



BALOO'S BUGLE



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Winter Wonderland

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Focus: We're walking in a Winter Wonderland." So many families are being pulled a thousand directions and going a million miles per hour at this time of year. Maybe we can use this theme to drive home a different message for the season—given the season, it's not quite "stop and smell the roses" but more like "stop and smell the snow." But you get the point. What if we could give our children the gift of not getting all caught up in the rush of the season but really enjoying it? Wouldn't that be great? Well, here's a theme that gives us a starting chance (from York Adams Area Council)

Happy Holidays to Everyone. Sure enough I got my Toyota Highlander, a "Vintage Gold" 2003. It drives like a dream. Our daughter got accepted to Auburn University, and Neal is still going to UAB. Jim and I recently celebrated our 24th wedding anniversary. And I spent almost a week in Sandestin FL, at the end of September at a Thrifty Nickel National Convention. During this Holiday Season I ask for your thoughts and prayers to get us through a family calamity we are struggling with right now. Thank you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Enter the 15th Annual *Boys' Life* Reading Contest Now! Write a one-page report titled "The Best Book I Read This Year" and enter it in the 15th Annual Boys' Life Reading Contest.

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

- 8 years old and younger,
- 9 and 10 years old,
- 11 years and older.

When Pedro receives your report, you'll get a free patch like the yellow one shown above. (And, yes, the patch is a temporary insignia, so it can be worn on the Boy Scout uniform shirt, on the right pocket. Proudly display it there or anywhere!)

The top three winners from each age group will also get a Leatherman multi-tool (or any two books they want), copies of Codemaster books 1 and 2, the limited edition Codemaster pin-and-patch set—plus their names announced in *Boys' Life*.

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

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

Boys' Life Reading Contest, S306

P.O. Box 152079

Irving, TX 75015-2079

Entries must be postmarked by Dec. 31, 2002.

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Achievement 4

How I Tell It

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At a family meal, have each family member take turns telling the others one thing that happened to him or her that day. Remember to practice being a good listener while you wait for your turn to talk.

4D

Play "Tell It Like It Isn't"

4G

Visit a television station, radio station, or newspaper office. Find out how people there communicate with others.

PRAYERS & POEMS FOR SCOUTERS

What I Learned From A Snowman

author unknown

It's okay if you're a little bottom heavy.
 Hold your ground, even when the heat is on.
 Wearing white is always appropriate.
 Winter is the best of the four seasons.
 It takes a few extra rolls to make a good mid-section.
 There's nothing better than a foul weather friend.
 The key to life is to be a jolly, happy soul.
 We're all made up of mostly water.
 You know you've made it when they write a song about you.
 Accessorize! Accessorize! Accessorize!
 Avoid yellow snow.
 Don't get too much sun.
 It's embarrassing when you can't look down and see your feet.
 It's fun to hang out in your front yard.
 There's no stopping you once you're on a roll.

The ABC's of Christmas

A is for Angels with halos so bright, whose carols were

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heard on that first Christmas night.

B is for Bells so merrily ringing, joy to the world is the message they're bringing.

C is for Candles that so brightly shine to give a warm welcome, to your friends and mine.

D is for Doorway with garlands of green, to make Christmas merry as far as they're seen.

E is for Evergreens, with fragrance so rare, so plentiful at Christmas, their scent fills the air.

F is for Fun the whole season long, from trimming the tree to singing a song.

G is for Greetings - a merry "hello" - with a heart full of love for people we know.

H is for Holly, with berries so red, to make into wreaths to hang overhead,

I is for Ice on snow covered hills, where sledding is fun along with the spills.

J is for Jesus, the Christ child so dear. We honor his birth on Christmas each year.

K is for Kris Kringle - so merrily he stands. He is who they call Santa in so many lands.

L is for Lanterns. I am sure that their light helped Mary and Joseph that first Christmas night.

M is for Mary, her heart full of love, for her little son Jesus, who came from above.

N is for Noel, the angels did sing, to herald the birth of Jesus, our King.

O is for Ornaments, so shining and bright, with lights on the tree to sparkle at night.

P is for Packages with ribbons so gay, all 'round the tree for our Christmas Day.

Q is for Quiet, Christmas Eve night, with snow covered hills glistening so bright.

R is for Reindeer who pull Santa's sleigh, to your house, to my house, they know the way.

S is for Shepherds who first saw the star over Bethlehem's manger and followed it far.

T is for Trees we decorate so gay; then wait for ole Santa to hurry our way.

U is for Universe, where Christmas brings joy to all in the world - to each girl and each boy.

V is for Visiting friends near and far. We travel by plane or by bus or by car.

W is for Wise Men, who brought gifts so rare, and knelt down and worshiped the child they found there.

X is for Xmas, or Christmas by full name. No matter the language, it all means the same.

Y is for Yule Logs, whose bright sparks fly high, to give a warm welcome to friends passing by.

Z is for Zeal we show at this time, in giving to others and loving mankind.

PRE-OPENING

Christmas Card Puzzle

National Capitol Area Council

This game makes a good gathering activity. Cut an old Christmas card into irregular pieces to form a puzzle for

each player and place in an envelope. As each boy arrives, give him a puzzle. If playing as a regular game, the first player to put his puzzle together is the winner.

Santa's Bag

National Capitol Area Council

Number 10 brown paper bags from 1 to 10. Put a familiar item in each bag (preferably related to Christmas), fold and staple the bag shut. Each boy is given a pencil and paper with 1 through 10 listed. Then they try to guess what is in each bag by touching and shaking the bag. They write their guess on the paper by number. The Cub with the most correct answers wins.

12 Days Of Cubbing

York Adams Area Council

Have the boys work together on their own carol based on the 12 Days of Christmas, but titled "The 12 Days of Cubbing." You should start them with a sheet that lists out the basic lyrics, such as:

On the first day of Cubbing, my CUBMASTER gave to me, a BOBCAT BADGE FOR ALL TO SEE.
On the second day of Cubbing, my _____ gave to me, a _____.
On the third day of Cubbing, my _____ gave to me, a _____. Etc.

Gift-Wrapping Station

York Adams Area Council

The boys are getting to an age where they can begin to help with the wrapping of gifts (and they probably really want to do it themselves as well). Get one or two parents to set up a gift-wrapping station so that the boys can either bring in gifts they want to wrap or they can use empty containers to practice wrapping. You might want to set this up starting in the beginning of the month and make it available for each December Den Meeting.

Winter Wonderland Words

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Hand out sheets of paper with the words "WINTER WONDERLAND" at the top. Ask everyone to find as many words as they can in that single phrase.

Find Your Caroling Partners

York Adams Area Council

Prepare "sets" of cards that each contains a verse of popular carol. Hand these out to people as they arrive, instructing them to find others who have the same song/verse. Tell them they need to practice their song for a special presentation immediately following the opening. After the opening ceremony, have each group of carolers stand and sing its song.

What Am I

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Print out different cards with common Winter Wonderland items (such as sled, sleigh, snowman, gift, evergreen tree, etc.). As people arrive at the meeting place, tape cards to their backs and give them this instruction. "By asking only YES/NO questions, go around to other people and ask enough questions to determine what the label on the back of you says you are."

OPENING

With Apologies To Charles Dickens

York Adams Area Council

Reader: This is a special time of year for people all around the world. It is a time of Joy and Light, of Hope and Peace, and of the comforts of Home, Family, and Tradition. It is a time of Spirit in all things, and although there are many different types of Spirit and Spirits among us, tonight we are going to be visited by four of them.

Spirit Of Christmas: "I am the Spirit of Christmas" (Lights Advent candles, using appropriate prayer(s) and a brief statement as to what the candles and the holiday represent.)

Spirit Of Chanukah: "I am the Spirit of Chanukah" (Lights the Chanukah candles using the appropriate prayer(s) and a brief statement as to what the candles and the holiday represent.)

Spirit Of Kwanzaa: "I am the Spirit of Kwanzaa" (Lights the Kwanzaa candles and gives a brief statement as to what the candles and the holiday represent.)

Spirit Of Scouting: "I am the Spirit of Scouting, and here I light the twelve candles which the twelve points of the Scout Law, and three candles which represent the three points of the Scout Oath. I will also light one additional candle of the purest white, which represents not only the Spirit of Scouting, but also all the other Spirits of Goodness which exist throughout this old world of ours no matter what they may be called. Now, I call upon my Fellow Spirits, and all of you here in this room, to join with me in reciting the Cub Scout Promise.

All: (Cub Scout Promise)

Reader: Thank you all. Please be seated.

All Spirits: "Happy Holidays!"

Many Ways

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Narrator: It is the season that is full of so many wonders and so many thoughts. Each of us understands, celebrates, and remembers this special season in his own way. If it were only "my way" or only "your way" though, it would be so small, so limited. One of the beauties of the season is that it is so full, so complete.

And just as the season is made special by so many different ideas, cultures, and beliefs coming together, so is our country made special. We are not a single type of people, a single religion, or a single race, but we do have a single focus—to be and become the greatest, most full and complete country we can imagine.

As a melting pot of cultures and nationalities, we come together as one and that also makes us special. Let's join together in the Pledge of Allegiance and renew our single-mindedness

Winter Wonderland

York Adams Area Council

Setup: Have the boys who are presenting the opening prepare cards that describe what "Winter Wonderland" means to them. They will read these before the Pack, so you will want to review them to make sure they're sensible and appropriate.

Leader: Tonight we gather to celebrate the theme, Winter Wonderland. What does that mean, Winter Wonderland? To each of us it means something different, but to all of us something special. Let's close our eyes and think about "Winter Wonderland" and let our thoughts paint pictures of what it means to us. As we do this, let's hear from the boys in Den ___ who have already given some thought to what this means.

(Boys read off "To me, Winter Wonderland means...")

Leader: So many different ideas all from the same two words. It's no different than when we say "United States." Again, two small words that mean many different things to many different people. But there is one way in which all of us are united—let's stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance—thoughts that bind us all together.

Candle Opening

National Capitol Area Council

Dim or turn off room lights except for an electric candle or flashlight. The paragraph is read by the Cubmaster or other adult.

This is the season of lights and stars, when days are short and nights are long with beautiful stars. Lord Baden Powell, the founder of Scouting, once said this to his scouts: "I often think when the sun goes down, the world is hidden by a big blanket from the light of heaven. But the stars are little holds pierced in that blanket by those who have done good deeds in this world. The stars are not all the same size, some a big, some are little. So some men have done great deeds, and some men have done small deeds, but they have all made their hole in the blanket by doing good before they went to heaven."

Let's remember when we look at the starry sky to make our own hole in the blanket, by doing good deeds and helping other people.

Holiday Opening

National Capitol Area Council

Props: Box wrapped with holiday paper and tied with a bow. In the box are a menorah, small Christmas tree, invitation, (Kwanzaa candelabra if appropriate), Instant Recognition patch and beads, small wrapped gift, small felt stocking, and card saying "Do Your Best."

Cubmaster: (Opens box and looks inside.) December is one of the most exciting months of the year, and certainly

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one of the busiest. This month we have: Christmas (Takes out tree); Hanukkah (Removes menorah); Kwanzaa (Removes candle holder); and Holiday parties (Takes out invitation). What a great time for all of us! Our pack has had lots of fun this month working on advancements (Takes patch and beads from box), but one of the best things was our special service project/Good Turn (Takes stocking from box). We've been busy, and all the time we have followed the Cub Scout Motto: (takes paper out of box and shows it while saying motto) "Do Your Best". Now Den ___ will present the colors.

December Opening

National Capitol Area Council

Personnel: 5 Cub Scouts and Cubmaster

Equipment: 5 Index cards with script written on each, US Flag and Pack Flag. Flags are already in the front and each Cub Scout enters from the side one at a time and reads his script.

1st Cub: December is a fun time of the year. It is a time for giving and sharing.

2nd Cub: As we gather for the last Pack meeting for 2002, let us remember the good times.

3rd Cub: Let us end this year with new determination to keep the Cub Scout Spirit going.

4th Cub: As we begin our program tonight, let us keep in mind the true Holiday Spirit.

5th Cub: Remember, to give of yourself is more important than any gift you can buy.

Cubmaster: Please stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Gift of Goodwill

National Capitol Area Council

Arrangement: A group of 8 Cub Scouts are gathered around Christmas gifts. Each boy is wrapping a gift, Den Chief enters.

Den Chief: Hey guys, let me see what each one of you is wrapping.

Cub 1: Gloves for my Dad.

Cub 2: An owl plaque for my Mom.

Cub 3: Oreo cookies for my little brother...maybe he will quit eating mine.

Cub 4: A doll for my sister.

Cub 5: Wind chimes for my Mom.

Cub 6: Ink pens for my big brother...maybe mine will quit disappearing.

Cub 7: A lamp for my Mom.

Cub 8: A lacy handkerchief for my grandma. She likes to wave them good-bye.

Den Chief: Hey you guys are really giving Goodwill (*laughs*).

All Cubs: We hope so. Aren't we supposed to do that year round?

Den Chief: Yes, but let me show you something that's quite unusual. (He takes a large piece of poster board and marking pen. He calls on each boy in order to name the gift he is wrapping, and he writes the first letter on the

board...such as G for gloves. O for owl, etc. The result spells out Goodwill, which he holds up for the audience to see.)

Cub 1: Hey, that's all right! We're giving Goodwill separately together!

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Winter Songs

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As each part comes along, the group stands and sings the first line of their song.

Winter: "Dashing Through The Snow"

Santa: "Jolly Old Saint Nicholas"

Sleigh: "Sleigh bells ring, are you listening"

Reindeer: "Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer"

Once upon a tune, on a cold, dark **Winter** night, **Santa** sat in his workshop trying to decide what to do. His **Sleigh** had a broken runner, his elves were behind schedule on toy production, his **Reindeer** were suffering from lack of exercise and they were weak, and he, **Santa**, had a cold. With Christmas only days away, and the **Winter** weather cold, and snowy, **Santa** was so depressed. Rudolph, his most famous **Reindeer**, was unable to get his nose recharged, so that it barely glowed at all.

In a practice run, the **Sleigh** with the broken runner scarcely got off the ground. With the toys to make, the elves were stopping early to watch the Power Rangers. "Goodness me!" cried **SANTA**. "How will I ever get everything complete by Christmas Eve?" Out of the cold **Winter** night, trudged a cold, hungry old man. "**Santa**," cried the cold, old, hungry man. "If you will give me a hot meal and a warm place to sleep, I'll fix your **Sleigh**, cure your **Reindeer**, fix Rudolph's nose and get the elves to work faster." **Santa** quickly agreed. After they had eaten and a nice night's sleep, the old man went to work.

First, he plugged the nose of Rudolph, the red-nosed **Reindeer** into the television set. This charged Rudolph's nose so that it glowed more brightly than ever, and it also blew a fuse on the TV set. This enabled the elves to work later, since they couldn't watch the Power Rangers. They quickly caught up to schedule. In the meantime, the old man used parts of the TV set chassis to fix the runner on the **Sleigh**. The **Reindeer**, not able to watch TV, began to run in the snow, and quickly regained their strength. **Santa** slept better and got rid of his cold.

Because an old man knew the true value of the TV, everything was ready and on December 24th **Santa** hitched his **Reindeer** to the **Sleigh** and rode off into the **Winter** sky!

Old Fashioned Christmas

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Old Fashioned Christmas: "Peace on Earth"

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Toys: "Buzz, bang, whiz

Gifts: "From the heart"

What is an **Old Fashioned Christmas**? a boy said to his parents one day.

They thought for a while before they would venture to say.

After talking it through and pondering a while,

They tried to portray to him the **Old Fashioned Christmas** style.

You see the holiday season we all know of today,
Often seems a far cry from what this season should portray.

People crowd in the stores buying meaningless **Gifts** and **Toys**,

In far too large a quantity for all the girls and boys.

In the **Old Fashioned Christmas**, things were different you see,

Far fewer **Gifts** than there seem to be.

So they were all given with love beyond measure,

Making the giving a wonderful treasure.

In the **Old Fashioned Christmas** the best **Gifts** of all,

Were those of goodwill or perhaps a token so small.

Toys were not given in excess by the score,

And many **Gifts** were home made, not bought from a store.

So if an **Old Fashioned Christmas** you wish now to see,

Remember the quantity of **Gifts** is immaterial as can be.

For an **Old Fashioned Christmas** let's all now start,

By remembering, my friend, it begins in the heart!

Through the giving of kindness and goodwill to all mankind,

An **Old Fashioned Christmas** we certainly can find.

The **Gifts** with a meaning in this season play a part,

With an **Old Fashioned Christmas** begun in the heart!

Santa's Workshop

National Capitol Area Council

Narrator:

Say boys, we've had a special invitation from old Santa himself to come up and visit his toy shop at the North Pole. However, he told me that we must make our trip through as quietly as possible so as not to disturb the elves or the toys, but the toys really come to life when they see visitors so if any of them spot us, we may have to pretend we're one of them and also the elves get very nervous when they see people around, so when I tell you to do something so as not to give our visit away to the elves or toys you just follow me and do as I do and we'll make it through without too much disturbance. So listen and watch closely.

Come, let's follow Santa:

(Narrator motions for everyone to do as he does.

Everyone pretends to be walking while standing still.)

On a trip through his toy shop. But since the hour's late, we can't take time to stop.

(Everyone holds finger to lips and hump over pretending to sneak by)

SHHHHH, the jack-in-the-box, in his box is sound asleep.

So come on quietly, and past him we will creep.

Look there's the dancing ballerina

(points with finger ahead)

Standing on one toe.

Oh, no, she saw us, so around and around we must go

(Hold one hand over head and go around and around several times)

Boy, now that ordeal is over, let's continue on our way.

(Start walking in place)

We want to see some more, but very long we cannot stay .

Look over there to the right,

(Shade eyes with hand, point to right)

Back in that corner dark, I think that I can see ever so small a spark.

(Pretends to quietly sneak up on something).

Oh, it's an elf I see, building a Rudolph toy,

Oh, oh, he sees us! Pretend you're not a boy.

(Cup hand over nose to simulate Rudolph's large nose while saying blink, blink, blink)

Whew, that was a close call,

(Wipes brow with hand)

But we fooled him I guess, we'd better follow Santa

(Start walking in place)

Before we get into a mess.

(continue walking)

Oh, Santa has stopped again,

(Stop walking and hold up hand in halt sign)

I wonder what he sees,

Oh, no, I think I'm going to sneeze!

(hold finger across under nose while saying AAAAACHOOOOO!)

Oh, my goodness, that did it,

Come we had better run

(All start running in place)

We better get out of here,

Or it won't be such fun!

Come on and blink your nose

(all do as before while running in place)

As past the Rudolphs we run,

Just to make the elf,

Think that we are one.

There's the ballerina,

Dancing on her toe,

Let's twirl around once

(all twirl as before only once around then continue running)

So past here we can go.

Oh, oh, here's the Jack-in-the-box,

Let's get down low and crouch

(get down low and sneak quietly by)

Here he comes out with a B-O-I-N-G!

(All shout B-O-I-N-G! as they spring up high in air and then back down in chair)

Now we're back home on the couch!

(Sit exhausted with hands at sides of chair)

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(Looks at Den Chief.) Figure that one out!

PACK/DEN ACTIVITIES

The Legends of the Five Kernels

It was very cold for the Pilgrims that first winter. Food was in short supply. Some days, they had only five kernels of corn. When spring came, the Pilgrims planted the remaining corn. The sun and rain helped the seeds to grow, and much food was harvested in the fall. Every Thanksgiving thereafter, the Pilgrims placed five kernels of corn beside each plate to remind them of their blessings. The first kernel reminded them of the autumn beauty. The second reminded them of their love for each other. The third reminded them of their family's love. The fourth reminded them of their friends...especially their Indian brothers. The fifth kernel reminded them of their freedom.

Splattered Ink Holiday Greeting Cards

York Adams Area Council

Materials:

- Pre-made holiday scene stencils (or make your own from clip art copied on plastic overhead projector sheets)

- Old toothbrushes
- Plastic knives
- Small containers of different color inks
- Card stock folded like greeting cards

DIRECTIONS: Cover the front of a card with a stencil (preferably with the stencil centered on the card stock). Using masking tape or other "removable tape," secure the stencil in place. Dip the *ends* of the toothbrush bristles into a selected color of ink (but not so the whole brush is dripping with the ink!). Hold the toothbrush "bristles up" about 2 feet away from the card stock and scrape the knife blade across the bristles so that the ink splatters onto the card stock. When the ink dries, remove the stencil and add an appropriate greeting on the inside of the card. (Note: If you use 8-1/2 by 11 card stock, you can cut these in half [8-1/2 by 5-1/2] and get envelopes that fit this size.)

Christmas Stamp Slide

Debbie Kalpowsky
York Adams Area Council



Materials:

- Christmas Postage Stamp
- 1 inch square masonite or 1/4 plywood
- Paints
- 3/4 inch PVC slide ring

Equipment:

- Paintbrushes
- Hot glue

Directions:

1. Paint the wooden square, allow to dry
2. Center the stamp onto the painted square.
3. Mount the slide ring to the back of the wooden square.

Now is the time to introduce your Cubs to that long forgotten tradition of writing Thank You Notes. Here are a few tips I found on the **net** as to why a thank you note is written.

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Be Organized: During the rush to open gifts during the holidays remember to keep gift tags or cards with the gift, and make a list of who gave you what. It makes things a lot easier when it is time to write thank you notes.

Write thanks to anyone who gave or sent you a gift should be thanked. Anyone who did something special for you, baked you treats or if someone made you feel special, they should be thanked.

It is always important to thank someone when they actually give you the gift. However, it is still courtesy to send a written thank you note after you have opened the gift

Can't I just email them? Email is a wonderful, fast way to send mail. However, a hand written note is much more friendly and receptive. You can however be creative with your computer and make up personal thank you notes, just be sure to print and sign them in hand writing. But I can't write yet! If you are too young to compose a thank you note yourself, ask your Den Leader, Mom or Dad to help. A drawing is also a nice way to thank someone for thinking of you. Finally, Thank you notes should be written and sent soon after the holidays are over. If you wait too long you won't do it. Grab some paper and envelopes, find a comfortable place, and write your notes.

Christmas Holiday Party

York Adams Area Council

Every year our Pack holds a Christmas Party for the children. We make sure that Jolly Saint Nick is there and we organize activities that are conducted in a round-robin fashion where dens start at their designated activity stations and, as they complete the activities, they move to the next station. We still hold a Pack Meeting at the start of the evening, but we extend the overall meeting time to 1-1/2 hours so that everything gets done.

Ice Rink Pack Meeting Party

York Adams Area Council

How about setting up a party or Pack Meeting in conjunction with a night on ice? Check out where the rink/s are in your hometown to take your Pack. Here are the website and contact information for the new facility.

Pack Mitten Tree

York Adams Area Council

While we haven't done this as a Pack, I've seen it done at local businesses and churches. Each child/family is asked to bring in a pair of mittens, a scarf, and/or a hat to hang on the tree in the meeting area. After the meeting, the donations are packaged and given to one of the local clothing banks or other clothing distribution facilities.

Postage Stamp Holiday Cards

National Capitol Area Council

You will need:

Used postage stamps
Construction paper
Scissors

Glue

Markers and pencils

Cut around used postage stamps and place them in a pan of water until the stamp separates from the paper. Lay the stamps down on newspaper to dry.

Draw and cut out paper tree for Christmas or a Star of David for Hanukkah.

Cut the stamps in half diagonally. Glue them inside the lines of the tree or star.

Glue the tree or star to a folded piece of paper to make a card. Add any decorations you'd like with ribbon, markers, or paper.

Glue a piece of white paper inside the card and write a holiday greeting.

Light Bulb Reindeer

National Capitol Area Council

Materials Needed:

Light Bulb

Thin Ribbon

Brown Fun Foam or Felt

Paint

3/4-Inch Red Pom-pom

Glue

Instructions:

Put 3 layers of paper mache on the light bulb first. This will make the light bulb less fragile.

Paint the light bulb with light brown paint. Let the paint dry completely. Set the neck of the light bulb into an empty film container to allow the paint to dry

With the neck of the light bulb pointing up, paint eyes and a mouth on the reindeer. Glue on the red, pom-pom nose. Cut two antlers out of fun foam. Glue one to each side of the light bulb neck.

Form a loop with a piece of thin ribbon, about 10 - 12 inches long and glue it on the top, back edge of your reindeer head. This will be the hanger for your ornament.

The Science Behind Snowflakes

By David Ropeik

National Capitol Area Council

Because of the way that they grow,

Each frozen white crystal of snow

Is thought in our mind

To be one of a kind.

But guess what: It just isn't so.

When H²O molecules freeze,

Hexagons form with great ease.

Molecular bonds

Like magical wands

Form the six-sided shapes snowfall sees.

Dendrite flakes, with their six crystal wings,

Are among nature's loveliest things.

These flakes are unique,

No two can you seek

Just the same in the white winter brings.

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But at temperatures lower or higher
In air that's more humid, or drier,
Different shapes grow:
Less unique flakes of snow
That develop much simpler attire.
Needles, and Columns, and Plates
Are flakes with identical mates.
Like wheels on a bike
These flakes look alike.
Each type has quite similar traits.
But the turbulent winds of a storm
With temperatures both cold and warm
And mixed moisture sources
Create varying forces
That cause complex mixed crystals to form.
So while some flakes can all look the same,
Most are not nearly so tame.
They're all based on a "hex,"
But they're just as complex
As the Nature from whence each one came.
Now raindrops, and sleet, even hail
Are part of a simpler tale:
Though they vary in size
Like a bunch of french fries
Each form the same way without fail.
Big drops fall from moist warmer air,
Or when smaller drops join, way up there.
Hailstones will grow
When strong updrafts blow.
A thunderstorm has those to spare.
Sleet's just a raindrop that froze
Before it crashed into your nose
Wet rain that falls
And then freezes on walls
Is freezing rain. Traffic it slows.
Each type of cold precipitation
Has its own origination.
We suffer together
The wet winter weather
No matter our town, state, or nation.
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STUNTS AND APPLAUSES

Once there was a race between a water hose, a tomato, and lettuce. Who do you think won? Well, last time I checked, the hose was still running, the tomato was trying to ketchup, and the lettuce was ahead.

Applauses

York Adams Area Council

Eskimo Cheer: Brrrrr-rrr, Brrrrr-rrr.

Frozen Cub (Scout): Wrap your hands around yourself and say "Brrrrrrr".

Santa Claus: Reach out and hold stomach saying loudly, "HO, HO, HO" three times. Variation: Add: "MERRY CHRISTMAS!"

Santa Claus Chimney: Pretend to be driving your sleigh, say: "Whoa!" (pulling up on the reins), get out of the sleigh, pretend to climb into the chimney, begin to slide down and struggle, say: "Wheeze, grunt, rattle, clank, oh, no," move hands as if falling trying to grasp the sides of the chimney, then yell: "Craaaassshhhh" and then put your finger to your mouth and say, "Shhhhhhh!"

Sleigh: Say "Ding-a-ling" three times.

Christmas Bells: Pretend to hold a bell rope, then get the left side of the audience to say "DING" on the down stroke and the other side of the audience to say "DONG" on the

Rudolph: Put thumbs to your head with fingers up, forming antlers. Wrinkle your nose, saying. Blink, Blink, Blink."

ADVANCEMENT CEREMONIES

Winter Wonderland

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There is something refreshing about the look of a field or woods after a good snowstorm. It's the look of a clean, unblemished land. I'm sure it was this picture that was on the person's mind when the term "Winter Wonderland" was first coined. Even when we think of the words ourselves, I'm sure there's more than one of us here that thinks of such a picture. Close your eyes for a moment and think about it... Winter Wonderland. Winter Wonderland. Winter Wonderland.

Keeping your eyes closed, I want you to concentrate on the image that comes to mind when I give you another phrase: Cub Scout Wonderland. Cub Scout Wonderland. Cub Scout Wonderland.

I don't know about the rest of you, but the image that comes to mind for me is one of fun. Kids running around having a good time doing things. But I also see smiles on boys' faces for having done things really well. I see the look in their eyes that comes from having done something they never even thought they'd be able to do. It's the look of excitement and wonder. It's the look of goodness—a healthy, hardy look.

Okay. Now let's open our eyes and see these same things in real life. Look around and what do you see? I'll tell you what I see. I see you, Cub Scouts, who are pleased with yourselves for having succeeded beyond measure. I see the parents who are proud of what they sons are doing and glad that they are part of it. I see the brothers and sisters who are having almost as much fun as their Cub Scout brothers are having. It is a sure sign of the success of the Scouting Program and the all of your hard work. Tonight we will recognize our Tigers, Cubs, and Webelos who have worked so hard and achieved so much.

[For the Tigers and for each rank, call off the boys names, inviting them forward to receive their awards with their parents/partners.]

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T'was The Night Of The Pack Meeting

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T'was the night of the Pack meeting and all through the place

Not a boy was stirring, anticipation on each face.

It was time for Advancements and they all turned an ear,

So when their name was called, they would hear it loud and clear.

The Cubmaster was checking his list, not once but twice

To see which boys had worked hard and earned awards this night.

First come the Bobcats, all new to the Pack

Akela is ready with the guidance and experience they lack.

Come up our new Cubs, you're our Bobcats tonight

Your final step as a Bobcat is to do a good deed, and you must do it right.

(Present the Bobcat badges)

Second are the Wolves, experienced that's true

But there is still much to learn, Akela's not through.

Come up all our Wolf Cubs, you are wolves to be praised

Achievements and electives you've done, so with Wolf badge and arrow points, in rank you are raised

(Present the Wolf badges and arrow points.)

Third are the Bears, most experienced so far,

Akela's teachings they have heeded, they're way above par.

Come up our Bear Cubs, your work and learning is applauded

For completing achievements and electives, tonight you're awarded

(Present Bear badges and arrow points.)

Last are the Webelos, but not least to be sure

Akela's lessons they've learned, now Boy Scouts is their lure.

Come up all our Webelos, your activities are harder,

Your accomplishments you wear proudly on your shoulder

(Present Webelos activity pins)

Christmas Advancement Ceremony

York Adams 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.

Stockings Were Hung

York Adams Area Council

Set-up: Each rank is inside a small stocking or attached to a small paper stocking. Each stocking should clearly show the boy's name. Stockings are hanging on (taped to) a mantle.

Build mantle by using 2 ladders with a board placed between the higher rungs. Set a Christmas centerpiece on top of board and paper in &or& to make a fake fireplace, if desired. Object in using the higher rungs is that parents will need to assist the boy in getting his rank.

Cubmaster enters and examines stockings hanging. Then comments: "*My, we've had a lot of hard-working Scouts this month. Stockings are over-flowing with achievements. Would the following Scouts and their parents come forward as I call them. Parents, please help your son remove his stocking just as you have worked with your Cub to help him earn his rank,"

Call Bobcats, then Wolves, Bear, Arrows, and Activity Pins and Webelos rank forward. After each rank has its stocking have the audience give them the Santa cheer (HO! HO! HO!). Alternate with a Big Hand (Hold hand up) or Round of Applause (clap hands as move hands around in a circle), if desired.

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Added notes: Bobcat stockings could be upside down as their badges

are pinned thus until they do a good deed. CM should remind them of this. Have Bobcats repeat promise or motto.

Cubmaster may comment about achievements (accomplishments) as each rank comes forward. Boys who have earned arrows can repeat 1 or 2 things they did to earn them.

Plan something extra for Arrow of Light -- a large stocking with an arrow as well as rank and have Cub repeat the Scout oath. Or have a Boy Scout (Den Chief) wearing a Santa cap making a personal delivery for Arrow of Light.

An Old Fashioned Christmas York Adams Area Council

Arrangements: Cubmaster and Committee Chairman stand behind head table, which holds all the awards and a box of Christmas tree decorations. Nearby is an undecorated tree. As each Cub receives his award, he and his parents are given a decoration to put on the tree. The tree can already have a string of lights, which are turned on at the end of the ceremony.

Cubmaster: Tonight we're celebrating an old fashioned Christmas. One of the most popular customs in America is decorating the Christmas tree. As each Cub Scout receives his award tonight, we're going to give him and his parents an opportunity to help decorate our tree. Since Cub Scouting is a family program, we want our pack families to help make our Cub Scouting Christmas tree bright and festive.

(Calls names of boys receiving their Bobcat. Have both boy and parent come forward, receive awards and each person is given an ornament to put on the tree. They return to their seats.)

(Follow the same procedure for boys receiving their Wolf Badge and Arrow Points and Bear Badge and Arrow Points.)

We have some Webelos Scouts who have earned some Activity Badges. We're going to give them special decorations for our tree.

Webelos Leader: (Calls names of boys forward, indicates what each boy has earned, describes some of the things done to earn it, and presents awards to his boys.) (Each boy receives the same number of decorations as he did badges and his parent helps him put the decorations on the tree. Use foil covered cutouts of the activity badges as tree ornaments.)

Cubmaster: The Arrow of Light is the highest award a Cub Scout can earn. Tonight we have a boy(s) who has earned their award. (Call his name and ask him and his parent(s) to come forward.) We're going to let (name) put the highest decoration on our tree... the star. (If there are few decorations on the tree, you may wish to call attention to the fact that the leaders help is essential to the pack and

to the decoration of the tree.... call all leaders forward to add a decoration to the tree.)

And there you have our beautiful Christmas tree. There are other Cub Scouts and parents in our pack who didn't have an opportunity to add a decoration tonight. Now we're going to turn on the lights representing all members of our pack families.

You can see how each decoration and light make the difference in the appearance of our tree. In the same way, each member of our pack, boys and adults, makes a difference in the success of our pack's operation and success.

Thanks to you all.

Suggestions for Holiday Advancement Ceremonies National Capitol Area Council

An adult, dressed as Santa, could arrive with his pack on his back, which contains the awards to be presented. It is a special treat to receive an award from Santa himself.

Make a large papier-mâché snowman to hold the awards. Awards could either be put in snowman or removed from an opening cut in his back, or they could be fastened to a long scarf around his neck.

Awards could be taped to large cardboard cutout ornaments, which decorate a Christmas tree. When a boy's name is called, he goes to the tree and finds his ornaments. A large papier-mâché Christmas stocking could set on head table to hold awards, or a large knit or felt stocking hung from a fireplace. Santa makes presentations.

Santa's Magic Advancement National Capitol Area Council

Equipment: Christmas tree with lights, extra large cardboard telephone, small Christmas stockings with awards inside, candy canes for all children at the pack meeting.

Personnel: Santa Claus, elf (Cubmaster).

Setting: Hang the stockings with awards inside on the tree. Light the Christmas tree and dim the room lights. Santa Claus is outside the room but can be heard by the audience.

Cubmaster: (speaking into telephone) Santa Claus, you will be welcome at the pack meeting. What can we do to help you get here, Santa?

Santa Claus: Why, sing "Here Comes Santa Claus". It will give me all the magic I need to arrive. But remember, everyone must sing for the magic of their voices to guide me.

Cubmaster: Okay Santa. We'll do our best! (Hangs up the phone and leads the song.)

On the last notes of the song, Santa arrives, calling "Ho, ho, ho, Merry Christmas!" and carrying his bag of gifts, including candy canes for all the children. He takes the stockings from the tree and picks out the advancement awards, calling for the recipients and their parents to come

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forward. After the parents have pinned awards on the boys' uniforms, Santa gives candy canes to all the children.

SONGS

The Scouts Winter Song

Sung to tune "If Your Happy And You Know It"

York Adams Area Council

If you have a cold and you know it blow your nose
If you have a cold and you know it blow your nose
If you really have a cold, then grab just one of those If you really have a cold blow your nose.
If you're a Scout and you know it say 'Do Your Best'
If you're a Scout and you know it say 'Do Your Best'
If you're a Scout and you know it, then your deeds will surely show it,
If you're a Scout and you know it say 'Do Your Best'
If you're in a snowball fight, duck your head.
If you're in a snowball fight, duck your head.
If you're in a snowball fight, then don't freeze up in fright.
If you're in a snowball fight, duck your head.
If you sing our winter song, then do all three.
(sniffle, sniffle, Do Your Best, Kersplat, Too late!)
If you sing our winter song, then do all three.
(sniffle, sniffle, Do Your Best, Kersplat, Too late!)
If you sing our winter song, then the cheer will keep you warm.
If you sing our winter song, then do all three.
(sniffle, sniffle, Do Your Best, Kersplat, Too late!)

A Scout's Christmas

(tune: Jingle Bells)

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Dashing through the den,
With a rope held by each end,
Tying a bowline knot
Then showing what I've got.
Whittling with my knife
On a practice Dial soap bar.
I can hardly wait,
Scout camp can't be far.
Bait a hook,
Learn to cook,
Bike ro-de-os.
Neckerchief slides,
Canned food drives,
Learning to take photos.
Pancake mix,
Carving sticks,
Keeps us on the run.
Our families
Make all these
Memories so much fun.
Dashing through the camp,
Putting up the tents,
Popping all the corn,
Blowing that morning horn.

Of scout camp we all dream
We'll soon be old enough
Tigers, Bobcats, Wolves, and Bears
We're made of real tough stuff!
Half-hitch knots,
Setting up cots,
Playing fun new games.
Hammers and nails,
Compass and trails,
Arrow points are the thing.
Santa's coming,
We've been good,
As good as we can be...
Load our stocking
With a pocket knife,
Boy Scouts we want to be!
Thanks to Pete Farnham, CM, Pack 1515, GW District,
NCAC, Alexandria, VA

Twelve Scouting Days of Christmas

(Tune: 12 Days of Christmas. Substitute Christmas for Scouting in the leading lines as you wish)

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On the first day of Scouting, Akela gave to m.
A Den Leader swinging from a tree!
On the second day of Scouting, Akela gave to me
Two Screaming Bobcats,
And a Den Leader swinging from a tree!
OK, you should have the idea by now. Here's the rest of these silly verses:
Third Day - Three Skinny Wolves
Fourth Day - Four Hungry Bears
Fifth Day - Five We be los
Sixth Day - Six Arrow points
Seventh Day - Seven Silly Den Chiefs
Eighth Day -Eight Shouting Scouts
Ninth Day - Nine Warring Eagles
Tenth Day - Ten Derby Cars
Eleventh Day - Eleven Funny Den Skits
Twelfth Day - TwelveWacky Cheers

He'll Be Driving 8 Brown Reindeer When He Comes

(Tune: She'll Be Coming 'Round the Mountain)

York Adams Area Council

He'll be driving 8 brown reindeer when he comes,
He'll be driving 8 brown reindeer when he comes,
He'll be driving 8 brown reindeer, driving 8 brown reindeer,
He'll be driving 8 brown reindeer when he comes.
(Other verses)
He'll be coming down the chimney when he comes.
He'll be dressed up in a red suit when he comes.
We'll all peek to see him when he comes.
We'll give him milk and cookies when he comes.

S-A-N-T-A

(Tune: BINGO)

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Every Cub Scout has a friend
And Santa is his name, sir
S-A-N-T-A,
S-A-N-T-A
S-A-N-T-A
And Santa is his name.

Sing song through six times, the first time just spelling out the name S A N T A; second time, spell out first four letters and clap the A etc.

I'm Playing In The Snow (Tune: I'm Singing in the Rain) National Capitol Area Council

I'm playing in the snow.
I'm playing in the snow.
What a glorious feeling
It's snowing again.
Making snowman tonight
For the whole world to see
I'm happy just playing
In the snow.

Tommy, the Cub Scout
(Tune: Frosty the Snowman)
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Tommy, the Cub Scout
Was a very happy boy
With a uniform of blue and gold
And a den that gave him joy.

Tommy, the Cub Scout
Earned his badges one by one.
He did his best and met the test.
A good citizen he's become.

He helps out other people when
He sees they need a lot.
He does his chores around the house
And feeds his dog (named Spot).

Tommy, the Cub Scout
Does his duty willingly.
Someday he'll join a Boy Scout Troop
And a fine man he will be.

GAMES

Tree Decorating

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Players are seated in rows with an equal number in each row. They are numbered consecutively from front to back and each No. 1 is given a piece of chalk. On signal, No. 1 players run to a blackboard and draw the base for a Christmas tree. (can use poster board) They return to their seats and hand the chalk or crayon to the No. 2 player,

who must draw the branches. No. 3, the candles. No. 4, certain number of ornaments. No. 5, add star to top of the tree. No. 6, write Merry Christmas under the tree. Team to complete their picture first wins.

Santa's Bag

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(Touch and tell) Number 10 paper bags from 1 to 10. Put a familiar article in each bag (preferably an article related to Christmas). and staple bag shut. Each Cub Scout is given pencil and paper on which he lists numbers 1 through 10. He tries to guess what is in each bag by feeling through the paper, and records on his paper. Cub Scout with greatest number of items guessed correctly wins.

Snowball Throw

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Use a large Styrofoam ball. The boys are seated on the floor. "It" sits in the center of the circle. The boys throw the snowball to each other while "it" tries to intercept. When he succeeds, the boy who threw the snowball becomes "it".

Mailing Uncle Henry's Package

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Begin by saying that Uncle Henry cannot come home for the holidays and his gift must be mailed. Have the Cubs form a circle and place their hands behind them. With eyes blindfolded, pass the articles needed to mail the package around the circle. Begin with the gift (gloves or tie) and then the box, wrapping paper, ribbon, mailing paper, string, sticky tape, mailing label and stamp. After all things have been passed around, put them away. The boys are unblindfolded and asked to write down all the things they remember that they felt. The one remembering the most is the winner.

Icicle Hunt

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Needed are pieces of string in different lengths. Hide the icicles (string) have the boys look for them. The winner is the player whose strings form the longest icicle when laid end to end, not the player who collects the most string.

Hanukkah Peanut Hunt

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Buy package of peanuts. Write K on 4, H on 4, N on 4, U on 4 and A on 4. Hide all the peanuts, lettered and unlettered, hunt for 5 minutes.

10 points for greatest number

5 points for each lettered peanut

20 points for a Cub finding enough to write **Hanukkah**

Snowball Relay

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Players divide into two teams and line up behind starting line. Give each team a "snowball", either Styrofoam or

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cotton and a piece of cardboard. On signal, first player on each team tries to move ball across floor and back by fanning it with cardboard. Player may not touch snowball with hands or cardboard. First team to finish is winner.

Merry Christmas! A Pantomime Game

National Capitol Area Council

Players sit in a straight line. "It" stands in front of one player. This player asks "It", what would you like for Christmas?" "Can you guess" answers "It". He then makes some motion that will show what he wants for Christmas. He may pretend to blow a horn, pat a kitten or puppy, or kick a football. If the player guesses correctly, "It" says "Merry Christmas" and that player becomes "It". If he guesses incorrectly, "It" stands in front of another player.

You can say "Happy Hanukkah", "Happy Birthday" or whatever happens to be appropriate when you play this game.

Snowshoe Relay

National Capitol Area Council

Divide den into two teams. Give each team two show boxes, and set up a chair across the room for a turning point. On signal, the first player on each team puts on his "snowshoes" and races around the chair and back to the starting line where the next player dons the boxes and races. Continue until all have run. Have an extra "shoe" on hand if any break

CUB GRUB

Santa's Punch

1 quart pineapple juice
1 package (2 qt) lime Kool-aid
1 qt lime sherbet
2 quarts ginger ale
Mix Kool-aid in punch bowl. Add pineapple juice. Just before serving, add sherbet by spoonfuls. Add ginger ale. For red punch, use raspberry Kool-aid and sherbet.

Candy Cane Cocoa

Makes 4 servings

National Capitol Area Council

Prep Time: 5 minutes

Cook Time: 10 minutes

Ready in: 15 minute

Ingredients: 4 cups milk, 3 ounces semisweet chocolate, chopped, 4 peppermint candy canes, crushed, 4 small peppermint candy canes, 1 cup whipped cream

Directions:

In a saucepan bring the milk to a simmer. Add the chocolate and the crushed peppermint candies and whisk until smooth. Divide hot cocoa between four mugs garnish with whipped cream and serve with a candy cane stirring stick

Cheese Straws

Makes 5 dozen

National Capitol Area Council

Prep Time: 15 minutes

Cook Time: 15 minutes

Ready in: 30 minutes

Ingredients: ½ cup butter, softened, 4 cups shredded Cheddar cheese, 2 cups all-purpose flour, 1 teaspoon salt, ¼ teaspoon ground red pepper (optional)

Directions: Preheat oven to 400 degrees F (200 degrees C). Grease a cookie sheet. In a large bowl cream butter and cheese. Stir in flour and salt; mix well. On a lightly floured surface roll the dough out to ½ inch in thickness. Cut into 2 inch strips and sprinkle with ground red pepper. Place strips on prepared cookie sheet(s) 1 ½ inches apart. Bake in preheated oven for 10 to 15 minutes, or until crisp.

Children's Gingerbread House

National Capitol Area Council

Note, this gingerbread house takes 2 to 3 days to complete. It would be a great one for the den can work on together.

Ingredients:

¾ cup butter, 7/8 cup packed light brown sugar, 1 teaspoon lemon zest, 1 ½ tablespoons lemon juice, ½ cup molasses, 2 eggs, 3 cups all-purpose flour, 2 teaspoon baking powder, 1 tablespoon ground ginger, 2 teaspoon ground allspice, 6 egg whites, 4 (16 ounce) packages confectioners' sugar, sifted

Directions: First cut out in thin cardboard: a side wall, 4 ½x8 inches; an end wall, 4 ½x5 inches; a triangular gable 4 1/2x3x3 inches; and a roof rectangle 4 1/2x9 inches. Tape the rectangular end wall piece to the triangular gable piece: match the long side of the triangle, 4 ½ inches to one of the 4 ½ inch sides of the end wall.

In a large bowl, cream butter and sugar until light and fluffy. Stir in lemon zest, lemon juice, and molasses. Gradually beat in 2 eggs. Sift the flour, baking powder and spices together, stir into creamed mixture. Wrap dough in parchment paper, and refrigerate for 1 hour. Turn out dough onto a lightly floured surface. Divide into 6 portions, 2 slightly larger than the others. On a lightly floured surface, roll out the 4 smaller pieces to approximately the size of the side wall and the end with gable templates; cut out two of each. Roll out remaining dough, and cut into two rectangular roof pieces. Transfer gingerbread onto greased baking trays.

In a preheated 375 degrees F (190 degrees C) oven, bake gingerbread for 10 minutes, or until crisp. When removing from the oven, leave the gingerbread on the baking trays for a few minutes to set, then transfer to wire racks. Leave out overnight to harden.

In a large bowl, lightly whisk 2 eggs whites. Gradually beat in approximately 5 cups confectioners' sugar, the icing should be smooth and stand in firm peaks. Spread or pipe a 9-inch line of icing onto a cake board, and press in one of the side walls so that it sticks firmly and stands

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upright. If necessary, spread or pipe a little extra icing along either side to help support it. Take an end wall and ice both the side edges. Spread or pipe a line of icing on the board at a right angle to the first wall, and press the end wall into position. Repeat this process with the other two walls until they are all in position. Leave the walls to harden together for at least two hours before putting on the roof. Spread or pipe a thick layer of icing on top of all the walls, and fix the roof pieces in position; the roof should overlap the walls to make the eaves. Pipe or spread a little icing along the crest of the roof to hold the two pieces firmly together. Leave overnight to set firmly.

When ready to decorate, make the remaining icing. In a large bowl, lightly whisk 4 egg whites, and mix in remaining confectioners' sugar as before. Use this to make snow on the roof, and to stick various candies for decoration. Finish with a fine dusting of sifted confectioners' sugar.

Tiger Butter

Makes 24 servings

National Capitol Area Council

Ingredients: 16 ounces white chocolate, chopped, ¾ cup crunchy peanut butter, 1 cup milk chocolate chips

Directions: Butter a 10x15 pan. Set aside. Place white chocolate in a medium-sized microwave-safe bowl. Microwave on High until melted, stirring frequently. Stir in peanut butter. Spread into prepared pan. Drizzle with melted milk chocolate chips, stirring through mixture to create a marbled effect. Let stand until set. Break into bite-sized pieces.

CLOSING CEREMONY

Wonderland Of Wonderlands: The U.S.A

York Adams Area Council.

As we think about tonight's theme, Winter Wonderland, we should also think about the other wonderlands that we have been blessed to know and experience. Here are some thoughts to ponder...

If we could shrink the Earth's population to a village of precisely 100 people, with all existing human ratios remaining the same, it would look like this:

There would be 57 Asians, 21 Europeans, 14 from the Western Hemisphere (North and South) and 8 Africans.

51 would be female; 49 would be male.

70 would be non-white; 30 white.

70 would be non-Christian; 30 Christian.

50% of the entire world's wealth would be in the hands of only 6 people and all 6 would be citizens of the United States.

80 would live in substandard housing.

70 would be unable to read.

50 would suffer from malnutrition.

1 would be near death, 1 would be near birth.

Only 1 would have a college education.

No one would own a computer.

When one considers our world from such an incredibly compressed perspective, the need for both tolerance and understanding becomes glaringly apparent. So look around you and embrace your fellow citizens of the world, all members of a village called humanity, who breathe life into this planet each in a unique manner and for only a miniscule moment in time - then leave their individual legacies to form, molecule by molecule and compound by compound, the history of the human race. We are one. Let's love one another, living and working together in peace and shared prosperity.

Helpful To Others

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Lord Baden-Powell, the founder of Scouting said this to Scouts everywhere: "I often think that when the sun goes down, the world is hidden by a big blanket from the light of heaven, but the stars are little holes pierced in that blanket by those who have done good deeds in this world. The stars are not all the same size; some are big, some are little, and some men have done small deeds but they have made their hole in the blanket by doing good before they went to heaven. Try and make your hole in the blanket by good work while you are on earth. It is something to be good, but it is far better to do good". Think of Baden-Powell's words when you promise "to help other people".

Scout's Act Of Kindness Closing

York Adams Area Council

Cubmaster: To end this evening, I'd like to tell you a story.

A crowded bus stopped to pick up a bent old woman. With great difficulty she struggled up the steps with a large basket of freshly washed laundry.

"You'll have to put your basket in the rear of the bus," the bus driver said impatiently.

"I do not dare. They do not belong to me." The woman replied.

The driver was firm. "You and that basket are in the way. Either stow it or get off."

The old lady was almost in tears when a young man arose. "You sit here, Ma'am," he offered. "I'll take your basket to the back and watch it until your stop."

The woman was doubtful, but the bus driver was about to put her off. A second lady, sitting nearby, said to the old woman, "That boy's all right. Can't you see his uniform? I'll vouch for him."

The woman soon took a seat, and the basket of clothes carried to the rear.

At her stop, the boy gently set the basket down by her, then returned to the bus and continued on his way.

"Who's the kid?" asked the driver to the second woman.

"I do not know the kid," was the reply, "But I do know the uniform, and you can trust it every time."

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In this season of giving and helping, let's make certain we remember what our uniform means to others and to ourselves.

Closing Ceremony

National Capitol Area Council

Cubmaster: This is the season of lights. It is a time when the days are shorter so the nights are longer, yet somehow things are brighter. Stores and homes are bright with holiday lights. Thousands of homes have a single light to show the way for the Christ child, others have candles burning to commemorate the miracle of Hanukkah, and some light candles to honor the heritage of Kwanzaa. Even the stars in the winter sky seem brighter at this time of year. But the most important glow is from the spirit of goodwill that **We** live with year-round in the Cub Scout Promise and the Law of the Pack. Before we all leave to get on with our holiday celebrations, let's stand and repeat the Promise and Law together. Happy Holidays!

WEBELOS

Craftsman

National Capitol Area Council

Webelos Scouts who have spent a year or two in a Cub Scout den before Coming into the Webelos den will have had some experience with craft work. Chances are they will have already worked with simple woodworking tools. But most of them probably have not done much in leather or tin craft. This is an excellent opportunity for a boy to gain some knowledge in these skills.

To earn the badge, the boy must complete 10 craft projects. There is no way these can all be completed at den meetings, so here is a chance to involve the parents. Have the boys secure help from their fathers at home. You can also enlist the help of the fathers in furnishing tools to be used during the den meeting.

Den Activities:

List tools needed to complete badge.

Visit furniture factory, lumber mill or lumberyard.

Visit a tannery or leather goods manufacturer.

Invite an expert to give a demonstration on the proper care and use of tools.

Make a den knot board.

Tie in with scholar and discuss how education will help in doing crafts and working on the job.

Make a tool chest or bench hook for sawing.

Have a "straight" nail driving contest.

Pack Activities:

Exhibit: Tool display; wood, leather and tin craft work by boys

Demonstrations for Pack Meeting:

How to use the coping saw, bench fork or V-board and C-clamp.

How to nail, toenail, clinch a nail, and use a block to pull a nail.

How to drill a hole for inside cutting with coping saw.

How to use a pocketknife - care, safety measures, sharpening, whittling.

How to nail a butt joint.

How to apply finish - crayons, tempera, wax paint, enamel, shellac.

How to make a bench hook and how it is used.

Proper use of wood tools, leather tooling, aluminum-tooling

Words Of Wisdom:

What follows is borrowed wisdom from years past. When working with boys on their projects, you must have PPP – **Patience** - Some boys require a high degree of patience. Stick with it and be rewarded. Enlist the help of the assistant den leader, den chief, and fathers. Do not do it all alone.

Preparation - Have all tools laid out before the den meeting starts. Build a sample of the item and make note of the steps that are required. Be prepared to help boys individually in these areas. Show them the sample to give them an idea of what the finished product will be like.

Perseverance - Insist that the boys finish the items they begin. This is very important. If necessary, work individually with them outside den meetings or enlist the help of others. Do not use a project which the boys cannot complete within a reasonable length of time. Watch for signs of discouragement and help the boys who seem to be having trouble.

Learning how to care for and sharpen tools is an important in doing any kind of handicraft, but boys want to make things. The Craftsman Activity Badge requires that a Webelos Scout make at least eight different wood, leather or tin articles. These involve designing, cutting, tooling, lacing leather, using a jigsaw or coping saw with wood, or cutting and joining metal.

To supplement the information in the Webelos Scout book you will probably find "Crafts for Cub Scouts" the most helpful for ideas, techniques and designs. There are many resource books at the library or hobby store which would also be helpful. If you do not feel expert enough to lead them in a craft or skill, call on someone who can help. You aren't expected to be skilled in everything, and this is an opportunity to bring in fathers to help.

Contests

Nail Driving - Give each boy a hammer and five nails and a piece of log 4 inches in diameter and about 6 inches high. On the word go, they are to nail all five nails completely into the piece of log. First one finished is the winner.

Board Sawing Contest - This is the same as the nail driving contest. Give each boy a small hand saw, pencil, ruler, and a 2" x 4" board (any length). On the word go, each boy is to mark and saw his board in half. The first one finished is the winner.

Note: Judge the contests on skill and speed. Drive the nails straight, and measure the boards correctly. Also supply safety goggles for each boy whenever they are actually working with the tools.

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Tool Tie Slides

(Each different slide uses 1/2" PVC pipe for the slide part)
Hammer -- Use a 1 1/2" piece of wood for the handle.

Shape the head from fast drying clay or salt dough. Paint the head silver and the handle brown. Glue to a piece of leather or PVC pipe.

Saw -- Cut the saw blade from a piece of aluminum can. Use pinking shears to make serrated edge. Cut two 1" squares of wood for the handle. Glue them together with the saw blade inserted between. Draw the outline of the handle on the wood. Experienced whittlers may wish to cut away the excess wood. But it looks nice if filled in with markers. Add PVC pipe to back.

Screwdriver -- Make a screwdriver from dowel. Use a thicker piece of dowel for the handle. Use sandpaper to shape the blade. Paint handle red or yellow and shaft silver. Attach to the PVC pipe

Heart of America Council

Helping Webelos Scouts make and do things that are consistent with their abilities and interests is a satisfaction in itself. You also have the opportunity to help the boys develop confidence in their abilities by encouraging them to use their talents and skills for the more advanced handicraft projects or perhaps develop a hobby in one of these fields.

Den Activities

1. Have a demonstration of the tools the boys will be using, and how to use them safely.
2. List Tools needed to complete the badge.
3. Select projects to work on and discuss badge requirements.
4. Demonstrate and practice painting, screwing screws and hammering nails.

Pack Meeting

The boys will enjoy showing off what they have made, and telling how they made it. Be sure to book a 5 or 10 minute time slot at the meeting for this at the meeting that they will be receiving their award. The boys may also be asked to demonstrate the safe use of tools by the Den Leader or Cubmaster.

Tie Slide

Leather Footprint

Materials: 1/8" Masonite, Scrap Leather, Exacto Knife (use only with adult supervision), Black Paint, Glue

1. Cut a piece of 1/8" masonite to the outside pattern. Use that to cut an identical piece of leather.
2. Let the boys select their favorite animal track, draw it on the leather and cut out the track using an Exacto knife.
3. Paint the masonite black, glue the leather piece on, and the track will appear as a recessed print.
4. Glue a loop of leather on the back for the neckerchief to pass through.

Field Trips

1. Visit a furniture factory, cabinetmaker, lumberyard or saw mill.
2. Visit a tannery, leather goods manufacture or retailer. Tandy Leather Co. is very cooperative with Webelos and

Cub Scout dens in helping them find inexpensive projects to do and helping them with lacing and learning to use stamping tools.

Projects

"Be Prepared" is a time honored motto. Practice it well yourself, by having materials prepared ahead of time. Try to obtain used or scrap lumber rather than buying new. Housing projects throw away many small pieces of wood which will work for you. Building construction sites use a lot of thin plywood for constructing temporary walls doors and covering window openings. When they are through they may throw it away. Just be careful not to step on nails when you go "dumpster diving", and always get permission before entering a housing or construction site. Depending upon the projects' complexity levels you select and size of your den, plan 2 to 3 months or 8 to 14 meetings.

Scientist

Heart of America Council

A scientist studies things to learn how they behave and why. Scientists try to find out the laws of nature about the things they study, People can use these rules or laws in making things. While working on this activity badge, you will learn a few of the main ideas in physics. Physics is a science with several branches. One of these branches will be weather. You r-an learn a little about weather in these activity badge requirements. Another branch of physics is called optics. You will have a chance to learn something about sight and find out how your eyes work. Scientists learn a lot by experimenting or trying things out. Try things for yourself. Scientists take nothing for granted. They may be sure an idea is true, but they always test it, if possible, to make certain they are right.

Speakers: lab technician, nurse, zoologist, nuclear physicist, weather forecaster, X-ray technician, science teacher, zoo docent, researcher.

Field Trips

- Visit an eye specialist and learn how the eyes work.
- Visit the control tower of the KCI or visit Municipal Airport. Learn about the principles of flight. --
- Tour an airplane and look at all the control dials.

Pack Meeting

- Honor your pack leaders by making up some "Scientific Awards." Cut them out of poster board.
- Gravity is a heavy subject. (Shape of the Earth)
- .Stars are night lights that don't run up bills. (Stars)
- .Astronomers are far-sighted. (Glasses with big eyealls)
- Chemists really, stir things up! (Beaker with bubbling mix.)
- Science Fair: Set up and and hold a science fair during your pack meeting. Show some of the simple experinents you have been doing in your den meetings. Display items that you have made.

Den Activities

- Find out what the various eye tests measure.

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-Invite a local weatherman to your den meeting to talk about the climate during the year. How is weather different in the Southern Hemisphere?

Right-Eyed?

Everyone knows whether they are left-handed or right-handed ... but do you know whether you are left eyed or right-eyed? Try this test to find out. Point a finger towards a distant object keeping both eyes open. Then close your right eye. If your finger appears to jump, this means you are right-eyed. If it does not jump, you are left-eyed.

Crystal Clear

Materials Needed:

salt
sugar
Epsom salts
laundry detergent flakes
4 glass jars
4 spoons
magnifying glass
thread or thin string
very hot water
pencils
paper clips
food coloring

1. Fill ajar half full of very hot water. Stir in a cup or more of salt, a little at a time, until no more will dissolve.
2. Rub some salt onto a piece of string. Tie it around a pencil, tie a paper clip to the other end, and drop into the water. Lay the pencil across the jar.
3. Put the glass in a cool place where it won't be disturbed. Do not touch the jar or the pencil. Watch for a few days.
4. Repeat the process with Epsom salts, sugar, and laundry detergent flakes. Try adding a little food coloring to one of the solutions.

What is happening: The salt dissolves in the hot water. But cold water can't hold as much salt in a dissolved form. So as the water cools, the salt forms again on the string.

Optical Illusion

Materials: A sheet of paper about 11 inches long.

What to do: Roll the paper into a tube one inch in diameter. Hold the tube to your right eye and place the side of your left hand against the middle of the tube, with your left palm directly toward your left eye. Keep both eyes open as you look through the tube and you will "see through" your left hand.

Food Science

Invite a dietitian to your den meeting to talk about how and why foods cook. Why do you add yeast, salt or soda to recipes? What happens if you forget one of the ingredients? How does a microwave oven cook foods? What other ways are there to prepare food? Do some cooking in your kitchen and then sample the foods. (Microwave cupcakes, hot-air popped popcorn, cookies baked in the oven, grated cheese broiled on bread, steamed pudding ... Yummy!)

Nobel Prize

Look up information about the Nobel Prize. How many categories are there? Who was awarded a prize last year? What did they do or discover?

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Den Activities:

Talk about the various branches of science and how they differ.

Do the atmospheric pressure tests or balance tests in the Webelos Book.

Make Fog.

Make Crystals.

Do the inertia experiments in the Webelos Book.

Visit an eye specialist and learn how the eyes converge and find out what the various eye tests measure. Invite a local weatherman to your den meeting to talk about the climate during the year. How is weather different in the Southern Hemisphere?

Have a slow-motion bicycle riding contest to illustrate balancing skills.

Plan a scientific experiment to be demonstrated at the pack meeting.

Speakers: Lab technician, nurse, zoologist, nuclear physicist, weather forecaster, X-ray technician, science teacher, researcher.

Field Trips:

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Pascal's Law -- "The pressure of a liquid or a gas like air is the same in every direction if the liquid is in a closed container. If you put more pressure on the top of the liquid or gas, the increased pressure will spread all over the container."

A good experiment to demonstrate air pressure is to take two plumber's force cups (plumber's friend) and force them firmly against each other so that some of the air is forced out from between them. Then have the boys try to pull them apart.

When you drink something with a straw, do you suck up the liquid? No! What happens is that the air pressure inside the straw is reduced, so that the air outside the straw forces the liquid up the straw. To prove this fill a pop bottle with water, put a straw into the bottle, then seal the top of the bottle with clay, taking care that the straw is not bent or crimped. Then let one of the boys try to suck the water out of the bottle. They can't do it! Remove the clay and have the boy put two straws into his mouth. Put one of the straws into the bottle of water and the other on the outside. Again he'll have no luck in sucking water out of the bottle. The second straw equalizes the air pressure inside your mouth.

Place about 1/4 cup baking soda in a coke bottle. Pour about 1/4 cup vinegar into a balloon. Fit the top of the balloon over the top of the bottle, and flip the balloon so that the vinegar goes into the bottle. The gas formed from the mixture will blow the balloon, up so that it will stand upright on the bottle and begin to expand. The baking soda and vinegar produce CO₂, which pushes equally in all directions. The balloon which can expand in all directions with pressure, will do so as the gas is pressured into it.

For this next experiment you will need: A medicine dropper, a tall jar, well filled with water; a sheet of rubber which can be cut from a balloon; and a rubber band.

Dip the medicine dropper in the water and fill it partly. Test the dropper in the jar - if it starts to sink, squeeze out a few drops until it finally floats with the top of the bulb almost submerged. Now, cap the jar with the sheet of rubber and fix the rubber band around the edges until the jar is airtight. Push the rubber down with your finger and the upright dropper will sink. Now relax your finger and the dropper will rise. You have prepared a device known as a 'Cartesian Diver'. The downward pressure on the rubber forces the water up into the bottom of the diver, compressing the air above it, producing the effects of sinking, suspension and floating, according to the degree of pressure applied.

Inertia -- "Inertia is the tendency of a thing at rest to remain at rest and a thing in motion to continue the same straight line".

Get a small stick about 10 inches in length and the diameter of a pencil. Fold a newspaper and place it near the edge of a table. Place the stick under the newspaper on the table and let about half the stick extend over the edge of the table. Strike the stick sharply with another stick.

Inertia should cause the stick on the table to break into two parts.

Get a fresh egg and a hard-boiled egg. Give each of them a spinning motion in a soup dish. Observe that the hard-boiled egg spins longer. The inertia of the fluid contents of the fresh egg brings it to rest sooner.

Air Pressure

The Upside-Down Glass That Won't Spill -- Fill a drinking glass to the very top with water. The water should spill over the top a bit. Carefully lay the cardboard square to completely cover the top of the glass. Holding the cardboard on top, turn the glass over until it is straight upside down. Stop holding the cardboard on. It will stay on by itself.

The Undrinkable Drinks -- Using a can opener make a small hole in a can of juice. Try to drink the juice. What happens when you punch another hole in the can? Open a bottle of juice. Add enough water to fill the bottle to the very top. Put in a straw. Use clay to completely block the opening of the bottle around the straw. Try to drink the juice.

What is happening: There is no air in the glass of water to punch down on the cardboard. The air pressure pushing up on the cardboard is greater than the weight of the water. And the juice won't come out of the hole unless air can get in to push down on it; you need a second hole to let air in. Juice won't go up the straw because no air is getting in to push down on the juice.

Air-Cannon Hockey -- This game will demonstrate air pressure. Use round cardboard oatmeal boxes. Cut a hole the size of a penny in the tops. Fasten the lid back to the box tightly. Use a table for a field, with a goal at either end. Have a boy sit at each end of the 'field' with a cannon (box) and put a ping-pong ball in the middle of the table. By tapping the back of the box and aiming it at the ball, try to score by putting the ball through your opponent's goal. The Webelos leader can demonstrate the effectiveness of his oatmeal box cannon by using it to put out a candle. Fill cannon with smoke, then aim at candle, tap back of box, and flame will be put out. These cannons are effective up to about six feet.

Projects:

A Homemade Barometer

Materials: milk bottle, a soda straw, a piece of a penny balloon, and a length of string.

Directions: Cover the mouth of the milk bottle with the piece of balloon, tying it in place with the string. Glue one end of the soda straw to the middle of the balloon. Make a scale on a piece of cardboard, by making 1/2 inch marks about 1/8 inch apart. Superimpose the free end of the straw across the scale, but don't let it touch the scale. Mark the scale from 1 to whatever number of lines on the scale. Ask one of the boys to be in charge of the barometer for a month. Have him mark the number on the scale that the barometer points to each day at a certain time. This way there can be a check between your barometer and the actual air pressure as given in the

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newspaper each day. Remember that as the air pressure increases, the straw will point higher on the scale.

A Fog-Making Machine

Use a plain glass gallon jug, a stopper to fit it and a bicycle pump. Put a small amount of water or alcohol (which works even better) in the jug. Bore a hole through the stopper in the mouth of the jug. After a few strokes of the pump, remove the stopper quickly. There will be a loud pop and you will see that a cloud will form in the jug. To get 'fair weather', all you need to do is replace the parts as they were, and pump air back into the jug. The reason the cloud was formed is that in pumping air into the jug, the temperature was raised, making it possible for the air to hold more moisture. When the top was removed, the air expanded and cooled. This cool air could not hold as much moisture, thereby forming a cloud.

Crystal Clear

You will need: salt, sugar, Epsom salts, laundry detergent flakes, 4 glass jars, 4 spoons, magnifying glass, thread or thin string, very hot water, pencils, paper clips, food coloring

Directions:

- Fill a jar half full of very hot water. Stir in a cup or more of salt, a little at a time, until no more will dissolve.
- Rub some salt onto a piece of string. Tie it around a pencil, tie a paper clip to the other end, and drop into the water. Lay the pencil across the jar.
- Put the glass in a cool place where it won't be disturbed. Do not touch the jar or the pencil. Watch for a few days.
- Repeat the process with Epsom salts, sugar, and laundry detergent flakes. Try adding a little food coloring to one of the solutions.

What is happening: The salt dissolves in the hot water. But cold water can't hold as much salt in a dissolved form. So as the water cools, the salt forms again on the string.

Do It Yourself Flashlight -- This flashlight can be assembled easily and provide a fun project for the boys. And better yet, it actually works!

You will need: a flashlight battery, a bulb, a plastic pill bottle with a flexible lid and some insulated wire. (The pill bottle should be large enough for the battery and bulb base to fit inside it. The wire should be the kind that can be bent easily).

Directions: Scrape the insulation from one end of your wire and form it into a flat coil. Attach the coil to the bottom of the battery with adhesive tape. Cut an opening in the center of the pill bottle lid so that the base of the bulb will fit. Push base of bulb through hole in lid. Scrape the other end of the wire and wind it around the base of the bulb. Secure in place with tape. Crumble small piece of paper. Place enough of this in bottom of bottle so that when battery is inserted and the lid is tightly in place, the bottom of the bulb will just make contact with the raised center top of the battery. Hinge one side of the lid to the bottle with tape. When lid is closed, the bulb will light. To shut off your flashlight, flip up the lid. This

light creates a dim glow. If you want a larger light, use two batteries in a larger container.

Eyes Right or Left

Ask the Webelos Scouts if they are right-eyed or left-eyed as they are right-handed and left-handed. They can check by extending a finger towards a distant object and keeping both eyes open. Then tell them to close their right eye. If their finger appears to jump, this means they are right-eyed, if it does not, they are left-eyed, since the left eye is dominant.

Games:

Bottle Target: Webelos take turns seeing how many toothpicks they can land in a milk bottle which is placed on the floor an arm's length away, Players drop the toothpicks one at a time. They may lean forward, but can't move their feet.

Scientists Quiz (True or False?) (Make copies of this quiz for all the Webelos to try.)

Electric current was discovered in Italy in 1781. (True, by Luigi Galvani.)

Vulcanized rubber was an accidental discovery by Charles Goodyear. (True, in 1839.)

Madame Curie was the second woman to win the Nobel Prize. (False, she was the first woman. It was in Chemistry, for the discovery of radium.)

Mark Twain was the first author to submit a typewritten manuscript to a publisher. (True, Life on the Mississippi in about 1875.)

5. "Disks for the Eyes" was the original name for contact lenses. (False, the name for eyeglasses that were made in Italy in 1280.)

A Real Attention Getter: Inflate a balloon and affix 3 - 4 squares of plastic tape to it. Have a boy stick a pin through the center of each piece of tape. To everyone's amazement, the balloon will not burst. When the pins are removed the balloon still will not burst. What is happening: The adhesive substance on the tape acts like a self-sealing automobile tire, adhering to the pin as it is pressed inward. When the pin is removed, the adhesive is forced outward by the air pressure from within the balloon, automatically sealing the tiny pinholes.

Don't forget that we have brought back the Internet Patch for Scouts, yes Cubs can earn this patch, as a temporary one. <http://usscouts.org/internetscoutpatch-earnit.asp>



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POW WOW's Across Our Nation

REGIONS

CENTRAL

Heartland University of Scouting 2002:

Mid-America Council

Link to the Future

Location - Girls & Boys Town, NE

Date - Saturday, Nov. 9

Time - 8:30 - 4:00

Early Registration Savings! \$10 (\$7 if registration received by Oct 31); lunch \$6.50; Pow Wow book or CD \$10

SOUTHERN

Istrouma Area Council

Theme: Leaderfest (formerly University of Scouting & PowWow)

Episcopal School, Woodland Ridge Boulevard, Baton Rouge, LA

Saturday, Jan. 25, 2003

8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Early Registration Savings! look on website www.iac-bsa.org beginning in September for program

Last Frontier Council

Theme: You are the STRONGEST Link

Location: Rose State College, Midwest City, OK, (east side of Oklahoma City, off I-40 and Sooner Road)

Time: January 18, 2003 (unofficial) 8:00 - 4:30

Early Registration Savings!: (Not yet announced, but typically comes to 20-25%)

Greater Alabama Council

Pow Wow Name/Theme: UoS theme has not been decided. 2003

Location: Samford University, Homewood, AL

Date: Saturday, 1 March 2003

Time: 7:30 - 8:50 registration, 4:00 - 4:30 closing ceremony

Early Registration Savings!: none

WESTERN

Orange County (OCC)

Name/Theme: Leadership Training Conference (LTC)

Location: Century High School

Date: Saturday, November 2, 2002

Time: 8-4

Registration: Not yet known

No information yet on their council web site, but I know the event chair.

We're driving back from Philmont together, and I've presented at their event the past three years. A really class event!!

Council: Desert Pacific

Name/Theme: Victory Lane of Scouting

Location: Horizon Christian School (Tentative)

Date: March 1, 2003

Time: Probably 8-2 or 8-3

Registration: Not yet known.

[http://www.bsadpc.org/events/powwow03/flyer\[1\].doc](http://www.bsadpc.org/events/powwow03/flyer[1].doc)

NORTHEAST

Hudson Valley Council and Rip Van Winkle Council

Theme: Recipe For Success

Location: Heritage Junior High School, New Windsor, New York

Date: November 16, 2002

Time: 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM

Website: www.hvus.org/powwow.html

Hudson Valley Councils University Of Scouting

Hudson Valley Council and Rip Van Winkle Council

Location: TBD - somewhere in the Mid-Hudson Valley of New York State

Date: March 1, 2003

Time: 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM

Website: www.hvus.org

Web Sites

A Dear Online Scouting Friend Earl Bateman in Canada helped me out many years ago by putting Baloo's Bugle online before we found our home at USSSP. Check out Earl's site and say Hi

<http://www.kwic.com/5thalliancebpsa/links.htm>

Parents Guide to the Internet

<http://www.ed.gov/pubs/parents/internet/>

Free Leather Project from Tandy Leather Co.

<http://www.tandy-leather.com/patterns.html>

The Science Discovery SO COOL!

http://www.exploratorium.edu/science_explorer/index.html

Exhibitcam

<http://cams.exploratorium.edu/CAM1/index.html>

Cool Science for Curious Kids

<http://www.hhmi.org/coolscience/index.html>

Secret Messages for Kids Only

<http://www.thunk.com/index.cgi>

"The Amazin' HamsterScope!"

<http://www.hamstertours.com/hamsterscope.html>

American Folklore

<http://www.americanfolklore.net/>

Knots Gallery

http://www.tollesburysc.co.uk/Knots/Knots_gallery.htm

Free Woodworking Projects

<http://www.allcrafts.net/woodworking.htm#freeprojects>

Forestry Fun for Kids

<http://www.safnet.org/about/forestryfun.htm>

Design a Roller coaster

<http://www.learner.org/exhibits/parkphysics/coaster/>

Caring For Animals

<http://www.animaland.org/>

History of Flags

http://www.usask.ca/history/flags/na_flags.htm?

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Science 4 Kids

<http://www.ars.usda.gov/is/kids/>

Seeing, Hearing and Smelling the World

<http://www.hhmi.org/senses/>

Online Musical Instrument (must have flash)

<http://www.4kids.org/funstuff/music/>

Pc Screensaver Downloads For Kids

National Capitol Area Council

Visit Web Site:

<http://www.kidsdomain.com/holiday/winter/pc/savers.html>

to download the following screen savers:

Winter Wonderlands Screensaver -- R I Soft Systems

License: \$ 14.95 **Requires:** win 95/98/NT **Source:**

wintersw.exe **Download Size:** 306 k

This amazingly realistic screen saver displays beautiful, captivating winter scenery in the midst of a snowstorm.

The snow falls in a very natural, realistic fashion in accordance with user-specified options to control wind gusts and how heavily the snow falls. As the snow continues to fall it builds up on the ground, trees, and buildings, slowly piling up in real-time.

When you register, you can go to their site and download more scenes

Download from: riss.simplenet.com or

[ftp.risoftsystems.com](ftp://risoftsystems.com)

StarterLogg Screensaver -- <http://www.starterlogg.com/>

License: freeware

Requires: Windows 3.1/95 and a color monitor

Source: firelog.exe

Download Size: 780 KB

Outstanding in its simplicity, this flaming screensaver warms the desktop with a tranquil winter peace.

This toasty saver should run on almost any PC with Windows 3.1 or higher, is free, and even fits on a 3.5 floppy for easy gift giving!

Download from: [ftp.gamesdomain.com](ftp://gamesdomain.com)

Snow Screen Saver -- Design2Graphics

License: \$3

Requires: win

Source: snow_wi.zip

Download Size: 306 k

An outdoor scene with a black starry night and snow covered field with a cute snowman on it. Large and small flakes fall down the screen.

Download from: www.design2graphics.com

Ski Bear -- The Coca-Cola Company

License: freeware!

Requires: win

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