



BALOO'S BUGLE



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Sports Extravaganza
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YEs, it is time for yet another confession from me. Last month in my web site area I included web addresses and names of a few of the many great sites that are out there. My apologies go to Barb Stephens. I decided to change her last name to Creighton and forgot to ask if that was okay with her. One of my eagle-eyed readers noted that I changed it for her. Barb, my apologies, I DO like your last name of Stephens, and changing your last name like I did last month was an oopsie.

Also I have included Wendell's site this month. Great Site, Great Scouter! Check it out under web sites.

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FOCUS: Kids love sports! But there should be a whole lot more to sports than just playing to win. Just as the Cub Scout Academic and Sports Program promotes, we can promote both the importance of learning and living with the rules of the game and the importance of being a good sport about it. Is there any good fun or honest satisfaction in trouncing an opponent at a sport? I *don't* think so. Is there goodness and honor in giving it your all even if you don't "win"? I *do* think so. Let's use this month's theme to support good character building and to help the boys understand that winning is *not* everything and it's *not* the only thing—doing your best and being honest and honorable is what it's really all about! I always like to remind people of the Special Olympics Oath: "Let me win. But if I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt."

Hints And Tips For New Cub Scout Leaders York Adams Area Council

Plan your meetings far enough ahead to allow time to gather materials needed. Set goals that you want to accomplish during the year. Outline your program for the year and plan ahead to involve as many people as possible. Plan each meeting ahead of time. You might find it valuable to plan next weeks meeting after just completing a meeting.

Always have a plan B, each group will be different and activities that thrilled one den may bore another, and when they get bored they get rowdy. If they are showing signs of boredom drop the activity and go to plan B and you will rarely have discipline problems.

If you plan an outdoor activity, always have an indoor alternate planned.

Transitions from one activity to the next are easiest if the meeting is planned so that the next activity is always

preferred to the current one. For example we begin with opening ceremonies that reinforce the values of Scouting (boring) then go to advancement activities (less boring but not as much fun as games which come next), after games we go to snack time (they are always willing to stop what they are doing for snack!). I use the fact that they have their hands full and their mouths full as the best opportunity for announcements and reminders. Their parents are beginning to show up, and it doesn't hurt that parents are also hearing the announcements and reminders. It also helps to keep those impatient parents from grabbing the Cub and leaving before the closing ceremony, since they intuitively understand that they should not take their child away during announcements.

Don't try to carry all the load yourself. In Tiger, Wolf and Bear dens the family unit is central to the forming of the Cub Scout and activities revolved around the family unit. Get other parents involved. Help them realize it is their program and then depend on them to lend expertise on aspects of the program. Invite them to attend by determining their interests and using them.

Leadership is developed and learned. You can become an effective Cub Scout Leader if you will prepare yourself and take the time to learn. Remember to be flexible in your planning. There are no set answers to handling boys. Don't be afraid to experiment.

Get trained! Start out with the Cub Scout Den Leader Fast Start video. It is very short and enjoyable to watch. After you get settled in, attend New Leader Essentials and Cub Scout Leader Specific Training at your district. It is the best place to go to learn your Cub Scouting fundamentals.

Understand the Cub Scout program so you can help the boys grow throughout the program. There is a lot of resources available to help you. One of your best resources is the monthly district Cub Leader Roundtable, where you can exchange ideas with other Cub Scout Leaders.

Do your best, and, above all, have fun!

PRAYERS & POEMS FOR SCOUTERS
"The coach will teach you how to
score on the court, but education
is how you score in life."

Jamie Gladden, Xavier University

PRE-OPENING

Blind Man's Ball

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Gather one or two of as many different sports balls as you can find. For each one, get a large enough covered box into which the ball will fit. Cut hand-holes in the side of each box and cover the holes with "curtains" so the players can't see into the box. Label the boxes for identification (e.g., 1, 2., 3. etc.). Have each person feel the ball in the box and figure out what type it is.

Team Logo Geography Quiz

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Using the quiz sheet found at the back of this section, ask everyone to identify the cities to which the different sports logos are "home."

Gathering Activity

Crossroads of America

Set the room up so the boys can demonstrate the different fitness events they have done in the last month.

Nametags

Crossroads of America

Use pieces of paper that are cut in the shape of a football or a basketball and decorated with the seams usually found on the ball you choose to use

OPENING

Olympic Oath Opening

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Setting: If you are actually conducting an "Olympics" event, you might decide to use the oath as your opening; however, if you are conducting a regular meeting that uses the theme in general, you can use this opening ceremony to recite the Pledge of Allegiance. You can have the American Flag by itself (unfolded and held open by a Den of Cubs) or it can be in position at the front of the room as you normally display it (either hung on the wall or on a pole). Have a single scout assigned to walk up to the flag, hold a corner in his left hand and give the Cub Scout salute as he recites the Pledge for the entire Pack.

Narrator/Cubmaster: At the start of each Olympics, every athlete promises to play fairly and obey all of the Olympic rules. One athlete from the host country takes this oath at the Opening Ceremonies on behalf of all athletes. The oath was written by Baron de Coubertin, and became a part of our Modern Olympic Games in 1920. The chosen athlete holds a corner of the Olympic Flag while repeating the oath:

"In the name of all competitors, I promise that we shall take part in these Olympic Games, respecting and abiding by the rules that govern them, in the true spirit of sportsmanship, for the glory of sport and the honor of our teams."

Tonight we will open our Sports Extravaganza meeting the same way that the athletes begin each Olympics. I ask

Cub Scout [Scout's name] to come forward to recite the Pledge in the name of all of Pack [number].

(When the Cub Scout is in position, ask everyone to stand.)

Scouts, attention. Scouts salute.

Cub: (Recites Pledge)

Narrator/Cubmaster: Two.

"My Favorite Sport"

Sam Houston Area Council

Betty Morgan, Arrowmoon District

(Boys are dressed in appropriate sports outfits.)

First Cub: Baseball is the game for me

Mitts and gum and batting tees.

Second Cub: Soccer to me is really neat

Shin guards, goals and wearing my cleats.

Third Cub: Swimming is my priority

Backstroke, butterfly and swimming the free.

Fourth Cub: Football is a game renown

Kickoffs, field goals and the touchdown.

Fifth Cub: Now Basketball most definitely has it,

Dribbling, guarding and sinking that basket.

Sixth Cub: Volleyball is what I like

Serving, rotating, and doing the spike.

Seventh Cub: Tennis is a game for all

Serving, faults and very close calls.

Eighth Cub: Golfing on the course is fun

Especially a stroke that's a hole-in-one.

ALL: The games we play have two things we can brag,

Good sportsmanship and our pledge to the flag.

First Cub: Please stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attention. Salute. "I pledge---

Sportsmanship

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Props: Thirteen large cards, with the letters S, P, O, R, T, S, M, A, N, S, H, I, and P. Narration on the back.

CM: As Scouts, we often play games and participate in sports activities. Most of us play every game to win. Sometimes we do and sometimes we don't. What's really important, win or lose, is how well we do both. Tonight the Scouts from Den[s] X, Y, and Z [as many Dens as needed to get thirteen boys] have a message for us about the games we are going to play.

S -Smile, even if you hurt inside

P -Pardon those parents who show poor manners

O - Ooze with enthusiasm for your fellow Scouts

R -Respect the feelings of other Cub Scouts

T -Try your best and be your best

S -Satisfaction guaranteed

M -Master the art of self control

A -Anger has no place in our meeting

N -Notice that only one can win

S -Success will be yours if you do your best

H -Hush those words of bragging

I - Insert your "congratulations" to the winner

P -Play the game for fun!

Physical Fitness Opening

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Six Scouts come on stage, carrying various kinds of muscle-building equipment. They exercise and, in turn, speak the following lines.

Cub 1: To keep your body strong and healthy, is more valuable than being wealthy.

Cub 2: When you are fit, you feel so good, and try to do the things you should.

Cub 3: It helps you lend a helping hand, to needy folks around the land.

Cub 4: Eating the right foods is always wise, and everyone needs exercise.

Cub 5: Stand on tip toes, one, two, three. Come on and practice; run with me!

Cub 6: Scouting builds young boys into men, and this is where it all begins.

Deflated Ball

National Capital Area Council

Props: A partially deflated basketball, soccer ball, or volley ball; a hand pump with needle

The Cubmaster calls one scout to come forward and asks him to demonstrate how to dribble the ball. Being deflated, it won't bounce well. Then call forward another scout and have the two scouts use the pump to inflate the ball. Have them both show how well it bounces after being inflated.

CM: That's much better! Now that these Scouts have finished their work, we can play a game. There's a lesson here for all of us. Our bodies are like that ball. If we are not physically fit and pumped up with energy, we can't be ready for anything – not for play, for school, or for work. Like the ball that doesn't have enough air, you don't have the strength or energy to do what you want. Let's all remember to keep your bodies and our minds pumped up so that we're ready for whatever life brings our way.

Pumped Up Opening Ceremony

Crossroads of America

Have a partially deflated basketball and a pump and a needle.

The Cubmaster has a boy come forward and asks him to dribble the ball. Naturally, the ball will not dribble.

The Cubmaster then asks two other boys to come forward and has them inflate the ball properly.

Cubmaster: has the 1st boy now dribble the ball and says "That's much better. There is a lesson for us here, because if your body is not in proper shape, then it acts just like the flat ball. But when properly readied, it works very well.

Pumped up with energy like our ball now is you can participate in sports at a safe and energetic level. Let's all remember to keep our minds and bodies pumped up and ready to go.

Please rise and join me in saying the Pledge of Allegiance."

PACK/DEN ACTIVITIES

Favorite Team Slide

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Debbie Kalpowsky

Note: In preparing to make this slide, you need to check with the boys to find out who their favorite teams are (regardless of the sport). Then you can scour the world for copies of the team logos. The internet is a reasonable source for some team emblems, but a lot of them are not available. For some, I would look in mail order catalogues, sports magazines, etc. I was able to find stickers of various sports teams at a discount store for a



dollar. These work great.

Materials:

- 1 inch (or size of logo) disk
- ¾-inch PVC slide ring
- Color copies of team logos

Equipment:

- Tacky glue
- Hot glue
- Scissors

Directions:

1. Cut out team logos to the size of the disks.
2. Mount logo on disk using tacky glue.
3. Mount the slide ring to back of disk using hot glue.

Ball Practice

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Have some of the parents available to help toss, kick, bat, etc. balls around with the boys. This will keep them busy for hours!

Know The Rules of the Game

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Have one of the boy's older siblings or a coach-parent provide some pre-meeting discussion on rules of different

sports. This would be a good opportunity to also discuss what Good Sportsmanship is.

Local Soccer Star Demo

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August is a great time to start the boys thinking about soccer, which starts up at the beginning of the school year. Why not contact one of the local high schools about getting one or two of the star players to attend the meeting and conduct a demonstration/workshop for the boys. They could practice some basic “moves” like dribbling, kicking, etc.

Multi-Sport Game

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Make up a special ball game with all kinds of wacky rules combining the rules and equipment from several different sports. For example, you can have a game that uses a softball that has to be kicked or “pucked” (using hockey sticks) around the b-ball court. The boys can only pick it up when they’re shooting a basket that earns them touchdown points.

Summer Olympics

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Hold a fun mini-Olympics. This can involve many of the usual Olympic sports with enjoyable twists added to them. Examples of sport events might include Water Balloon Shot Put, 100-foot Crab-Walk Dash, Synchronous Swimming (without water), Low Jump (under a pole without knocking it from its holder), Balloon Javelin Throw, 50-foot 3-Legged (Potato Sack) Hurdles, 25-Yard One-Footed Relay, etc. Make sure to have Olympic Gold/Silver/Bronze “medals” for all of the participants and the winners.

Sports Event Between Packs

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Again, you need to go to the Cub Scout Leader Book to get more details, but this is one opportunity that the BSA promotes and on which it provides specific guidance. If you have a neighboring Pack, especially if there’s a little fun rivalry with it, set up a summertime Olympic event or a day of games. Make sure to involve the whole family in the activities.

Family Sports Day

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This is just a different flavor of the same kind of event that you might plan between Packs. For a few years our Pack had a “Pack Family Picnic” at Codorus State Park that included softball, volleyball, badminton, swimming, etc.

Trip to the BallGame

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For those of us in the YAAC, we have multiple opportunities for attending a sporting event as a Pack. Our Pack does an annual trip to a Senator’s game in the summer—we make sure we pick an evening that has a nice give-away for the people going. Visit the Senator’s

website <<http://www.senatorsbaseball.com>> for schedule/event information.

Handicap Sports Event

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To heighten the boys’ awareness of other boys’ challenges, hold a sports event that includes some element of physical challenge that physically handicapped children must accept as everyday.

String Ball

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Materials

Balloons
Any color string
Scissors
Yardstick
Petroleum jelly
White glue
Paper plate
Waxed paper
Pin
Construction paper

Instructions

- X Blow up as balloons as you want to make.
- X For each balloon, cut 30 pieces of any color string between 12 and 15 inches long.
- X Rub a thin layer of petroleum jelly on each balloon.
- X Pour a little glue onto a paper plate.
- X Dip a string into the glue, and past it on a balloon. Continue dipping and pasting the strings in overlapping designs on a balloon.
- X Place on waxed paper to dry. Let glue dry completely, at least overnight. Do the same for the other balloons.
- X When the glue has dried, use a pin to pop the balloons. **COVER YOUR EARS!!**
- X Carefully pull out the balloons through a space between the hardened strings. (Promptly discard balloon pieces — they are choking hazards for small children!)

When you finish you are ready to play some string ball!

Tiny Straw Kite

National Area Capital Council

Materials:

Dental floss
6 straws
Thread
Tissue paper
Glue
Paint
Fine paintbrushes
String

Instructions

- X Thread 1 long piece of dental floss through 3 straws. Tie the ends of the floss together, which will form the straws into a triangle.

- X Cut 3 pieces of dental floss 2 inches longer than the straws. Thread a piece of floss through each of the last 3 straws, leaving an inch sticking out of each end.
- X Tie together 1 end of the floss from all 3 straws. You will have a 3-armed star. Tie the floss hanging from the other end of each straw to a corner of the triangle. You will have a 4-sided shape called a tetrahedron.
- X Cover 2 sides of the tetrahedron by gluing tissue paper to the straws.
- X On the triangles with tissue paper, poke small holes in the paper 1/3 of the way from the top of the kite. Thread a piece of floss through each hole, and tie them around the straw.

Tie a slightly longer piece of floss around the straw near the bottom 1/3 of the kite. Tie the floss together, then tie a long string to this to fly the kite. Paint anything nice you like on your kite, and see how high it can fly!

African Design Boomerang National Area Capital Council

Materials:

Foam board or cardboard
Colored markers
Craft knife

Instructions

- X Sketch a boomerang shape onto foam board or cardboard (Webelos may use plywood) then cut out.
- X Using a combination of different geometric designs and colors, create your own traditional style boomerang pattern. Aboriginal art also reflected elements of nature. You will find designs of leaves, twigs, birds' footprints and pawprints. You may want to include some of these in your boomerang patterns also.
- X Display your boomerang by hanging it from the ceiling or tall bookshelf. You can make an entire collection, each with a different design featuring lots of colors, or use only a few colors and the art of repetitive patterns to create interest

Sand Cast Sea Treasures National Area Capital Council

Materials:

Starfish or shells found on the beach
4 cups sand
Clear plastic pony beads - Yellow and Purple
Decorative gel glue
White glue
Plaster of Paris
Glitter glue - Green and Purple
2 Containers for sand and plaster mixture
Spoon
Paintbrush
Water

Instructions:

- X Collect shells or starfish on the beach. If you do not live near a beach, these items are often available at craft stores.

- X Fill container with four cups of sand. Add 1/2 cup of water to sand and mix well.
- X Press starfish or shell, face down into sand to make an impression.
- X Remove shell from sand.
- X In another container, mix 1/2 bottle of white glue with 1/2 cup of water.
- X Add 1 cup of plaster of Paris. Mix well. (TIP: This step is messy. Work outside if possible.)
- X Pour this plaster mixture into impression in the sand. Allow this to set for one hour.
- X Remove plaster casting from sand. Brush off extra sand with a paintbrush.
- X Brush a coat of decorative gel glue over the top surface of sand casting.
- X Outline and add accents with glitter glue. Glue pony beads to sand castings.

Sculptures of Ice National Area Capital Council

Materials:

Empty plastic containers or milk cartons
Water
Food Coloring
Garbage bags

Instructions

- X Add a few drops of food coloring to water that you have put into empty plastic containers or milk cartons. Freeze overnight.
- X The next day, spread large garbage bags on a picnic table (in the shade!), and put a frozen container on each. Peel off or have an adult cut away the containers. Now you are ready to sculpt. Use your hands and your mouth to make wild and crazy shapes.

Beach Bucket

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Materials:

A large plastic jug
A paper punch
Yarn or brass fasteners
Self-adhesive paper
Instructions

- Thoroughly wash the plastic jug and let it dry.
- Cut away the top half of the jug.
- Cut a 1-inch by 12-inch strip from the top half of the jug — this will be the handle.
- Punch a small hole at each end of the handle, and punch two holes opposite each other near the top of the bucket.
- Attach the handle to the bucket with brass fasteners (or tie a short length of yarn through the holes).
- Use self-adhesive paper to design a summer scene.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

It's All In Your Mind
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Jumping Jack: Stand up and jump once, say “Boing” and sit back down.

Running Ralph: Stand up, run in place, stomp feet 3 times and say “Zip!” Sit back down.

Computer Charlie: Stand up, swing arms back and forth (like the robot from “Lost in Space”) and say, “It Computes, It Computes.” Sit back down.

“This is the story about a boy named **Jumping Jack**, and another boy named **Running Ralph**, and still another boy named **Computer Charlie**. These three boys were close friends and they went everywhere together.

Jumping Jack got his name because everywhere he went he was always jumping over things for no apparent reason except that he liked to jump. You could see all three boys walking around town with **Jumping Jack** jumping over benches, curbs, bushes, fences and almost anything that wasn’t too high.

As you may have guessed, **Running Ralph** got his name because he was always running. Maybe his legs were shorter than his two friends and he had to run to always keep up, or maybe he just liked to run.

Computer Charlie got his name because he was a very intelligent boy who excelled at mental skills. Everyone always teased **Computer Charlie** because **Computer Charlie** wasn’t very good at sports or as strong as **Jumping Jack** and **Running Ralph**. But this never seemed to bother the three friends because they stuck together no matter what.

One day, **Jumping Jack**, **Computer Charlie**, and **Running Ralph** were on their way to the store when they saw a local bank being robbed. The robber was making his getaway. **Jumping Jack** jumped over the bushes and a fence to get to a neighbor’s house to call the police.

Running Ralph was right behind him. But **Computer Charlie** just stood there, watching the whole thing. Thanks to **Jumping Jack’s** jumping and **Running Ralph’s** running, the police arrived at the scene in no time at all. They started to ask questions, but **Jumping Jack** and **Running Ralph** didn’t know what to say because they had been too busy running and jumping to see what had really happened.

But **Computer Charlie** began telling the police everything they needed to know. He knew the model and color of the getaway car, the license plate number, the direction the robber went, and a description of his clothes and size. His mental skills were a great help to the police.

After reading about the theft in the newspaper, all of the children were so proud of **Computer Charlie**. They never teased him again about his mental skills. They came to realize that **Computer Charlie** was just as important as **Jumping Jack** and **Running Ralph**. Together, by pooling their talents, they were able to accomplish many great things.

ADVANCEMENT CEREMONIES

Awards Announcer

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This awards ceremony is intended to resemble a sports announcer. To any and all sports announcers out there, my sincerest apologies!

CUBMASTER: Ladies and gentlemen, welcome to the Pack XX Sports Extravaganza! I will be your sports extravaganza announcer tonight, live from Radio CUBS. This is it—the night you’ve been waiting for. That four event program of programs that brings together the best of the best. And so we begin.

Our first competition matches the skills and requirements of the Bobcat rank against those determined young men who will stop at nothing to become Cub Scouts. Would our players please come forward with their coaches? [Call forward the Bobcat recipients and their parents.] Sports fans young and old, let me tell you the score. These players have done it all. They’ve shot and scored three points for learning the Cub Scout Promise, the Law of the Pack, and the Cub Scout Motto. Their triple play came when they learned the Scout sign, handshake, and salute. Finally, not to be stopped, they ran the hurdles learning the meaning of Webelos and worked through the Parents’ Handbooks with their folks. It is truly a great evening—no doubt about it! We realize these great athletes wouldn’t have made it without the untiring support of their coaches, so in the tradition of good sportsmanship and good Scouting, we ask your parents/coaches to award you your Bobcat badges. [Offer a suitable applause and have them return to their seats.]

The fun and games continue ladies and gentlemen, with our next team—the Wolf Cub Scouts. Tonight’s game features XXX Cubs whose RIB counts are way up there (RBI, for those of you who don’t know, stands for Requirements In the Bag). [Call forward Wolf recipients and their parents.] These fellas have made some really great shots. They have completed the requirements for their advancement, encompassing 12 different activity areas. Before we award these MVP awards—that’s Mighty Valuable People awards—let’s get a word from their coaches. [Ask parents about the boys’ accomplishments. This gives them a chance to brag a little about their sons and lets the boys know how proud their parents really are of them.] Coaches, again we ask you to award your sons their badges. [Offer a suitable applause and have them return to their seats.]

From the B-ball stat sheets (that’s the Bear Balloo’s status sheets), we have some more scores to announce. The Bears have again won, beating the competition “paws down.” Tonight we will recognize some of the key players on the team. [Call forward the Bear recipients and their parents.] This team has been working on its game since the start of the season and it really shows. With no penalties or free throws, these players have won themselves the recognition they deserve for completing the requirements for the Bear rank. The Coaches are standing by to comment. [Again, ask for some parents’ feedback.] So there you have it, folks, this looks to be another

winning season lining up for the Bear Scouts. [Offer a suitable applause and have them return to their seats.] And finally, we have our Webelos Scouts who are clearly at the peak of their game. Over the past month the Webelos have racked up more Activity Badges than in any other season on record. [Call off boys' names and their Activity Badge awards. Have them come forward to receive them.] If this type of success continues throughout the playing year, we look for some great things out of our Webelos players. [Offer a suitable applause and have them return to their seats.]

One final acknowledgement for the Webelos team: Tonight we recognize our Webelos MVPs who have been working on their game for quite some time. [Call forward the Webelos recipients and their parents.] When a player works so hard on his game and makes sure he does it right, he can't help but be recognized as an MVP. So it is with our Webelos Scouts who have completed their requirements for the Webelos rank. We know the coaches have been working with the players to reach their goals and to be the best they can be. Maybe we can get some game strategy tips from them. [One more time, take it to the parents for some personal accolades.] At this time we award these Webelos Scouts the Webelos Badge. Parents/coaches, please award these to your sons. [Offer a suitable applause and have them return to their seats.]

Cub Scout Baseball Advancement

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Props: A small baseball diamond on the floor in front of audience and the badges to be awarded.

Personnel: Cubmaster, boys to receive awards and their parents.

Cubmaster: Will (names), our new Bobcats and their parents please come forward to the "on deck circle". As you are standing on the "on deck circle" you are at the beginning of the "game" just as you are at the beginning of the Cub Scout trail. Parents accept your son's badge. They are to be sewn on when your son does a good turn.

Cubmaster: Will (names), our Wolf candidates and their parents please come forward. Stand on first base. This represents the first stop on your Cub Scout trail. You worked hard on earning your Wolf, so keep up the good work. Parents here are their badges.

Cubmaster: Will (names), our Bear candidates and their parents please come forward. Your place on our diamond is at second base. This is the second major stop along the Cub Scout trail. Parents accept your son's badge.

Cubmaster: Will (names), the Webelos and their parents please come forward: Your spot is third base. You are almost "home." Keep up the good work and you will have no problem in finishing your trail. You now wear a badge diamond on your shirt to complete that game you need to receive your Arrow of Light. Work hard and you should have no problem.

If you have boys earning the Arrow of Light, their spot is home plate.

"The Athlete Advancement Ceremony"

Sam Houston Area Council

Betty Morgan, Arrowmoon District,

Props: Cubmaster can select any sport and use appropriate equipment as props throughout this ceremony.

Cubmaster: The first thing an athlete learns is the basic rules of his chosen sport. When a Cub first enters the Pack, he learns the Bobcat Trail which gives him the fast knowledge he must know to move up the Cub Scout Path. Will the following boys and their parents please come forward: (Present Bobcat Awards.)

When a boy has learned the basic rules of his game, he then begins to practice the skills needed to play. He becomes familiar with the sports equipment. Our Wolves have worked on achievements and arrow points as they continue to develop their Cub Scout skills.

Will the following Wolves and their parents please come forward. (Present Wolf Awards.)

The athlete is now ready to concentrate on improving their athletic skills.

Our Bears are like the athlete who increases his knowledge to become more proficient in his game.

Will the following Bears and their parents please come forward. (Present Bear Awards.)

Once the rules have been well learned and the skills have been mastered, the athlete is now ready to advance to a higher level of skill which involves the mental strategy used to fine tune their playing skills. Both physical and mental skills are part of the learning experience of the boys in the Webelos rank.

Will the following Webelos and their parents please come forward. (Present Webelos Awards.)

As our ceremony concludes, we recognize the progress our Cubs have made this past month. The athlete who is dedicated to his sport recognizes the many abilities he has developed within himself. He is knowledgeable of the basic rules and he is dedicated to the practices which develop his ability. The mature athlete has become confident in his ability to play the game, and becomes a leader who shares his knowledge and skill with others on this team. All these traits belong to the boys in our Pack as we see them progress from month to month and year to year. We are proud of these boys and the leaders who guide them along the Cub Scout Trail.

Cub Scout Track Meet

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Equipment: A model of a track drawn on a cardboard square on the floor at the front of the meeting room, markings on the model for "Starting Line", "100 Yard Dash", "Mile Run", and "Marathon", badges to be awarded.

Personnel: Cubmaster, boys to receive awards and their parents.

Cubmaster: Will (names), our new Bobcats and their parents please come forward to the "starting line"? As you are standing at the "starting line" you are at the beginning of the "race", just as you are at the beginning of the Cub Scout trail. Parents accept your sons' badges. They are to be sewn on when your son does a good turn.

Cubmaster: Will (names), our Wolf candidates and their parents please come forward. Stand at the end of the "100 Yard Dash". This represents the first stop on your Cub Scout trail. Just as sprinters run a fast race, you too have sprinted hard to earn your Wolf, so keep up the good work. Parents here are their badges.

Cubmaster: Will (names), our Bear candidates and their parents please come forward. Your place at the track meet is the "Mile Run". After learning to sprint, many runners take the next step and run a longer distance. You too have had to run a longer distance and develop strength and stamina to reach the Bear rank. Remember that a steady pace will win the race. Parents accept your son's badge.

Cubmaster: Will (names), the Webelos and their parents please come forward. Your spot is "Marathon". The Marathon is one of the longest races you could ever run. It is also a race often run alone, without the help of coach or partner. In the same way, you have had to run a long race to earn your Webelos rank. You have learned to work on your own and at your own pace. Congratulations on having run the Webelos race. Parents, please accept your son's badge.

Physical Fitness Advancement

National Area Capital Council

Props: Stand with pegs for each rank. Barbell weight (not too heavy) to put on pegs.

CM: As men and women must train to be good athletes, our Cub Scouts must also grow in strength and ability to obtain their rank advancement. At first, athletes start by lifting weights. Tonight, we have [name of Bobcat] who have attained the Bobcat rank. We will ask them to come forward and lift this weight to the Bobcat level.

For a Scout to earn the Wolf rank, he must increase his ability by practicing and developing his Cub Scout muscles in the way that a weight lifter builds weight lifting muscles. Tonight, we have [name of Wolf Scouts] who have trained to earn their Wolf rank. Please come forward and lift the weight to the Wolf level.

Next we have [name of Bear Scouts], who have earned the Bear rank. They have taken their training to the next level by learning new skills, just as an athlete will practice new exercises to gain strength. Will our Bears please come forward and lift the weight to the Bear level?

When an athlete trains, he has a goal in mind. Our Scouts also have a goal, to earn the Webelos rank. Tonight, we have [name of Webelos] who have attained this goal. We ask them to come forward now and lift the weight to the next level.

Each of you have worked to develop your bodies and minds. This will help you to always do your best. Congratulations!

Getting In Shape Advancement Program

Crossroads of America

The Cubmaster and Assistant Cubmaster dress up in sporting clothes.

Cubmaster: There are many ways to get into shape. This can include personal exercise to world class sporting

contests. But no matter which you do there must be a place to start and that allows growth to meet the end.

Assistant Cubmaster: Cub Scouting includes physical fitness as an important of it's program. Each of the ranks has requirements that challenge boys according to their age.

Cubmaster: Being in good physical shape requires being in good mental shape too. Tonight we are honoring boys who have clearly shown they are "fit and able" to move up the Cub Scouting advancement trail.

Assistant Cubmaster: Will the following boys escort their parent(s) to our advancement gym.

Cubmaster: Hands out the awards starting at Bobcat.

GAMES

Indoor Track Meet

York Adams Area Council

A good idea would be to run this track meet on a Six basis, with each Six sending forward its representative before the name of the contest is announced.

Bean Toss: Give each contestant 10 navy beans and have him try to throw them, one at a time, into a quart jar from a chalk line on the floor.

Foot Race: Have each Cub stand with his feet touching each other, heel to toe. The den with the greatest aggregate length wins.

30-inch Dash: Tack a 30 inch piece of string with a marshmallow at the end on the wall. The first Cub who chews the string and reaches the marshmallow wins.

Polo Pan: Number six 1" cubes on each side: 0-1-2-3-4-5; and use a six hole muffin pan. Let each person throw the cubes into the muffin pan from a distance of 6'. Add the top numbers of the cubes that land in the pan to determine a winner.

Bounce Ball: Use five different-sized rubber balls and a cardboard box. Have the players, in turn, bounce the balls in the box from 10'. Score 2 points for each ball that goes in.

Plumb Ball: Suspend a golf ball on a cord from the ceiling, using screw eyes. From broom handles, make a set of tenpins, 4" long. Have the players swing the ball and knock down the pins. Score 2 points for each pin knocked over and 10 extra points for a strike. Be sure to catch the ball on the rebound.

Hoop Stop: Lay an 18" hoop made from No. 9 wire on the floor. Use three balls (marble, golf, tennis). Score 5 points for each ball placed inside the hoop in any manner from a distance of 6'.

Running High Whistle: The boy who can hold a whistled not the longest with on breath wins the event.

Lightweight Race: Have the runners carry a lighted candle in one hand and a pail of water in the other. If water is slopped over or if the candle goes out, the contestant is out. The first to cross the finish line wins the race.

20 Yard Dash: Line up the dens for a relay race. Have the contestants carry an egg in a teaspoon held with the arm

extended. The first in each line runs 20 yards and back to the next one in line.

100 Yard Dash: Tie a lump of sugar or a marshmallow on the end of 100" string. The contestants gather the sting and marshmallows into their mouths without using their hands. The first one to eat the marshmallow wins the race.

Obstacle Race: Place nickels in pans of white flour, or of whipping cream, to see who, with his hands behind him, can be the first to dig them out with his teeth.

Sharpshooters: Hold a contest to see who can throw the most pebbles into the mouth of a jug.

Endurance Race: See who can eat four soda crackers and be the first to whistle a tune.

Moving Target: Have the contestants throw beanbags, sticks, stones, anything for that matter, through a rolling hoop. Score 1 point for each hit.

Hobble Race: Conduct a 100' race with contestants who are bound loosely about the ankles.

Long Glum: The player who can keep from smiling longest, while all the others jeer and laugh, wins.

Slipper Throw: Have the contestants lie flat on their backs and throw slippers over their heads with both feet.

Second Obstacle Race: Make a large number of chalk marks on the floor at the end of the race course. Give each runner a damp rag with which to rub out the chalk marks. The first to clean his section on the floor and run back to the starting line, wins.

Swimming Relay: For this relay race, have each hop on one foot, carrying a glass of water.

20 Foot Dash: Have the relay runners roll lemons or hard-boiled eggs with a stick down the course and back and touch off the next player in line.

Bawl Game: See who can make the most noise for a given period of time.

Wide Stretch: Line up the Sixes with arms extended so that the players are touching, fingers to fingers. See which Six has the longest line.

Beans Relay: Have the relay runners carry beans, one at a time, between match sticks, toothpicks or on a knife.

Standing Broad Grin: The width of the grins measured by judges. The widest one wins this event.

Discus Throwers: Each contestant throws a paper pie plate from a chalk line. The plate must be held flat in the hand and not sailed with the thumb and fingers.

16 Pound Put: Have each contestant put an inflated bag for distance as though it were put from the shoulder.

Sponge Shot-Put: Use a small dry sponge for the shot. See who can put the shot the farthest.

Hammer Throw: Use blown-up paper bags attached to a yard of string. Give each Cub one turn to see who can throw the 'hammer' the farthest.

Bottle Roll: See who can roll a pop bottle from 6' and score a bull's-eye in a chalk ring on the floor. Draw several concentric circles to make targets of different value.

Semicircle Soccer (A Semicooperative Game)

Bay Area Council

The idea for this game came from a game called Konta Wai in Papua, New Guinea. In Konta Wai, two

semicircles of about five players each stand facing each other about 12 feet (3-1/2 meters) apart. The fruit of a local tree is thrown, lifted like a hockey puck, or batted back and forth between the semicircles with the use of sticks. The main object of the game is to try to prevent the fruit from passing through one's own semicircle of players. Semicircle Soccer takes off from here and adds a few new wrinkles.

To play: Two separate semicircles, of four or five players each, are formed by linking arms around the next person's waist. Semicircles begin by facing each other and kicking a sponge soccer ball back and forth. The objective of each team is to prevent the other team from kicking the ball through its semicircle.

However, both semicircles are mobile. They can move at will and can kick the ball from anywhere on the play space. They can even attempt to get around behind the other semicircle in order to kick the ball through their unit in a rear attack. Additional Semicircles and balls can be added for more action.

Finger Wrestling

Baltimore Area Council

This is similar to modern wrestling except that the contestants use their fingers rather than arms.

Octopus

National Capital Area Council

Draw straws or choose one person to be the octopus. The octopus is "it." If you are playing indoors, you will need to clear a space between two walls. If you are playing outdoors, lay two ropes on the ground about thirty feet across from each other as shown.

The person who is the octopus stands in the middle of the "field." All other players line up on one side of the rope or against a wall. The octopus looks at them and says, "Fishy, fishy, in the sea, won't you come and swim with me?" Then all the players who are fish have to run across the field and get safely to the other wall or on the other side of the rope without being tagged by the octopus.

If the octopus tags someone, that person becomes "seaweed" and can tag other players. **However**, a person tagged by the octopus always has to keep his/her right foot on the ground in the exact place where he/she was tagged. The octopus can move about freely.

The last person to be tagged gets to be the octopus in the next game.

Push - Catch

National Area Capital Council

Everyone is in a circle except for one person in the middle (usually a leader to start). The person in the center has a ball that the leader throws to those in the circle. The leader must shout out either **Push** or **Catch**. The person to whom the ball is thrown must **Do The Opposite Action** that was shouted out. That is if the leader shouts **Push**, the Cub must **Catch** the ball. If the leader shouts **Catch** the Cub must **Pushes** the ball. If an error is committed by either not doing the opposite or stumbling with the ball the Cub must sit down or step back and is eliminated from play.

Variation: If the group gets really good at the game, the shouter must shout out 3 words (such as **Push Catch Push**) and the Cub must do the opposite of the middle one (or the first or last).

Flame-Jumping Contest

National Capital Area Council

Equipment: scissors, ruler, pencil, markers, corrugated cardboard, clothespins, masking tape.

This is a popular Midsummer's Eve game. Draw and cut out a cardboard flame 15 inches high by 10 inches wide. Decorate the flame with markers. Cut out and decorate another piece of cardboard that is 20 inches square. Fold this piece in half to make a stand 10 inches high. To play the game, fasten the cardboard flame with clothespins to the cardboard stand. Start by pinning the flame so that its bottom is level with the bottom of the stand. Each player must then jump over it without knocking it over or touching it and getting "burned." Each time all the players have successfully leapt over the flame, the flame is repined an inch high. How high can you jump? If this flame game is too easy for you, make a taller flame.

Dragon's Tail

National Capital Area Council

All the players get in a line and place their hands on the waist of the person in front of them. The first person in line becomes the dragon's head. The last person in line is the "tail." Tie a rope around the last person's waist, and tuck a scarf into it for the tail.

The object of the game is for the dragon's head to grab his own tail without pulling itself apart. If the dragon pulls itself apart, the game starts over again.

Race to Freedom Game

National Area Capital Council

You will need: poster board, markers, corncobs, spoons, and paper plates.

Make a big sign from poster board, and write the word "Freedom" on it. Place it 50 to 100 yards away from the start of the race. Divide players into 2 teams. Players from both teams wait at 10 to 20 yard intervals on the course between the starting line and "Freedom." The first player skates on 2 paper plates while balancing a corncob on a spoon. When this player reaches the next player, he or she hands the skates, corncob, and spoon to the next player on the course, and so on until the final player makes it to "Freedom." If the corncob falls off the spoon at any time, that player must return to the beginning, and his or her team starts again. Whichever team reaches "Freedom" first wins the game!

Toss and Catch Game Pieces

National Area Capital Council

Materials:

2 disposable wooden paint paddles
Paints
Paintbrushes

2 paper cups

Scissors

Glue

Tissue paper or Ping-Pong ball

Instructions:

X For each player, paint a disposable wooden paint paddle with bright colors and designs. You can write a special friendship message on one side, such as "I'll always be here to catch you when you fall!"

X Then glue the bottom of a paper cup to the end of each paddle.

X Let this dry for at least an hour.

X Take your toss-and-catch game pieces outside or where there's a lot of room and you are ready to play the game.

Circle Stride Ball

Crossroads of America

Equipment: Volleyball or soccer ball.

Have players form a circle with their feet spread comfortably and touching the feet of those around them. Have one Cub as the person who is "IT" standing in the center with the ball. The Cub tries to roll it between the legs of one of the Cubs in the circle.

The Cubs in the circle can use their hands only to stop the ball. If the ball goes through the legs of a boy or if a Cub falls down they take the place of the Cub in the middle.

The Dumb – Bell

Sam Houston Area Council

Cast: Four Cubs in Cub T-shirts, Johnny (not a Cub) and Den Chief.

Props: Cardboard cutouts of trees, rocks or real branches, etc., homemade bar bells or dumb -bells

Scene: Local Park - As scene opens, Johnny is sitting on a rock, chin in hand, looking very dejected. He says to himself,

Johnny: Gee, there's nothing to do around here, I'm almost glad school's startin'. (Voices off stage are heard)

Steve: OK, Jim, you and Billy can practice your broad-jump, Mike and I are going to lift weights. (Enter Mike and Steve with small home-made barbells. They proceed to work out with weights and Johnny watches)

Mike: Boy, Steve, I can hardly wait for the Physical Fitness Contest. We're bound to make a good showing the way we've been practicing. (Each time he lifts the weights, he steals a glance at his muscles to see if they are growing. Steve notices and says, laughing)

Steve: Nuthin's going to happen that fast, Mike. It takes lots of time and practice. (Meanwhile Johnny is still watching and finally says)

Johnny: (In puzzled voice) What are you guys doin'?

Mike: Getting ready for the big Physical Fitness Contest. Don't you know about it?

Johnny: No, what is it?

Steve: Gosh, I thought everyone knew about it. Aren't you a Cub Scout?

Johnny: No, I just moved here this month. Boy, there sure isn't much to do around here.

Mike: Sure there is. You just haven't been here long enough. You could come with us to our den meeting this week - then you could be a Cub Scout too.

Steve: (Chimes in) Yes, and be in the contest, too. You'll have lots to do then, you want to start practicing now?

(Hands him the weights.) Say, do you want to work out with a real big DUMB - BELL?

That's what we're waiting for.

Johnny: Well, yes, I guess (looks pleased)

Mike: OK, say, here come the rest of our Den (Jim and Billy walk on talking, followed by a larger boy, carrying a BIG dumb-bell) And here comes our Den Chief.

Johnny: (Taking a couple of steps toward the Den Chief) Are you the Dumb-bell we're going to work out with? (rest of boys start to laugh.)

Billy: He's not the dumb-bell! He's our Den Chief! (Pointing at barbell, he says) That's the Dumb-bell! (rest of den pats Johnny on back, all walk off)

SONGS

Take Me Out To The BallGame (This can be sung in rounds!)

Take me out to the ball game
Take me out to the crowd
Buy me some peanuts and Crackerjacks
I don't care if I ever get back
Let me root, root, root for the home team
If they don't win it's a shame
Cause it's one, two, three strikes you're out
At the old ball game

Sports Song

(Tune: Frere Jacques)

Baseball, Soccer
Baseball, Soccer
Tennis too!
Tennis too!

They are games we play
Almost every day
Will you play too?
Will you play too?

It's Fun to Exercise

Tune: Battle Hymn of the Republic
Baltimore Area Council

If I should climb a flight of stairs
I'm absolutely beaat
I look just like an elephant
To everyone I meet.
My belly's sticking out so far,
I cannot see my feet,
That's why I exercise!
Jog, or walk, or kick a football
Get you body moving, stand tall.
You'll be fit before you know it. It's fun to exercise!

I am feeling better than I ever did before;
I can now bend over at the waist and I can tough the floor,
I'm no longer having trouble fitting through the door,
It Pays to Exercise!

Fitness

(Sung to the tune: On Wisconsin)
Crossroads of America

Hurray Cub Scouts! Build your muscles!
Get in shape for play.
When we feel our very best,
We'll do our best each day.
Keep on running, keep on jumping,
Trying to improve.
When we've grown a little older,
We'll remain Scouts on the move.

SKITS

One Step At A Time

York Adams Area Council

Characters: Senior Scout (like a Den Chief, Denner, etc.)
Junior "Cub" Scouts.

Setting: All Scouts are on stage as the skit starts.

Cub 1: When I grow up I'm going to be the world's greatest broad jumper and jump like this... (Jumps about one foot and falls down.)

Senior Scout: Well, you'll have to remember to take it one step at a time, one step at a time.

Cub 2: Well, I am going to be a high jumper and win a gold medal like this... (Jumps and falls flat.)

Senior Scout: Well just remember that you'll have to remember to take it one step at a time, one step at a time.

Cub 3: Well I am going to be a world famous baseball player and hit homeruns like this... (Swings and falls.)

Senior Scout: Fine, fine, but remember to take it one step at a time, one step at a time.

Cub 4: I am going to be the world's best slam-dunker (dribbles imaginary ball across stage and slam-dunks it, falling.

Senior Scout: Sure, sure, but remember to take it one step at a time, one step at a time.

Cub 1: Say, what are you going to be when you grow up?

Senior Scout: Why I am going to be the greatest marathon runner that ever lived! (Turns to walk away and trips on shoelace.)

All Cubs: One step at a time! One step at a time!

Athlete of the Year

Sam Houston Area Council

Cast: 5 cubs are needed (can be rewritten for more)

Props: Carrot, orange, Exercise equipment, "sweat" towels, etc. (Optional)

Scene: Some boys working out - one boy eating.

Boy #1 Hey Joe, come and exercise with us.

Boy #2 Yes, come on Joe exercise will make you healthy.

Joe: So does eating the right food.

Boy #3 But you've been eating all day.

Joe: You exercise, I'll eat. We'll see who is the healthiest.

Boy #4: OK men, one, two, three, four. Touch those toes.

(All exercise - except Joe)

Boy #4 One, two, three, four. One, two, three, four.

Joe Hey everybody. I'm eating a carrot. I'll be healthier than you.

Boy #2 Carrots are good for you. They have lots of Vitamin A which is good for your eyes.

Joe When I'm through with this carrot, I'm going to eat an orange.

Boy #1 Oranges have Vitamin C which is important to keep us from getting many diseases.

Boy #4 Come on Guys. Let's exercise some more.

Boy #4 One, two, three, four. One, two, three, four.

Joe Don't waste your time. Just eat right and you will be healthy.

Boy #3 You need good food, exercise and sleep to be healthy, Joe.

Boy #1 We feel really good after this work out. Let's go to the movies.

ALL EXCEPT JOE Yes, let's go!

Boy #3 Are you going with us, Joe?

Joe I don't think so. I've eaten a bowl of cereal, a boiled egg, a ham sandwich, two apples, a celery stick, a green salad, a banana, some meatloaf, a carrot, and an orange.

(Groan) I feel kind of funny; I'm probably too healthy!!

CUB GRUB - Fun Food

Peanuts

York Adams Area Council

Just get a bag of fresh roasted peanuts in their shells.

Lemon Peppermint Sticks

York Adams Area Council

Cut lemons into halves (two of them!) and in the center of each stick a 6-inch peppermint stick.

Recently I have become a huge smoothie fan. I have at least one a night, sometimes two.

I thought I would share some recipes I have, plus it is like a milkshake

Banana Orange Smoothis

Add 1/2 cup orange juice, 1/2-cup milk, and 2 scoops of orange sherbet to blender. Slice banana and add to blender with other ingredients. Blend together for about 10 seconds or until smooth. Yummy!

Lemonade Sweet-Tart Smoothie

1 (6-ounce) can frozen lemonade concentrate 1 cup milk 1 cup water 1/4 cup sugar - or to taste 1 teaspoon vanilla extract 10 to 12 ice cubes Place all ingredients into container of electric blender. Blend on high until smooth, about 30 seconds. Serve immediately. Makes 3 to 4 servings. This one reminds me of a lemon sweet tart!

Watermelon Smoothie 2 cups seeded watermelon chunks, 1 cup crushed ice, 1/2 cup plain yogurt 1 Tbsp sugar . Combine all ingredients in blender container, blend until smooth.

Chocolate Graham whipped Creme sandwiches

These are so good!

Ingredients:

Chocolate graham crackers (not chocolate covered)

No Fat Cool Whip

Break Graham Cracker in half. Put 2 TBS of Cool whip on one half. Top with other half. Put in freezer to freeze.

STUNTS & APPLAUSES

National Capital Area Council

Baseball Applause: Pretend to throw a baseball in the air and pretend to hit it with a bat. After you hit the ball, shout, "Home Run!!!"

Bowling Applause: Pretend to throw a bowling ball down an alley and yell, "Strike!"

Pole Vault Applause: Hold one arm straight in front. Stand two fingers of the other hand on the outstretched arm, like legs, and pretend that they "run" down the arm. When they get to the wrist, make them "leap" into the air. As you bring your hand back down, clap.

CLOSING CEREMONY

Sportmanship

York Adams Area Council

We hear a lot of talk about being a good sport, but just what does it mean? A good sport learns the rules so he will not violate them. He competes with all his heart striving to outclass his competitors. If he wins, he doesn't act smug but instead compliments the losers for the fine showing they made. If he loses, he should accept the fact and find out why. Maybe he can win the next time. A sportsman accepts defeat, congratulates the winners, studies how to improve, and determines to do better the next time.

Keeping Fit

York Adams Area Council

Cub Scouts, I hold in my hand a pocketknife. This is a valuable tool because it can be used for many useful things. It is a dependable tool as long as the blade is kept sharp and free from rust and the working parts are in good condition. But, if it is neglected and becomes dull and rusty, it can be a dangerous tool. The same principle can be applied to ourselves. We have a body, which when kept in good condition, will serve us well. If we get plenty of exercise, eat the proper foods, and have good health habits, we will be able to enjoy to the fullest the things we do. But if we fail to take care of ourselves, we can become rusty and dull like the neglected knife. Do your best to keep fit!

Motivational Quotes

York Adams Area Council

You have to expect things of yourself before you can do them.

- Michael Jordan, Basketball Player

Do not let what you cannot do interfere with what you can do.

- John Wooden, UCLA Basketball Coach

Most games are lost, not won.

- Casey Stengel, Baseball Coach

The minute you start talking about what you're going to do if you lose, you have lost.

- George Shultz, U.S. Secretary of State

You have no control over what the other guy does. You only have control over what you do.

- A J Kitt, Downhill Skier

My motto was always to keep swinging. Whether I was in a slump or feeling badly or having trouble off the field, the only thing to do was keep swinging

- Hank Aaron, Baseball Player

The will to win is important, but the will to prepare is vital.

- Joe Paterno, Football Coach

Ask not what your teammates can do for you. Ask what you can do for your teammates.

- Magic Johnson, Basketball Player

Set your goals high, and don't stop till you get there.

- Bo Jackson, Baseball & Football Player

It's not necessarily the amount of time you spend at practice that counts; it's what you put into the practice.

- Eric Lindros, Hockey Player

Show me a guy who's afraid to look bad, and I'll show you a guy you can beat every time.

- Lou Brock, Baseball Player

The price of success is hard work, dedication to the job at hand, and the determination that whether we win or lose, we have applied the best of ourselves to the task at hand.

- Vince Lombardi, Football Coach

The way a team plays as a whole determines its success. You may have the greatest bunch of individual stars in the world, but if they don't play together, the club won't be worth a dime.

- Babe Ruth, Baseball Player

The difference between a successful person and others is not a lack of strength, not a lack of knowledge, but rather a lack of will.

- Vince Lombardi, Football Coach

Winners never quit and quitters never win.

- Unknown

Closing Thought

Sam Houston Area Council

Betty Morgan, Arrowmoon District

Your body is a wonderful machine, but like any complicated piece of equipment it requires care and attention. A car needs oil and gas to run. Your body requires good food for energy. An engine needs routine maintenance. Your body needs yearly check ups. Healthy food, exercise, and plenty of rest are basic ingredients for a healthy body. With proper care, a car will run for many years. With wise healthy choices, your body will last a lifetime! Live long and healthy!

Honesty

National Area Capital Council

Lord Baden-Powell, the founder of Scouting, said:

"Honesty is a form of honor. An honorable man can be trusted with any amount of money or other valuable with the certainty he will not steal it."

When you feel inclined to cheat in order to win a game, just say to yourself, "It's just a game. It won't kill me if I don't win." If you keep this thought with you, you will not need to cheat because you will have something better than a win; you will have honor.

The Pocketknife

National Area Council

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Closing Ceremony

Crossroads of America

Sportsmanship is so very critical for our youth today. Setting the example at any sporting event is so important. Few people realize only 1/2 of 1 % of the children in sports ever even make a high school varsity team. The value of a healthy mind and body is the outcome we should all remember. Good attitudes in weather winning or losing is the extravaganza we all should revel in. Good night Scouts.

WEBELOS

Naturalist

Baltimore Area Council

Most Webelos-age boys are fascinated by wild creatures. Working on the Naturalist Activity Badge gives a boy a chance to develop his natural curiosity and may begin a lifelong habit of observing things all around him. We miss a great deal when we do not have some appreciation or knowledge or the wonderful world of nature all around us. This introduction to the world of nature will prepare them for further adventures in Scouting where they may choose to work on the many nature related merit badges dealing with plants and animals such as Environmental Science and Mammal Study.

If you are not an experienced outdoorsman, bird watcher or amateur naturalist, you may welcome some experienced help. Check with a high school science teacher, state conservation department or an amateur naturalist among your den's parents.

In this part of the country, it is probably best to work on the Naturalist badge during the spring, summer or fall. Most animal life is hard to find in winter and plant life is dormant. It is possible for a boy to earn this badge without ever going into the field, but that would be unfortunate. Schedule trips to areas where wildlife can be found, a park, the woods, or even someone's farm.

Den Activities

Baltimore Area Council

- Make an ant farm.
- Make an insect study laboratory
- Make bird feeders and observe the birds.
- Make terrariums.
- Start a nature collection
- Invite a conservationist to a meeting.
- Make a leaf collection.
- Take a bird watcher's hike, identify birds.
- Collect tadpoles; keep in terrarium; watch them grow.
- Study wildlife homes.
- Make a list of plants in your area.
- Take a hike and look for animal tracks.

Outdoor Activity Tips

Baltimore Area Council

- Be sure the boys can identify poisonous plants.
- Cover outdoor activities section or Webelos Scout handbook.
- Know and practice the Outdoor Code on all field trips.

Resources For Activity Badge

Baltimore Area Council

- Boys' Life magazine
- Webelos Den Activities
- Webelos Scout Book

Forester

Bay Area Council

There's no greater thrill than being in the forest, amongst the trees, hearing the wind in the tree tops and feeling the peace there. These activities will help you to appreciate the woodlands around you.

Activity:

Almost any one can figure out the age of a tree by counting its rings. Now you can do the same by dating a twig by looking at its bark. Every tree branch ends in a "terminal bud," which contains the growth for the next season. Every spring, the leaves sprout from that bud and the twig lengthens. At the end of the growing season, the leaves fall and a new bud is formed to protect the tip of the growing branch. Wherever the terminal bud is formed, a band is left around the twig. By looking at the distance between the bands, you can get an idea of how fast the twig grew and how many seasons it's been growing. The more bands, the more seasons. The longer the distance between bands, the more the twig has grown that year.

Activity:

Tree seed art-take a plastic grocery bag and go on a seed collection hunt. Be sure to gather seeds that have already fallen to the ground. Some seeds will have casings or pods, some may have what looks like wings, while others will be in protective shells. After collecting, clean off any dirt and attach to a posterboard using white glue that dries

clear. To preserve your picture, wrap in clear plastic wrap and tape it to the back of the poster board.

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By looking at the distance between the bands, you can get an idea of how fast the twig grew and how many seasons it's been growing. The more bands, the more seasons. The longer the distance between bands, the more the twig has grown that year.

Activity:

Tree seed art-take a plastic grocery bag and go on a seed collection hunt. Be sure to gather seeds that have already fallen to the ground. Some seeds will have casings or pods, some may have what looks like wings, while others will be in protective shells. After collecting, clean off any dirt and attach to a posterboard using white glue that dries clear. To preserve your picture, wrap in clear plastic wrap and tape it to the back of the poster board. If all of the trees disappeared, what would happen? Play this game to find out how much the animals depend on the trees and if the trees depend on the animals.

The web of life.

Materials needed: ball of string or yarn, scissors, plain white stickers and pen.

Everyone stands in a circle and the den leader begins by asking each individual to name a tree that grows in the forest. The first to speak up will be given the end of the string or yarn. Next, ask the boys to name an animal that depends on that tree for food or shelter and then hand the ball of string to the boy that answers. This creates the first strand of your web of life. See if anyone can name an animal or plant that depends on the first animal and pass the ball of string to him. Continue until each child has answered a question and is holding a part of the web of string. You can use the stickers to place the name of the animal or plant suggested by the boy and put it on his hand.

After playing the game, ask the boys to imagine that a forest fire has wiped out all the trees in their forest. Have the boy representing the tree tug on his end of the string and tell each child who feels a tug to give a tug in turn. Very quickly, each boy in the web should feel the impact of the loss of the tree.

Forest Glossary:

soil layer is the foundation of the forest. It supports and provides moisture and nutrients to plant and tree roots. It consists of decomposed plant matter and inorganic matter, like rocks, minerals, and clay.

Litter layer is the floor of the forest, where decaying plant matter and fungi undergo the transformation into soil. Bacteria, insects, and worms in the litter help break down the plant matter. Field layer is the first layer of growth on the forest floor—a soft carpet of moss and ferns, wild flowers, grasses and other low plants.

Understory is made up of bushes, shrubs, woody plants, and young trees reaching up to the forest canopy. It provides a habitat for birds and insects. Canopy is the highest layer of the forest—the intertwined branches of mature trees that shade and protect lower forest layers and provides a habitat for insects, birds and small mammals.

Forester

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A forester deals with the care and growing of trees, and a Webelos Scout working on his Forester Activity Badge will learn how to recognize different species of trees by their shape, foliage, bark and types of wood, as well as how they live and grow.

A forester must learn how to do a great variety of things as well as know many facts about trees. Some of his tasks are making tree inventories, estimating the lumber content in standing timber, surveying, logging, and marking of trees for harvesting. He is interested in Woodlands conservation and learns how to preserve and protect them from fire and disease. A forester must have excellent health and a love of the outdoors.

Den Activities

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Teach the boys the Outdoor Code

Plant a tree

Make a collection of leaf prints.

Take a hike to identify trees

Grow a tree from seed to plant

Visit a tree farm or nursery

Visit a lumber yard or sawmill

Trees

Provide fuel, furniture, paper, wax, cork, oils, gums, rubber, syrup, nuts and fruits.

Give shade, beauty and relief from the drabness of concrete.

Make it cooler in the summer with their shade and warmer in the winter by serving as a wind break.

Provide homes and shelters for birds, who in turn help reduce insect pests.

Make an area more attractive and appealing and so it increases property values.

Screen impurities, trap the dust in the air.

Help prevent soil erosion.

Provide a barrier that screens out noise.

Put oxygen in the air.

Smokey's Pledge

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I promise that:

I will not play with matches.

I will tell people who smoke to use an ashtray.

I will see that campfires are in a clear place, at least 5 feet from anything else that will burn.

I will not leave a campfire until it has been put out with water

I will tell all my friends to always be careful with fire.

HOW TO PLANT A SHADE TREE

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Select the tree and decide when and where to plant it.

Protect the roots from drying. Unpack a bare-root tree immediately and place it in a bucket of water or thin mud.

Do not plant with packing material attached to roots.

Cover the roots with fertile soil, tamping it or settling it with water. Pour protective mulch, such as wood chips or peat moss around the base after water has soaked in.

Wrap the trunk with a protective covering such as burlap, cloth snips or paper. Don't use polyethylene plastic.

Dig a hole large enough to hold the entire root system without crowding.

Make certain that drainage from the hole is good. Planting-holes must be drained for trees to grow satisfactorily.

Fasten the trunk to the stakes with canvas tape or loops of wire passed through a section of rubber or plastic hose or similar material.

Care for the tree after planting. Water well for at least a year & ENJOY!

Cut off one-half inch of the ends of the roots to expose live root tissue. Prune the top of the tree as needed to compensate for roots lost in digging and moving.

Consult a nurseryman or a good tree manual before starting to prune.

Put some fertile soil in the hole.

Set the tree in the hole no deeper than it was at its original site.

Install supporting stakes. One to three wooden stakes usually will support a diameter of no more than 2". The wooden stakes are strong enough to hold the trunk rigidly in place.

WALL PLAQUE

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Make this wall plaque from the cross section of a tree log. Sand both sides smooth, allowing the cambium rings to show clearly. Apply several coats of varnish for a deep, glossy finish.

Web Sites

Wendell Brown's excellent site on Cub Scouting

<http://www.arkie.net/scouting/Training/Roundtable/Handouts/>

Timeline of Art History

<http://www.metmuseum.org/toah/splash.htm>

Tiger Cake==So Cute

http://family.go.com/recipes/special/cake/cake_tiger/?ck=1011704