with optimism-grin a lot. And be prepared at least an hour before they're due to arrive, with everything you need in your meeting room. One enthusiast in the group always comes early.

Don't feel you're copping out if you use the Cub Scout Program Helps for games to play and projects to make. Scout headquarters has a lot of experience with this sort of thing, and you need all the help you can get.

As soon as the meeting opens, collect the dues, make announcements, and explain the day's project. You're not likely to get their undivided attention again.

Cub Scouts have little enthusiasm for the more worthless things in life and may refuse to waste their time on such stuff as table decorations that can't be played with later, on artificial flowers or on crepe paper things.

Good den leaders know where to look for supplies - they scour their basements, attics and trash barrels. Keep your projects simple. If you don't, you know who will be putting the finishing touches on 10 projects the night before your pack meeting.

Learn enough carpentry so that you know how to build a bird feeder or a wooden bank, Cub Scouts love to hammer, but your Den Dad should do most of the sawing in advance. Remember to be patient; keep 1-inch bandages on hand; decide what you'll do about unsavory words that might follow after the boys bang their fingers with a hammer a few times. Even if it's a birdhouse they have to paint, have them use a washable paint. And never leave the room full of Cub Scouts all alone with paint buckets. If you've made something out of plaster of paris, check the crafts section on how to paint.

Cub Scouts love to wait their turn to use supplies or tools, it gives them time to explore your closets, to test each other's endurance to punches and pokes and leaves time for races and shouting contests. There are two ways to avoid this; get together with the other mothers and make up a den box. It should contain all those things nobody cares to own ten of, and use back dues to purchase other items, or better still get the boys to make all those toys the Cub Scout Literature gives patterns for.

Remember how the kindergarten teacher pinned notes on your son's shirt? He's too old for that now, so put the notes for home inside each Cub's pocket. Let a corner show so his mother finds it before his shirt goes in the washer.

Always make it clear that everyone left in your house after the meeting must take a hot bath and then clean out your garage. This inspires the Cubs to have their mothers pick them up right after the meetings and saves you driving them home.

Den Leaders gain some very useful knowledge. They learn that their son is quite typical and normal. He even behaves better than some other boys. These Cubs you've gotten to know when you were a den leader will be around your house for years as your son grows up. Believe it or not, some of your dearest memories will be of them in their Cub Scout days.

TIGER CUBS

Achievement 5 Let's Go Outdoors

There is so much to do and learn outdoors! You can have fun exploring nature and looking at trees, flowers, and animals. You can walk, run, play games, and ride a bike. It's even fun to sit outside!

Achievement 5 Family activity

You can listen to a weather report on the radio or television. But it's more fun to tell what the weather is like by going outside and using your five senses to observe what the weather for yourself. Your five senses are seeing, hearing, smelling, tasting, and touching. Some people can't use all five senses fully, such as people who are sight impaired or hearing impaired. Often, people who can't use one of their senses have learned to use their other four senses very well.

5F Go outside and observe the weather. Use your senses to help you describe what the weather is like.

What do you see? Is it sunny? Is it dark? Do you see stars, clouds, sunshine, rain, or a rainbow? What do you hear? Do you hear thunder, rain, or the blowing wind? Maybe you hear traffic noise, children playing, or birds singing. How does the weather affect noises like these? What do you smell? Do you smell flowers or freshly cut grass? Maybe you smell the aroma of someone cooking or the odor of farm animals. The air and wind bring these smells to your nose.

What do you taste? If the wind is blowing across a dusty place, you may get dust in your mouth. Does the air taste like dirt? Does it taste like salt? What can you feel? Is it cold or warm? Do you feel the wind blowing? Do you feel rain or snow?

Achievement 5 Den Activity

Many trees and bushes have leaves that turn colors and fall to the ground in autumn. Some trees have needles that stay on all year long. You may live in a place where cacti grow. Cacti have spines or scales instead of leaves. Go outdoors with your adult partner and collect some leaves or needles to take to your den meeting for this activity. Be sure to collect only fallen leavers, or get the permission of an adult before removing a live part of a tree or bush.

5D With a crayon or colored pencil and a piece of paper, make a leaf rubbing.

Materials: writing paper, leaves, crayons

Place a leaf, vein side up, on a smooth surface, and cover it with a piece of thin writing paper. Hold the paper firmly in

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position and gently rub the crayon over it. The crayon strokes should all be in the same direction and with just enough pressure to bring out the details of the leaf. The finished design can be displayed in your home, decorated and framed. Your leaf rubbings can also be made into greeting cards or given as a gift.

Achievement 5 Go and See It

Walking is great exercise, and it's fun to be outdoors. When you walk, you see more things in the outdoors than you would if you went by fast on a bicycle, or in a car or bus.

5G Take a hike.

Your den may go to a special outdoor place for a hike, or you may take a simple walk in your neighborhood. Wherever you go, it's fun to be outdoors!

Electives

1- How do you celebrate?

Celebrating is a way of making an event or occasion special. Families celebrate different kinds of things in different ways. Many families celebrate religious holidays, cultural holidays, national holidays, birthdays, anniversaries, and special events. Families can also celebrate things like good news, successful days at work or school, the arrival of a new pet, the first snow, the change of season, moving to a new home, or a visit from someone they have not seen in a long time.

Have each boy in the den think of one time when his family celebrated, and tell the den about it, and how it made him feel. Tiger Cubs can draw or bring a picture or some other items to show. See how many different kinds of celebrations your den can think of!

2- Making decorations

Every day is special, but some days are extra-special! We see decorations at holiday times. Sometimes we decorate for a change of season or when something special happens. It's fun to make decorations for ourselves and for others.

Make a decoration with your family or your den and display it or give it to someone as a gift.

Snowflakes

It's fun to make snowflakes in the wintertime, even if you don't have any snow where you live. Your snowflakes will be different from the ones the other Tiger Cubs make. In nature, no two snowflakes are alike. Each one is different—just like yours are all different!

Fold a paper coffee filter in half 3 times. Cut shapes in the sides, being careful not to cut all the way to the other side. Open the filter up and you have a snowflake!

Before the meeting, the new Tiger Cub instant recognition kits are prepared.

At the appropriate time, the Cubmaster asks all the new Tiger Cubs and their adult partners to line up with the boys in front.

Cubmaster: When a boy becomes a Tiger Cub, he is just beginning a trail that will lead him through Cub Scouting and into Boy Scouting. This Tiger Cub Belt Totem (hold up) is a symbol of the first part of that trail, the Tiger Cub trail, one that you will walk with your adult partner during the coming year as you search, discover, and share the world around you. Tonight I would like to present to each of you this totem to wear on your belt. It is to remind you of all the fun you will have while working on the Tiger Badge this year with your partner.

Please present the Cub Scout sign and repeat the Tiger Cub motto with me:

"Search, Discover, Share"

Tigers, "Cub Scout Salute."

I welcome all of you to the adventure of Tiger Cubs!

Cubmaster may now lead the pack in a Tiger "spelldown".

Give me a T----(audience yells T!)

Give me an I----(I!)

Give me a G----(G!)

Give me an E---(E!)

Give me an R---(R!)

What's that spell?----(Tigers!)

What's that spell?----(Tigers!)

What do they say?----(R-o-a-r!)

I just started using these at Roundtable to recognize attendance and other activities. I picked up the ingredients Michael's here in Toledo. I understand that it's a national chain, so you can probably find the same items.

You need: large buttons in a variety of colors, one per person they're about 1 1/4" with 4 holes for sewing at Michaels, they come in two varieties one pack has bright colors (blue, red, etc.) the other has more muted colors (tan, brown, etc.) lots of shiny pony beads (instead of the usual pony beads) the shiny ones also come in heart and star shapes a spool of leather thong

The thong is better than the usual plastic craft strip because of the size of the holes on the buttons. Craft strip doesn't stay in place as well on my buttons, but if you find buttons with smaller holes, it would probably be fine.

Thread leather thong through the top two holes from the back. Leave some loose at the back; the loop can be small to use as a neckerchief slide or larger to slide over a belt. Then thread the left end through the lower right hole to the back and thread the right one through the lower left. Slide beads on the thongs and knot the ends to hold them in place.

For Roundtable, I also found the square beads with letters on them. I have the adults put their initials or a short version of their name on one side and their "awards" on the other side. They get the round beads for attendance and

Tiger Track Induction Ceremony

Keith Larson, Tiger Den Leader, El Paso, TX

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stars for bringing new attendees to Roundtable. I have the hearts, too, but haven't decided on award criteria yet. For Tigers, you could use all three shapes, too. Perhaps a heart for Family, star for Den and round for Go See It? That would be easier than buying packs with lots of colors and having to sort out only the colors you need.

Mary Lee Foley
Erie Shores Council

I used orange Fun Foam and cut out a paw shape in orange. I added black paw pads. On the back, you can add a belt loop with a strap of fun foam: (either use the small grommets that are available at a stamping place or staple in place) I put a few small holes with a small hole punch in the bottom of the pad. I strung black plastic lace through for the beads. I used pony beads in orange, black and white. Each Tiger gets a paw (and their are cheaper). Lasts the whole year.

Melissa

PRE-OPENING ACTIVITY

Christmas Bingo

<http://www.angelfire.com/fl2/thisnthat/games/bingosanta.html>

Kim's Christmas Game

Make up a tray of about 15 – 25 different Christmas items. Let each family look at the tray for about 2 minutes. Give them a sheet on which to write down their answers. Give the winners Candy Canes.

OPENING CEREMONY

Opening

Trapper Trails Council

Five to mime uniformed Cub Scouts line up at the front of the room and hold up cards spelling out the word CHRISTMAS. Each boy shows his card as he speaks:

C – was the child in the manger asleep

H – was the herder that guarded the sheep

R – was the room in the stable that day

I - was the Innkeeper letting them stay

S – was the star that led three by its light

T - was the tiding of joy brought that night

M - was the mother, whom Joseph stood near

A - was the angel, whose message was clear

S - was the song that the angels sang then, of peace on earth and good will toward men.

Please join together in singing "Silent Night."

Opening

Heart of America Council

Light Christmas tree. Cubmaster says: "Cub Scouts, isn't that a beautiful tree? It's bright and colorful, like the joyous seasons of Christmas and Hanukkah. And we all had a part in making it so beautiful. When all Cub Scouts work together and do their best, the result is always something fine like this tree. Let's remember that as we repeat the Cub Scout promise." (lead promise)

Follow, Helps, Gives

Trapper Trails Council

Cub 1: A Cub Scout Follows Akela

He always does his best

To be helpful, kind and giving

And as a citizen pass the test.

Cub 2: A Cub tries to Help others

In some way every day

At home, at school, anytime

And in any helpful way.

Cub 3: A Cub Scout Gives to others

His talents, time and goodwill

He shares, he cares, he is happy

And makes others happier still.

Cub 4: A Cub Scout is a special person

Who Follow, Helps, and Gives

He sets a good example

As he touches many lives.

Cub 5: He is growing, learning, trying

To be the best he can

As he follows, helps and gives

He learns to be a special man.

Cub 6: He is and always will be

A Super Leader

When he follows, helps and gives.

Please follow me in the Pledge of Allegiance.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Why Santa Has A Beard

San Francisco Bay Area Council

Santa. (Holds hands on stomach while saying HO-HO-HO)

North Pole: (Fold arms, holding self while saying "BRR-R-R")

Sleigh: (Wave right arm once while saying 'SWOOSH-H-H)

Workshop: (Cover ears while saying "BANG, BANG, CLATTER,CLATTER)

You've all heard many stories about **Santa** and his

Workshop at the **North Pole**. You have also heard stories about his **Sleigh** and reindeer. But there is a story about

Santa that very few people know, so if you listen very closely, I'll tell you about how **Santa** decided to grow a beard.

Everyone knows the weather is very, very cold at the **North Pole** where **Santa** has his **Workshop**. He works very hard throughout the year with his little elves, making toys for his

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Christmas Eve visit. Like everyone else, **Santa** needs relaxation, and a chance to get away from it all. His way to relax is to take a leisurely ride in his **Sleigh**.

With such cold weather at the **North Pole**, **Santa** always had to bundle up tightly before taking a **Sleigh** ride. Once he forgot to wrap his heavy wool scarf around his face while he went **Sleigh** riding. When **Santa** returned from his **Sleigh** ride and walked into the **Workshop** where Mrs. Claus and the elves were happily working, he had icicles hanging down the sides of his face and chin, just like a beard.

When Mrs. Claus looked up and saw him, she squealed with delight, "Why **Santa** you look absolutely marvelous with your sparkling white icicle beard." Well, when **Santa** saw how much this please Mrs. Claus, he was very flattered and decided right then and there to grow a long, flowing white beard and mustache. And that is what he did. By doing this **Santa** caused two things to happen. He made himself so handsome that whenever Mrs. Claus passed him by at the **North Pole Workshop**, she gave him a big smile. This made **Santa** blush so much, that to this day, he is still blushing. That's why his cheeks always look rosy. And now he doesn't have to wrap a scarf around his face when he goes **Sleigh** riding at the **North Pole**. Mrs. Claus has even started going on **Sleigh** rides with **Santa** because she is so very happy that he grew his beard.

Audience Participation

Heart of America Council

Leader reads and audience acts accordingly

Santa Claus stood up, stretching his arms out wide;
First he looked to his left and then to his right side.
He bent down and wiped off his boots so shiny.
Then he turned around to see his behiny.
But he couldn't see it, alas and alack,
So he then turned right back.
Then feeling relaxed, he stomped his feet
And then sat down again in his seat. (J. Newell)

ADVANCEMENT CEREMONIES

Christmas Advancement Ceremony

San Francisco Bay Area Council

Preparation: Have a Christmas tree with various colored lights. (This can be a cardboard tree with holes for the lights.) The bulbs should be unscrewed slightly so that they can be easily turned on at the proper time.

Cubmaster: As we look at our tree this evening, we see that it is dark, with only one light on. (Screw in top light.) This is the light which represents the Webelos Arrow of Light Award.

Let us see if there are boys here tonight who can help light the way to the top of the tree, to the highest rank in Cub Scouting.

The first step along the Cub Scout trail is the BOBCAT. (Turn on light at the bottom. If there are any Bobcats to be inducted do it here.)

Once a boy has achieved this honor, he is ready to climb. There are 12 achievements to be completed for the rank of Wolf. Some of these require knowledge of the United States flag, of keeping strong, of safety and being useful to the family. The following boys have completed these requirements: (Call them forward--and any boys who have earned any arrow points.)

Thank you boys. We are now able to turn on the light representing the Wolf rank. (Turn on next light.)

As the boy grows older and stronger, he is able to climb higher. But just as it is a little more difficult to climb the upper branches of a tree, so the achievements are a little more difficult for the Bear rank. (Call forward any boys receiving Bear and Bear arrow points.)

These boys have helped us light our tree, but it is still not quite as it might be. Since they have received help from their parents and leaders, let us turn on a light for them, too. (Turn on another light.)

Now the boys have reached 4th grade or 5th grade and have more climbing to do. This last climb will bring them to the top of the tree and the coveted Arrow of Light. To reach there they must attain the Webelos Award. In order to reach the Webelos Award they must first earn activity badges. (Call forward Webelos who have earned their various activity badges.)

Thank you boys as you have learned throughout Cub Scouting you have helped to make the world brighter.

(Turn on another light.) And now the boys who have earned their Webelos badge and have begun to learn what Scouting really is. (Call these boys forward) (Light the next light)

Now our tree is complete. As you have seen, it has taken boys plus parents and leaders to complete it. With the same effort you have shown before, keep working for the highest rank in Cub Scouting. Congratulations to you and your parents for the fine work you have done.

GAMES

Den Dog Team Race

Trapper Trails Council

One boy in each den is the driver; the others are Huskies. Give the driver a three-by-three foot piece of corrugated cardboard for a sled and each Husky a four-foot length of rope. Allow den chiefs one minute to make sure their Huskies know how to tie a square knot. On signal, the Huskies tie their ropes together. The driver holds one end of the rope with one hand and his "sled" with the other as he is pulled to a finish line 30 or more feet away.

Clap a Song

Trapper Trails Council

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The first player claps the rhythm of a well-known Christmas carol or other holiday tune. The others try to guess what the song is. When a player guesses correctly, he becomes the new clapper.

Balloon Round Up

Trapper Trails Council

Supplies: You will need a large barrel or box and one balloon for each Cub Scout. Each den has balloons of a different color from every other den. The barrel must be too small to hold all the balloons.

Place the barrel in the center of the playing area and line up equal numbers of Cub Scout by dens on opposite sides of the room. On signal, the boys put one hand behind their backs and with the other hand, try to tap the balloons in the air and into the barrel. When the barrel is full, stop the game and count the balloons in the barrel by color. The winning den is the one that got the most balloons into the barrel.

Snowshoe Relay Races

Heart of America Council

Cut snowshoes out of a corrugated box, punch holes in center and insert laces to hold snowshoes on. Cub Scouts choose sides and leader puts on shoes. On "Go" each leader mashes up to and around a chair at a distance and returns to starting place where he sheds the shoes. Next player puts them on and takes off. Team finishing first wins.

SONGS

Presents

(Tune: Rudolph)

Trapper Trails Council

Present are being hidden
I'm as curious as can be
I want to find out somehow
If some of them might be for me
Everywhere I have been searching
I have looked both high and low
Then one day I realized
What I was doing wrong.
I need to start being good
And sharing all day long
I knew then I needn't worry
Santa just would not forget
And I shall be very happy
By giving more than I shall get.

Christmas Spirit

(Tune: Silent Night)

Trapper Trails Council

God is night, stars are bright.
Leaders and Cubs stand in the light.
Singing carols to family and friends
Spreading joy that never ends.
Sweet their voices ringing
Christmas spirit to share.

Cub Scout Christmas

(Tune: White Christmas)

Trapper Trails Council

I'm dreaming of a Cub Scout Christmas
Where Cub Scout pants are given me
Then my eyes will water
Tho' they hadn't oughter
When a belt to hold them I will see
I'm dreaming of a shirt to hold badges
With a neckerchief and Cub Scout slide
Or a pocket knife, to last for life
Making my smile a mile wide.

Cub Scout Days

(Tune – O Christmas Tree)

Trapper Trails Council

O Cub Scout day, O Cub Scout days
They are my fondest memories.
O Cub Scout day, O Cub Scout days
How filled you were with fun.
Den leaders led with love and care
Cubmasters the awards did share.
O Cub Scout days, O Cub Scout days
Start me on my way to Eagle.

Santa's Coming 'Round the World

Tune: Are You Sleeping"

Heart of America Council

Santa's coming, Santa's Coming,
Round the worlds, round the world;
He has many faces;
Seen in many places;
Santa Claus, Santa Claus,
Santa's comings. Santa's coming,
Round the world round the world;
In France his Father Christmas
Who fills the childrens' wishes;
Santa Claus, Santa Claus
Santa's coming, Santa's coming,
Round the world, round the world;
A Belgium child leaves carrots bunched
For Nicholas' horse to munch;
Santa Claus, Santa Claus,
Santa's coming, Santa's coming,
Round the world, round the world;
No matter what his face or name,
Goodwill is still the same
Santa Claus, Santa Claus

Tune: Jingle Bells

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Clap your hands, stomp your feet, wiggle all around.
Reach your hands high in the air, and now let's touch the ground.
Hold your head, hold your hips, give yourself a hug.
Lay down flat upon the ground, but watch out for the bugs.

In The Good Old Wintertime

Tune: 'In the Good Old Summertime'

Heart of America Council

In the good old wintertime,
In the good old wintertime,
I love the snow, the rain, the sleet,
This season you can't beat.
I'm frozen in, I'm frozen out It is without a doubt,
The coldest time of all the clime,
In the good old wintertime.

Christmas Time

Tune: "Jingle Bells"

Heart of America Council

School is out, we won't pout
Cubs shout "Hip'-hurray."
Something special's coming soon,
And it is Christmas day,
Wrap the gifts, trim the tree,
Mind your mom and dad.
You'll get presents if you do,
Boy, won't we be glad?

Christmastime

Indian Nation Council

(Tune, Jingle Bells)
School is out, we won't pout,
Cub Scouts shout "Hip-hurray".
Something special's coming soon,
And it's Christmas Day.
Wrap the gifts trim the tree,
Mind you Mom and Dad.
You'll get presents if you do,
Boy, won't be all be glad?!

SKITS

Reindeer Game

San Francisco Bay Area Council

Announcer (bursting with enthusiasm): Good evening, ladies and gentlemen, and welcome to our program. Tonight, some lucky member of our audience will win \$10,000.00 - if he correctly answers our skill testing question! (Scans the audience and picks out the planted helper). You, sir, would you like a chance at this great prize?

Helper : Oh, yes, sir! (Leaves the audience and joins the announcer on the stage)

Announcer: Tonight our questions is: "Name two of Santa's reindeer!" You have 10 seconds to think about it. No help from the audience, please. (Buzzer sounds) Time's up! Now, give me one of the two reindeer names.

Helper Would one be Rudolph?

Announcer (jumping with joy) Yes! That's absolutely correct! You are half way to \$10,000! Now, can you give me one more name?

Helper (Thinks and scratches his head) Well; how about Olive?

Announcer (Groans): Olive! Whoever heard of a reindeer named Olive?

Helper Well, they sing about her in the song about Rudolph. You know it, we've all heard them. They sing "Olive the other reindeer!"

Meaning of Happy

Heart of America

Actors: 5 persons.

Costumes: none.

Props: 5 cards each with one letter

H - H is for holidays that come this time of season.

A - A is for appreciation. We appreciate the giving.

P - P is for peace that we all should work for.

P - P is for people with loving ways.

Y - Y is for yuletide and happy holidays.

A Holiday Recipe

Heart of America Council

The scene opens with a Chief Cook and his helpers busily cooking something in a large kettle. They can be dressed as cooks in old white shirts and white construction paper hats, or as elves in tunics made from grocery bags and painted. Each should have a large spoon for "tasting". There should be a number of labeled containers visible. These may be empty cereal boxes or cans covered with paper or painted and labeled "Worship", "Love", "Family", "Friends", "Tree", "Gifts", etc. Let the boys suggest the "ingredients". The Chief Cook can use a "recipe card" which is really the script.

CHIEF: (Thoughtfully) Let's see, I think we should start with the most important ingredient. It is so often left for last and forgotten. Charles, bring me "Worship". (Charles does so) Let us use the greatest care in adding this. (They pour in very seriously and carefully).

Now, Abe, bring me the "Love". This is what holds the entire result together. (Helper Abe brings the "Love", which is added.)

Assistant Baker: Do we need both "Family" and "Friends", Sir? (He brings the two containers)

CHIEF: It would be allright with one or the other, but it's much better with both! Pour them in! (Assistant Baker enthusiastically adds them.)

ABE: (carrying "Gifts" container) Should we add the "Gifts" now?

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CHIEF: (laughing) Oh ho! Those can be added any time! Some people think they come first! Go ahead. (Abe pours them in. The Chief Cook stirs the mixture and tastes it.) Hmm. It lacks something. It isn't spicy enough. (The helpers all take a taste with their spoons.)

Charles: I know! We have forgotten the tree.!

CHIEF: Exactly! That always adds flavor. (Again he stirs, and again they all taste.) It still isn't right! (As they stand, thoughtfully tasting, Edmund enters) -

Edmund: What are you making?

OTHERS: It's a secret.!

Edmund: Please tell me!

CHIEF: Oh, alright. (He whispers into Edmund's ear) But it just isn't coming out the way it should!

Edmund: Here, let me taste it. (He does so, thinks a minute, then realizes what is needed.) I know just what it needs and where to get it. I'll be right back! (He dashes off stage and is back in a moment with a Cub Scout who is carrying an enormous box labeled "Good Will") It needs a lot of "Good Will" and Cubs always have a lot of that!

CHIEF: That's it exactly! Come on, boys, let's see if this doesn't do the trick! (They all help lift and pour. They stir and taste it.) Perfect. Let's serve it right now! (He reaches into the kettle and pulls out a long, folded paper banner.

The helpers take their places in line, holding the banner for the audience to see as the Chief Cook pulls it out, It reads, "THE HAPPIEST CHRISTMAS EVER.")

ALL: Merry Christmas, everybody!

(This dialogue is merely a suggestion; might also be used as a pantomime with good results. The skit is so much a pantomime that the dialogue is secondary. It can really be "hammed-up" during the tasting scenes.

CUB GRUB - Fun Food

Snowman Soup

1 package hot chocolate mix

3 Hershey Kisses

15 (or so) marshmallows

1 candy cane

"Put items in colored plastic wrap"

The Poem: Put on paper and give with items in a mug

Was told you've been real good this year
Always glad to hear it
With freezing weather drawing near
You'll need to warm the spirit
So here's a little Snowman Soup
Complete with stirring stick
Add hot water, sip it slow
It's sure to do the trick!

Hot Spiced Cider

Ingredients

1 quart cider

1/2 cup brown sugar

1/2 Tablespoon whole cloves

1 small cinnamon stick

1/8 teaspoon salt

Put spices in large non-aluminum kettle with cider and sugar. Take out the spices before serving. Mix together and simmer 20 to 30 minutes. Serve hot.

Red-Nosed Reindeer Sandwiches

Trapper Trails Council

2 slices whole wheat bread

peanut butter

strawberry jam

12 pretzel sticks

4 raisins

2 cherry halves, drained

Spread the peanut butter on one side of a slice of bread. Spread the jam on the other slice of bread. Put the slices of bread together to make a sandwich. Cut the sandwich in half diagonally. Create two reindeer sandwiches using raisins for eyes. Pretzels for antlers and the cherry halves for the nose.

Chocolate Christmas Logs

Trapper Trails Council

2 tablespoons butter/margarine, softened

1/2 cup light corn syrup

2 squares unsweetened chocolate, melted

1-teaspoon vanilla

3/4 cup powdered milk

3 cups powdered sugar

In a medium bowl, mix the first four ingredients together. In a small bowl, stir the milk and sugar together. With clean hands, knead it into the chocolate mixture until well blended and smooth. Roll the mixture into four long logs. Cut each log into several short ones. To store, wrap in waxed paper and place in the refrigerator

Fudge

Ingredients:

6 cups sugar

1 1/2 cups butter

1 large can evaporated milk

2 packages chocolate chips (personal favorite—milk chocolate chips)

1 jar marshmallow cream

1 cup nuts

Cook in heavy pan until boiling, boil 10 minutes, stirring all the time. Take off burner and add chips, marshmallow cream and nuts, make sure you mix well, pour into 9 x 13 buttered pan. It will make 6 pounds.

PACK & DEN ACTIVITIES

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A challenge to other leaders to share slide ideas in the Bugle:

The following email I got last month, and I am just getting around to sharing it.

This comes from Carole in Florida

Hi! I'm a den leader for our pack. The boys in my den look forward to the new themes every month and I can always get them there on time for our first meeting of the month because they know the for the gathering activity we'll be making a theme-related slide. For last month's theme we took milk caps (I save EVERYTHING) sprayed painted them white, then drew and black "x" and added the letters, R R for our railroad crossing sign slide. A long 1/2" pvc pipe cut into 1/4" rings goes a long way in our den.

This month for the "Down on the Farm" theme, I bought a huge bag of farm animals at a yard sale for \$1.00. My son and I washed them real good to get ready for next week's den meeting. We'll attach the animals to a piece of indoor/outdoor carpet then attach the carpet to the pvc pipe.

I can't wait for the money theme month. We found some play money--bills and coins--that are going to make some really cool slides.

I've suggested a "slide show" at an upcoming roundtable so packs can show off and share ideas.

Cub Scouting is so much fun. I would like to have others share slide ideas on your site!

Thanks so much,

Carole Gentry

Tallahassee, FL

Neckerchief Slides

Trapper Trails Council

Christmas Tree

Use a small piece of artificial tree, wreath, or garland. Cut a 2 or 3 inch length. Attach a ring like PVC pipe, or Chenille stick twisted around the tree. Add glitter, sequins, or other trim to the tree.

Santa's Stocking

Cut stocking out of heavy cardboard. Cut teddy bear out of cardboard or poster board. Cover teddy bear with black felt. Add wiggly eyes. Cut red fur or felt slightly larger than cardboard. On front, glue red fur (or felt to cardboard. Glue teddy bear to top of sock. Add white fur. Attach a ring to the back.

Christmas Gift

This can be made from plaster, wood, or small cardboard box. (I have even used thick Styrofoam—Baloo). Paint the gift any color, solid or add designs. Then tie on some yarn for the ribbon, or use ribbon. Glue in place if needed. Add ring to the back. If you use Styrofoam, can wrap it in Christmas paper.

Cub Scout Scavenger Hunt

Bill Nahlik, Cubmaster, Pack 34, Glen Carbon, IL

Find And Bring Back:

1. A stick shaped like a letter of the alphabet
2. Something slippery
3. Leaves from four different types of trees
4. Something rough
5. A rock the size of your fist
6. Something prickly
7. Evidence of an insect
8. Something colorful
9. A plant seed
10. Something smooth
11. A piece of litter
12. Something that starts with the letter D
13. A feather
14. Something that is found as a pair
15. Something interesting

Objects can be used for more than one category. Be creative, extra points if no other group brings back the same object. Be prepared to tell why your Item #15 is interesting. Work as a team, stay with a buddy. Hopefully, you can distribute this and others will use it as well.

Mini Beaded Indian Headdress Neckerchief Slide

Manuelita White

(Manuelita sent this for my January issue, THANKS, Manuelita!!!)

Materials:

- 15 small safety pins
- 92 "E" beads
- 14 6mm round beads
- 2 pieces of wire 10" and 6"
- 2 - 3/4 " antique silver feathers

Equipment:

- Small pliers
- Needle nose pliers

Directions:

1. String "E" beads on pin in desired pattern. Do all the pins the same way. Each pin will represent a feather – Keep this in mind when choosing colors and pattern.
2. . Pinch head of pins closed, so that they don't open while wearing. **IMPORTANT SAFETY FEATURE!**
3. String 6mm beads and heads of pins on wire. Start with a pin and bend up about 1 1/2" of wire and wrap around itself to keep on. Alternate with beads and finish with pin. Leave tail of wire about 1 1/2" long and wrap it around itself like in the beginning.
4. Make small loop onto smaller piece of wire and place feather in loop. Place "e" bead onto wire. String the other end of the safety pins on wire, adjust and space. Place another "e" bead on wire

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and clip wire to about 1/4" long and make small loop and place other feather on.

- Take tail left on end clip to appropriate length and make loop on end. Clip other side to length and make loop that goes through the first loop.

This headdress can be made larger by changing the size of the safety pins and adjusting the size of the beads.

Egg Carton Christmas Tree

Heart of America Council

Cardboard

3 egg cartons

stapler

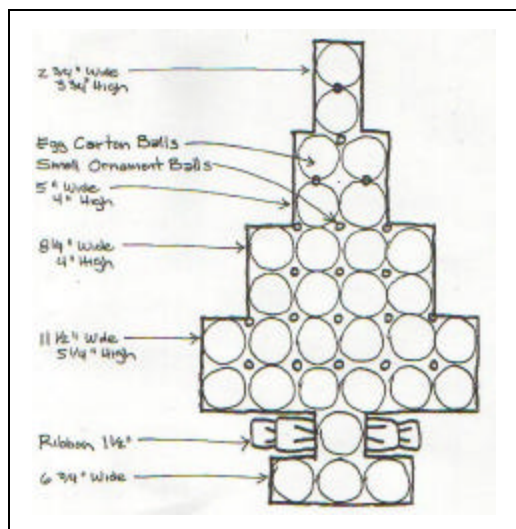
silver garland

small Christmas balls

ribbon

Cut a base from cardboard following measurements shown, staple egg carton balls bottom up to cardboard.

Place silver garland around edges and in between egg carton balls. Staple a bow to either side of stem. Glue small ornaments on between egg carton balls. Match color of ribbon, and ornaments to color of egg cartons.



Christmas Bell Corsage

Heart of America Council

Materials:

3 small "Coffee Whitener" cups

3 pieces small wire 5" long

3 small beads

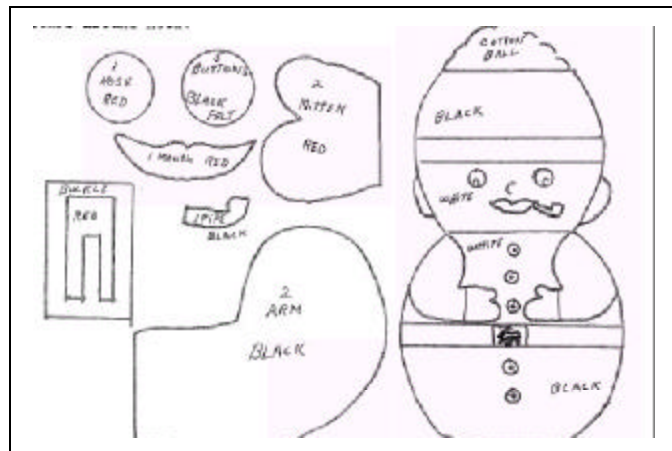
Ribbon or yarn for bow

Spray paint

Floral Tape (optional)

Set cups up side down on masking tape to spray with paint.

Using a Tapestry or Darning needle, punch a hole in center



bottom of each cup. Run wire through bead and twist tack around self to hold beads. Measure 1 inch from tip of bead and crimp or knot wires. Run wire from inside cup through bottom of cup (top of bell). Make three of these bells, twist the three wires together and tie on a bow.

Floral Tape may be used to wrap wires after leaving -top of "bell" and to cover sharp ends of wire

"COOL WHIP" Snowman

Heart of America Council

Materials

2 small cool whip containers with lids

2 medium containers with lids

Black Electrical Tape

5 gold sequins

2 - 17 mm moveable eyes

1 cotton ball for top of hat

red felt

black felt

Crochet scarf and earmuffs or cut from scraps of fabric. Place lids on all containers. Spray one small one with black paint. When paints dry, glue two small containers together lid to lid. Repeat with medium containers. Glue bottom of small white container to bottom of a medium container. Place electrical tape around containers where lids fit together. Glue features in place as pictured. Glue a gold sequin in center of each button. Glue earmuffs to sides of head and tie scarf around neck.

Coffee Can Stilts

You need two large coffee cans. Clean and dry them. Get your Den Leader to help you make two holes in the can, one on one side and then one on the other. Then you do the same with the second can.

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Run the end of a rope into one hole and then the other end through the other hole on one of the cans. Get help to measure how long the rope should be according to how tall you are while your standing on the can. After you have the length you need tie the two loose ends together inside the can. Cut off any excess rope. Repeat for other can. Now you have stilts to walk around on. Lots of fun.

Toothpick Creche

Heart of America Council

20 Round toothpicks

Creche scene from Christmas card

Yarn, Braid, etc., for hanger

Glue

Glue a toothpick on each side of picture. Then glue one for each side of roof. Follow with one for ceiling and one for floor. Repeat this sequence until there are toothpicks 3 deep all around; then add one more to each side of roof. When dry fasten yarn hanger at top.

Ideas For Den Leaders And Packs

Heart of America Council

Program Helps give an abundance of ideas for a full month's program but for those times that nothing seems to fit, check over this list.

Backyard cookout

Den uniform inspection

Indoor track meet(see games books)

Visit a newspaper office

Visit a zoo

Kickball game using rag ball

Visit a farm

Den bowling tournament

Dads take den to sporting event

Ice or roller-skating

Dad with interesting job tells about it.

Dad with hobby tells and displays

Work on achievements boys need

Treasure or scavenger hunt

Paper airplane contest

Marble shooting contest

Safety inspection of boys' bikes

Pet exhibit (each brings a pet)

Handicraft-beads, belts, etc.

Scrambled word game (Cub words)

Coin collector show coins

Make games, ring toss etc.

Use Pinewood Derby cars on floor

Make place mats of Christmas cards

High School athlete tells about his sport

Visit an historical spot

Have an Explorer tell about a trip to Philmont

Visit a weather station

Collect and mount leaves

Collect and make leaf prints

Trip to museum

Trip to fire station (make appt)

Visit railroad station

Visit police station (make appt)

Night meeting to study stars

Have a song fest

Each Cub make a model

Visit radio station

Visit telephone company

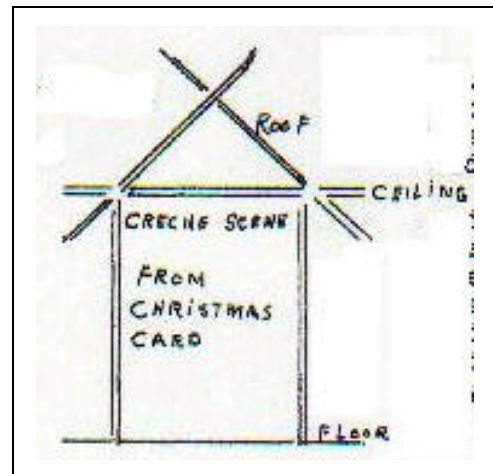
Visit elderly folks' home, sing or play games

Cubs put on den meeting for parents

Have a game day

Have a Lifeguard explain water safety.

Visit different churches and look at the colored windows



Entertain little brothers with a party.

Service project for sponsor

Design new closing ceremony

Visit library (each boy gets card, takes out a book)

Boys mix, bake, eat cookies

Look at things with microscope

Magic Day - each Cub does a magic trick

Judge weights, heights

Play charades

Make a den doodle

Postman tells of his work

Develop new den skits

Tour two blocks to look for safety hazards and correct one

Make holiday costumes

Plant a garden

Make something of paper mache

Make den scrapbook

Plan future den activities

Ball game with another den

Boys bring their collections

Stamp collector shows stamps

Build a den equipment box

Make collage of old Christmas cards

Joke telling-Pick best by vote

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Fishing for prizes
Visit a civic building for tour
Ask a Scout to tell about a trip to Jamboree
Make mother's day gifts
Make Christmas gifts
Make grandparent's day cards
Make Father's Day gifts
Visit planetarium
Visit a local factory
Without a watch, each Cub tries to walk around block in an exact number of minutes.
Learn to swim with dads'
Help make things for sick children in hospital
Visit an airport
Make tray favors for elderly
Plan some new openings
Go on a hike for a purpose (how many trees, birds, etc.)
I'd rather _____
Make popcorn balls and eat them.

STUNTS & APPLAUSES

Heart of America

Goodbye Santa Applause: Pretend to throw a pack onto your back and say, "Merry Christmas to all and to all a good night."

Trapper Trails Council

Frozen Cub: Wrap arms around to keep warm and say "Brrr."

Rudolph: Cup hands over nose, open and close while saying "Blink, blink, blink."

Santa Cub: Put hands on belly, lean back slightly while saying "Ho, ho, ho. Merry Cubbing."

Christmas Bells: Pretend to hold a bell rope, then the left side of the audience to say "DING" on the downstroke and the other side of the audience to say "DONG" on the upstroke. Repeat three times.

Jack in the box: Unwrap the package, open the lid, and say, "Boing."

Snowball: Make a snowball, throw it and yell, "Splaatt."

When is a boat like a pile of snow?

When it is adrift.

What is red, white, and blue?

A sad candy cane.

Why did Santa only take seven reindeer on Christmas Eve?

Comet had to stay home and clean the sink.

CLOSING CEREMONY

Closing

Heart of America Council

In the season of happy days,
I'd like you to keep in mind
the recipe for a wonderful
day — it works all year 'round.
Recipe for a Wonderful Day

1 cup friendly words
2 heaping cups understanding
2 cups milk of human kindness
2 heaping tablespoons of time and patience
1 dash gentle humor
1 pinch spice of life
1 drop warm personality
Measure words carefully;
add cups of understanding
to milk of human kindness.
Sift together three times to
make a smooth paste, cook
with gas on the front burner.
Keep temperature low so
it never boils over, Season
with gentle humor, warm
personality and spice of
life. Serve in individual
molds. Works best with a
good mixer.

Closing

Heart of America

Arrangement.: Nine Cub Scouts come onstage, one by one; each carrying a large cardboard letter. As he speaks his lines, he holds up his letter, which ultimately spells out the word **Christmas**.

C - C is for candles, we burn of Christmas night
To gladden weary travelers with their light so bright.

H - H is for happiest; the happiest time of year;
It's jolly, gay old Christmas time, with all its mirth and cheer.

R - R is for ring; we ring the Christmas bell
All the Christmas gladness, the world to tell.

I - I is for the infant who lay in a manger
Little Lord Jesus, a dear little stranger.

S - S is for shepherds who kept their flocks by night;
And heard the angels singing, and saw a wondrous light.

T - T is for tree, all green and gold and red,
We see it Christmas morning when we jump out of bed.

M - M is for the mistletoe we hang at Christmas time;
In merry wreaths, when candles burn and Christmas bells chime.

A - A is for all; to all men we wish cheer,
Joy and gladness, love and hope, for Christmas time is here.

S - S is for the star that shone on Christmas night,
Star and candle, bell and wreath, all make our Christmas bright.

WEBELOS

Craftsman

San Francisco Bay Area Council

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Working With Tin And Metal

Cub Scout metal projects can be divided into three categories:

1. Those with cans and aluminum plates
2. Those with lids and sheet metal
3. Those with wire.

Projects with cans generally require such tools as an opening, "church keys", pliers, punch and maybe a hammer. These projects include bird feeders, planters and hobo stoves. Advanced projects would include cutting the can with snips to make candle holders, drinking cups and biscuit or donut cutters.

Projects with frozen orange juice lids or "kerr" lids usually require only a hammer and punch or nail. Here a design is made by denting the metal. These projects include Christmas tree ornaments, tie slides, necklace or mobile pendants.

Projects with wire or coat hangers usually require pliers, a bending board and a pair of hands. These projects include wiener forks, hanging planters, mobiles and sculpture.

It would be a good idea to have any cutting with snips done and any sharp places removed with a file before the boys arrive. Most boys are not strong enough to cut metal thicker than a postcard. They will probably cut themselves on the sharp edges while they struggle. Even metal from TV dinner plates and pop cans is very sharp and would be better cut by an adult.

You need to plan and prepare for a good project. You will probably have to do part of the work before the meetings.

This is done to insure the boys can finish during the meeting and to avoid tasks too difficult for the boys.

You will need enough tools for each boy or risk one becoming a trouble maker. If you are short on the number of tools, have something else for the others to do, or have some use the pliers while others use the hammers.

No matter what craft you are doing, always have an example of the finished project.

Heart of America Council

The Craftsman Activity Badge requires the use of hand tools. Since the requirements take much more time than can be allocated to den meetings learning the proper use of tools is important. A dad who is a wood working hobbyist can demonstrate the use of tools. Have a variety of tools and materials on hand so the Webelos can practice using them. (Extra dads can be a big help at this meeting.)

Suggested tools:

Hand saw

Coping saw

Tin snips

Vice; Combination square

Electric or hand drill

Leather punches

File

Screwdriver

Plane

Make the Webelos aware of the hazards in working with tools and use the proper safeguards, gloves or eye protection when appropriate. A simple project such as a birdhouse or bookends using precut parts is a good starter. Have the Webelos assemble them in a step by step-by-step procedure as they follow you or a den dad.

Ideas for projects are given in the Webelos Scout Book, Crafts for Cub Scouts No. 3843, Cub Scout Fun Book No. 3215, Skits and Puppets No. 3842, Webelos Den Activities No. 3853 and Boys' Life. Your den may want to start a plans file so over the years a greater variety of projects can be available for succeeding dens. Projects in the craftsman can also help in other activity badges.

The catapult is an example or the Webelos may make an electric motor or steam turbine by using tin. The painting or decorating of a wooden toy or game encompasses some of the requirements of the Artist or the building of a puppet stage for Showman. Small pieces of good wood can usually be available from cabinet shops or millworks for the asking.

As always in Cub Scouting, if someone helps the den or pack, present them with an appreciation certificate.

Aluminum cans be substituted for tin and is much easier to work (the edges not as sharp as tin). Most "do it yourself" stores have the lighter gauge sheets that are satisfactory for most uses. Model railroad supply houses have some sheet metal (brass and aluminum) tubing and extrusions that are rather expensive but may be just what is needed for a special project.

Scientist

Heart of America Council

Inertia

Materials: 1 fresh egg, 1 hard-boiled egg, and a soup dish.

What to do: Give each egg a spinning motion in a soup dish.

What Happens: Hard-boiled egg spins longer. The inertia of the fluid contents of the fresh egg brings it to rest sooner.

Bernoulli's Principle

Materials: Two ping-pong balls, 2 feet of thread, some masking tape and a drinking straw.

What to do: Tape each ball to an end of the thread and hold the center of the string so that the balls dangle about 1 foot below your fingers and about 1 or 2 inches apart. Have the boys blow through a straw exactly between the balls, from a distance of a few inches. Instead of being repelled, they will be attracted.

What happens: The air current directed between the ping-pong balls reduces the intervening air pressure. Stronger pressure from the far sides pushes the balls together. The strength of the air from the straw will determine how close the balls will come.

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Time and Clime

Heart of America Council

Glass Jar Barometer - -

A barometer tells you if the air pressure is high or low. If the air is calm and pleasant, the barometer is rising. If it's unsettled and stormy, the barometer is falling. Make a simple barometer to tell you if it's going to be a day to stay indoors or play outside.

1. Cover the mouth of a glass jar with a piece of balloon held in place with a rubber band.
2. Glue one end of a straw to the center of the balloon. (You may have to trim the straw extending over the jar if it pulls the balloon too much.)
3. Hammer a ruler about 2" into the ground. Set the barometer next to it. Notice where the straw points.
4. Each day, check the barometer to see if the straw is rising or falling from the point where it was the day before. If the air pressure outside the bottle is greater than the pressure inside the bottle, the balloon will drop slightly causing the straw pointer to move up, indicating rising air pressure. If the air pressure outside the bottle is less than the pressure inside the bottle, the balloon will rise causing the straw to drop, indicating falling air pressure.

Make Crystals You Can Eat

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Pour 1 cup water into a small pan. Cover and bring to a boil. Turn off the heat and add two cups of cane sugar. Stir until well-dissolved and let cool. Pour the sugar solution into a -tall glass. Lie a piece of clean white string to a pencil or stick and place -the stick across the glass so that the string hangs down into the liquid. Put the glass in a cool place for a few days. In a short time small crystals will form along the sides of the glass. Soon they will begin to cling to -the string. After several days, large crystals, hard as a rock, will have formed around the string. Lift the string out of the glass and taste some delicious homemade rock candy.

Optical Illusions

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Can the human eye see something that isn't there? Decide for yourself. Hold a spoon about 12 inches in front of your eyes. Look beyond the spoon, toward the corner of the room. You should be able to see two spoons. Now hold out two pencils, separated by a finger. Look beyond the pencils. Do you count four? In this test, most people see double images because their eyes are out of focus.

POW WOW EXTRAVAGANZAS

Around The United States.

Central

Potawatomi Area Council (Waukesha, WI) and Milwaukee County Council (Milwaukee, WI) will be holding a joint Pow Wow this year. November 10, 2001

Theme: "Fishing For Ideas"

Pulaski High School, Milwaukee, WI

Registration 7:30 a.m. Closing 4:00 p.m.

Fee \$10.00 until 10/20/01; \$15.00 from 10/21/01 - 11/2/01; \$20.00 after 11/2/01

Book is separate: \$10.00 Mail orders are okay but postage is not included in this amount.

Contact Person: Diane Vey, active@execpc.com, (262) 677-4121 ext 144 work phone #.

The Greater St. Louis Area Council Pow Wow will be held on Nov. 3, 2001. It will be held at Hazelwood East High School. If you need any more information contact the Director of Training Fred Brown at: 314-361-0600

NWSC's (Northwest Suburban Council, Chicago area) pow wow is on Sat. Nov. 3 at Christian Liberty Academy in Arlington Heights, IL. Our theme is 2001: A Cub Scouting Odyssey

Mid-America Council, Heartland University of Scouting, Theme: 2001, A Scout Odyssey, Saturday, November 3 8:00am - 4:30pm, Girls & Boys Town, Omaha, Nebraska Chair: Sally Mann, slmann@unmc.edu

Dan Beard Council Pow Wow, Cincinnati, Ohio, November 3, 2001, at University of Cincinnati

For further information: powwow2001dbc@aol.com

Jackie Murphy 812-637-2250

Southern

Great Smoky Mountain as tentatively scheduled our University of Scouting for Saturday, March 23rd, 2002. We will have a website set up that will show what classes are being offer. That website can be accessed from our Cub Scout Training website. (Cub class information is, posted on the Cub Training site, once the classes have been determined.

Great Smoky Mountain, University of Scouting, March 23, 2002 (tentative), Knoxville, Tennessee (Eastern Tennessee), Great Smoky Council Cub Scout Training website: <http://www.geocities.com/doublelope/>, I'll let you know when we have a confirmed date. Any questions, please contact me at doublelope@yahoo.com



Simon Kenton Council #441 (Columbus, Ohio) will be having its next annual Scouter's Pow Wow on Saturday, January 26, 2002, at Westerville North High School in Westerville, Ohio (a suburb of Columbus). The theme is "Carry the Torch for Scouting".

Middle Tennessee Council, Nashville, TN, Saturday, January 26, 2002, 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Raymond Gregory, Chairman RGregory6@aol.com, Dee Dee Cobb, Cub Scout Training Coordinator deedee.cobb@excite.com The location has not been set yet. I will try to send you an update when we have the location.

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A CHANGE IN DATE -- Occoneechee Council Pow Wow Occoneechee Council Pow Wow, Saturday, March 23, 2002, Raleigh, NC, Dusty Fletcher, Pow Wow Chief, e-mail: OC2002Powwow@worldnet.att.net

Indian Nations Council will again host its nationally renown POW WOW on November 3, 2001 at Jenks High School.(down the road from Tulsa, Oklahoma.) (This is the POW WOW books that have been on the web for over 10 years.) New, improved and up to date. To register contact Indian Nations Council (918) 743-6125.

Southeast Louisiana Council November 10, 2001 - University of Scouting (504 889-0388), P.O. Box 1146 4200 S. I-10 Service Road, Metairie, LA 70001 Zip 70004

Western Region

California Inland Empire Council's "MegaVersity" is PowWow for all programs including Cub Scout, Boy Scout, Varsity, Venture and district/council Scouting. It will take place Saturday, October 20th. The location is TBD, but will likely be in Moreno Valley, near the 91, 60, 10 and 215 freeways. The web page is available at:

<http://www.geocities.com/megversity/>

Orange County Council puts on their Leadership Training Conference on November 3rd this year. This is also a multi-program event with lots of classes, exhibits, displays and activities. I believe that the LTC will again be at Century High School in the Orange/Santa Ana area, near the 5, 22, 91 and 55 freeways. For details, contact Chuck Hand, their event coordinator, at: cl-dm-hand@thegrid.net
<http://www.ocbsa.org/parents/training/leadership/ltc.htm>

Great Southwest Council will host their annual Pow Wow on November 3, 2001. Last years Pow Wow had outstanding classes .

Grand Canyon Council Pow Wow, Phoenix, AZ, Jan 12, 2002. Registration information will be available at District Roundtables in November and December as well as from the Council Service Center.

Northeast Region

National Capital Area Council Pow Wow 2001:

A Cub Scout Odyssey Saturday, October 27 Stone Ridge School 9101 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, Maryland
Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. diagonally across Rockville Pike from the Council Service Center – enter on Cedar Lane
Go to <http://www.stoneridge.org/general/maptoSR.html> for detailed map/directions

Come and join 1,000 fellow Cub Scout Leaders to learn new ideas for crafts, advancement activities, games, songs, program administration and much, much more!! All classes are taught by experienced Cub Scouters with an average of 5 years as leaders and/or trainers in the Cub Scouting program. Pow Wow is open to all Cub Scout Leaders – Tiger, Wolf, Bear and Webelos Den Leaders; Pack Committee Members and Chairmen; Pack Trainers (new position); Assistant Leaders at all levels; Chartered Organization Representatives; Unit Commissioners and

interested parents – and all adults associated with your Pack are encouraged to show up!!

All participants will attend six classes, receive lunch and a copy of this year's Pow Wow book filled with ideas for the coming year. Best of all, they'll have the opportunity to network with other leaders from around the Council and the Northeast Region!

Questions can be directed to George Costigan at george_costigan@hotmail.com.

Hudson Valley Councils University of Scouting, conducted by the Hudson Valley and Rip Van Winkle Councils. March 2, 2002 at Our Lady of Lourdes High School in Poughkeepsie, NY. Contact Keith Tilley, redcoat@netstep.net for more information.

Participants from other Councils are always welcome. When the time get closer, you can get more information on our Council's Web Site <http://www.boyscouts-ncac.org/>

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Web Sites

Neighborhood weather
<http://www.my-cast.com/index.jsp>

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<http://www.howthingswork.com/>.