



# BALOO'S BUGLE



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October Cub Scout Roundtable

November Cub Scout Theme

## PILGRIMS OF PLYMOUTH ROCK

Tiger Cub Requirement #3

Webelos Craftsman & Scientist

### FOCUS

*Cub Scout Roundtable Leaders' Guide*

What kind of people were the Pilgrims?? How did they live and what did they mean to our nation's history?? The Pilgrims and American Indians who helped them gave us many things, including Thanksgiving. This month, Cub Scouts will reenact the First Thanksgiving, which lasted three days, with games and contests in addition to a bountiful meal. Prepare Pilgrim costumes and American Indian traditional clothing. Design some games that Pilgrim and Indian boys would have played. Dens can prepare a game or food for the feast, and help by building props or scenery. Consider a Raingutter Regatta as a modern day version of a game that boys might have played at the First Thanksgiving. Most of all, remember to give thanks for all the blessings we enjoy.

### CORE VALUES

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

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- ✓ **Spiritual growth**, Boys will be reminded of a higher power as they learn about the faith of the Pilgrims.
- ✓ **Good Citizenship**, Boys will be encouraged to share their goodwill with less fortunate people.
- ✓ **Family Understanding**, Boys will be encouraged to share and promote family values.

The core value highlighted this month is:

- ✓ **Cooperation**, Cub Scouts will become aware that cooperation is needed in life to accomplish goals.

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

### COMMISSIONER'S CORNER

Well, it has been another busy month. My first Fall Roundtable (67 leaders attended), the Pack's "Join Scouting Night," (My wife and I inherited a Wolf Den when the Tiger leader did not return. With our son and daughter both in college it has been a long time since we were front line with a group of second graders.) Luckily there are very interested parents who are helping. We are working at having them take over after they are trained.

Besides all this, I am on a 21<sup>st</sup> **Wood Badge** staff and we had the first weekend right after Isabel came through South Jersey. The staff was in camp when the storm hit and knocked out the electric power. One staff member who works for a generator service, got us a large portable generator and we were able to power the refrigerator, all the electronics needed for a **21st Century Wood Badge** course and light up the Troop Room and Dining Area and a few other things. *To make coffee, we unplugged the refrigerator and plugged in the coffee pot!!* The course went off great!! Participants left Sunday night all enthusiastic to return in a few weeks. I am the course Quartermaster and with my staff, we fed almost 70 people all weekend (*Thankfully, the cooking apparatus and hot water are propane!!*) This was my first experience with **21st Century Wood Badge** and I recommend it highly. **Wood Badge** is Scouting's advanced training course. It shows you how to be a better leader, how to create teams, how to plan projects and a lot more. The training techniques are the latest being used in the best corporate training programs.

On another front, in a few weeks my Pack will have its first **family camping trip** of the year – we have over 65 people signed up. Almost every family in the pack is attending!! When we were first allowed to do **family camping** as a pack, I was a little skeptical. Probably because I was a Cub in the 50's when there weren't even Day Camps for Cubs and my son was a Cub in the 80's when you couldn't get a tour permit approved for Pack camping. But I have seen tremendous growth in the Pack from our **family camping weekends** each year. And it is almost unsurpassed as a retention tool for boys and leaders!! You really should get your pack out **family camping** and see what it does!! Remember, boys join Scouting to go camping!!

Have them work on the Front Country guidelines (*See Leave No Trace award in Special Opportunity*)

**BUT first, get a few leaders B.A.L.O.O. trained!!!** (*See description in Training Tip*)

*Have a great month!!!!*

*Commissioner Dave*

## PRAYERS & POEMS FOR SCOUTERS

### A Spark of Genius

*Circle Ten Council*

Everyone has a spark of genius in them just waiting to be lit.  
If they'll jump into things and not just sit.  
Although we may not go down in history as the genius of our day.  
We can help others in this world to travel life's way.  
By sharing our sparks of genius with others that we know.  
Thus helping ideas, along the way to grow and glow.  
Remember the spark of an idea we may share with a friend.  
Can be added to by others and become a genius idea in the end.  
We can be happy because we helped in our small way.  
And have each had a part in this thought for the day

### A Cub Scout's Thanksgiving Prayer

*Goldenrod District, Mid-America Council*

O Heavenly Father, we ask for your blessing  
For loved ones and friends that are near.  
We thank you for food and for love and for life  
And the spirit of Scouting that's here.  
We thank you for leaders who care about boys,  
Who give us their time – that's better than toys!  
We thank you for dads who help us learn right,  
For moms who sew on our badges at night.  
For all this, thank you, dear Lord up above,  
For being in Scouting is something we love!

### Cub Scout Native American Prayer

*SCC Council*

Morning Star, wake us, filled with joy,  
To new days of growing to man from boy.  
Sun, with your power, give us light  
That we can tell wrong and do what is right.  
South Wind, we ask, in your gentle way,  
Blow us the willingness to obey.  
North Wind, we ask, live up to thy name.  
Send us the strength to always be game.  
East Wind, we ask, with your breath so snappy.  
Fill us with knowledge of how to be happy.  
West Wind, we ask, blow all that is fair  
To us, that we may always be square.  
Moon, that fills the night with her light,  
Guard us well while we sleep in the night.  
Akela, please guide us in every way.  
We'll follow your trail in work and play.

### Roundtable Prayer

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O Lord of us all, we gather together to praise thee and to give thanks for all of our blessings. Give us the gift of joy and help us to give goodwill to all men, now and forever.

## TRAINING TIP

### Go To Pow Wow

#### What Is Cub Leader Pow Wow?

Pow Wow is designed to be a day of learning, while having fun. Simply stated, it is the finest one-day supplemental training offered in the BSA - guaranteed to give you confidence and skills necessary for an exciting program. This training offers a variety of courses designed to give additional information on specific areas of Cub Scouting.

Some of the methods touched upon in basic training are treated in greater depth in Cub Scout Leader Pow Wow. There are no prerequisites as this training is intended to enrich your program experience.

#### Who Should Attend?

Pow Wow is designed for everyone involved in the Cub Scouting program. **Add pizzazz to your den or pack program - GUARANTEED!**

**The Pow Wow season is upon us!!** Looking at the Pow Wow dates that are submitted for Baloo, I see there are three main times for Pow Wow – November, January and March. The first is here – these are the Pow Wows that aim to get everyone a great start and fire them up for the year. In January we try and combat a mid year lull and give you stuff to keep you excited through the summer and then get you started on the right foot in September. The March Pow Wows are your first info on the coming year of Scouting.

Pow Wows are one of the things that keep me in Scouting. They are always fun and always hands on. I love seeing brochures for Pow Wows with 30 plus sessions and lots of fun and games. I worry about Pow Wows with only a few sessions and the descriptions read like a long day of dry training sessions.

Pow Wow is where you, the leader, get to be a Cub Scout. Where you get to play the games, where you make the crafts. To use my roundtable slogan – You get the will to do and the skill to do.

So if you have a new leader who needs friendly nudge or an experienced leader who needs new ideas – GO TO POW WOW!! They are for everyone!!

#### Unit Leadership Enhancements

Tucked away in Chapter 28 of my Cub Scout Leader Book are 15 Unit Leadership Enhancement Outlines. These are short reviews of Training Topics. It is intended that one of these be reviewed at every pack committee meeting. In a few minutes you can review an entire facet of Scouting (e.g. Pack Meetings or Cub Scout Camping) and get the answers you need.

So the next time your Pack is struggling with something (or better yet – before they struggle but you sense something amiss e.g. Annual Program Planning or Family

Involvement) turn to chapter 28 and see if there is a Unit Leadership Enhancement exercise you can do to set your Pack back on the right course!!!

**B.A.L.O.O. Training**  
*Excerpted from Northern NJ Council and Boston Minuteman Council*

What is B.A.L.O.O.? It is an acronym for Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation. A basic outdoor training to understand the laws of BSA camp programming and acquire the skills & confidence to plan Cub Scout camping, by increasing your knowledge of the resources available from BSA, and to carry out a Cub Scout camping activity. You will be learning how to run a successful Cub Scout camping activity using national and local council standards as guidelines.

B.A.L.O.O. is fun and learning that prepares pack leaders to plan and carry out "entry-level" outdoor experiences. Ask a boy why he wants to be a Cub Scout, and nine times out of 10 he'll answer "to go camping." That's why Cub Scouting has introduced B.A.L.O.O. training, so boys, along with their parents or some other adult, can participate in a successful overnight camping experience.

A pack camp-out, at a location approved by the local council, is a great way for families to have fun and build confidence in outdoor skills. This kind of camping isn't the rugged high adventure outing geared toward older Boy Scouts. It's what you might call "soft camping," where families can simply drive up to a campsite and pitch a tent within a few feet of their vehicle's rear bumper. The emphasis is on family fun activities that don't require lots of advanced outdoor skills.

How do you get started? A member of your pack committee needs to attend B.A.L.O.O. training. The B.A.L.O.O. session will give your pack's outdoor activity leader the tools to conduct a safe and successful overnight.

First there are sessions about the why and how of Cub Scout camping—planning, equipment, meal preparation, campfire programs. Then there are hands on sessions about fire safety, stoves, and lanterns; first aid and sanitation; nature hikes and games; and cooking. Scattered throughout the training are plenty of the four S's: songs, stunts, stories, and showmanship. With proper planning and your BALOO-trained leader, your pack should be set for a fun and exciting weekend event.



**Achievement 3 Keeping Myself Healthy and Safe**  
Health and safety include many things. To be as healthy as we can be, it is important to eat good foods, get plenty of sleep and to exercise to keep our bodies strong. We also need to keep our bodies clean, and brush our teeth regularly. To be safe, it is important to understand what to do in case of emergencies, and to follow the rules we are taught on how to act when we are with other adults.

A. Tiger Cubs have fire drills in school and some adult partners have fire drills where they work. With your family, talk about how you would get out of your house or apartment safely if there was a fire.

B. A Tiger Cub, with his inquisitive mind, can quickly become separated from you indoors such as in a mall while shopping, or outdoors in a wooded area when on vacation. For his own safety it is important that he know what to do when lost or separated.

**Achievement 3 Family Activity**

**3F Plan a family fire drill and practice it.**

Be sure to plan a safe meeting place outside so that you will know when everyone in the family is safe. Go to that place as part of your practice.

Tell your Tiger Cub that if he ever feels that he is lost, he should stay where he is and hold onto something like a bench, a post, or a tree. Assure him that because you love him, as soon as you realize that he is not with you, you will quickly begin looking for him. Explain to him, that if he does not stay where he is when he is lost, it will take you a lot longer to find him. Practice a game with him where he pretends that he is lost, he holds onto something stationary, and you walk out of sight, wait a 3 to 5 min., and then come back for him.

**Achievement 3 Den Activity**

To keep your body healthy, it is important that you eat a well-balanced diet. The food pyramid, below, helps you by showing how many servings of certain kinds of foods you should have each day.

**3D Make a food pyramid.**

Draw a food pyramid on a big piece of paper or a poster board. Using old magazines donated by the den families cut out pictures of food and glue them in the appropriate place on the pyramid. You can also draw pictures of different foods to add to the food pyramid.

**Achievement 3 Go and See It**

It's fun to play games and to take part in sports. It's also good exercise, which helps to keep your body healthy. Some games and sports are for one person, and sometimes people play games or sports on teams. It's also fun to watch others play games or demonstrate their abilities.

Understanding the game or sport you are watching makes it a lot more fun.

**3G** First, learn the rules of a game or sport. Then, go to watch an amateur or professional game or sporting event.

**Electives**

**\*4-Display a picture**

It's nice to have pictures of your family on display—especially when some of your family members are not close by all the time.

\*Make a frame for a family picture. Glue tongue depressors or craft sticks together in a shape to fit your picture. Attach a string or ribbon to the upper corners to use as a hangar. Tape your picture to the back of the frame and display. You may want to use a photograph, or a picture that you draw of your family.

**Ask your Tigers to draw a picture of their favorite hero.**

**\*10- Helping Hands**

When people grow older, or if they become sick or have an accident, they sometimes have a hard time doing every day things. If you know an elderly person or if you know someone who is ill or recovering from an illness or accident, try to think of what things would be hard for them to do by themselves.

Along with your adult partner, help an elderly or shut in person with a chore. You might offer to do things such as helping to take out trash, rake leaves, mail a package, or bring in the mail. Ask first, and do it with a big Tiger Cub smile!

**Perhaps the families of the Tiger Cub would like to look into adopting a pet that belongs to one of our service people that are being called to duty at this time.**

To tie in with the suet recipes that are in "Pack and Den Activities", I thought I would include Elective 32 for the Tiger Cubs. You can also roll pinecones in the suet mixture and hang them from the trees.

**\*32- Feed the Birds**

Pop-bottle bird feeder

**Materials:** one plastic 2-liter bottle, two plastic lids about 5" in diameter (from coffee cans, large margarine containers, whipped topping, etc.), 30" heavy twine or rug yarn, scissors

Have your adult partner help you cut the bottle in half, crosswise. Poke a hole through the centers of the plastic lids with the point of the scissors or a nail. Tie a large knot in the end of the twine. Refer to picture and put your feeder together by stringing together one plastic lid (curved side up), then the inverted bottle, and then the second lid (curved side down). Fill the bird feeder with seed and hang it outside.

**Pinecone Bird Feeder**

**Materials:** 1/2 cup peanut butter, 1/2 cup shortening, 1-2 cups bird seed, large pinecone, thick twine, paper bag

Twist twine around the pinecone and tie it securely. Mix the peanut butter and shortening together. Spread the mixture between the petals of the pinecone, filling in as much as you can. Put the pinecone along with the birdseed in the paper bag. Close the bag and shake, coating the

pinecone with birdseed. Hang the feeder on a tree where you can watch the birds enjoy it.

**SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY**

*In the last few years, BSA has added several new special awards for Cub Scouts – there is an Emergency Preparedness Award, the Leave No Trace Award, the Boys' Life reading Contest and more. I will try to feature one of these each month. I am repeating the Boys' Life Reading Award because of how vital a good reading ability is to one's success. CD*

**Boys' Life Reading Contest**  
**Enter the 16th Boys' Life Reading Contest Now!**



Write a one-page report titled "The Best Book I Read This Year" and enter it in the *Boys' Life* 2003 "Say Yes to Reading!" contest.

The book can be fiction or nonfiction. But the report has to be in your own words—500 words tops. Enter in one of these three age categories: 8 years old and younger, 9 and 10 years old, or 11 years and older.

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

Everyone who enters will get a free patch like the square one above. (The patch is a temporary insignia, so it can be worn on the Boy Scout uniform shirt. Proudly display it there or anywhere!) In coming years, you'll have the opportunity to earn the other patches.

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

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

Entries must be postmarked by Dec. 31, 2003.



**Leave No Trace**

With the emphasis from National on every Pack making sure all new Cubs have an outdoor experience within their first few month, many Packs and Dens will be out in Camps and Woods and Parks exploring. BSA has published a Cub Scout Version of the Leave No Trace principles. It is available as a bin item, # 13-032. *(When requested, Bin items are provided free from BSA National to your local council.)* Go ask for your copy.

The brochure describes six **Front Country Guidelines** for Cub Scouts to follow while hiking, camping and enjoying the outdoors. *(This is cute play on words – the hiking area at Philmont is referred to as the backcountry. Now obviously you don't want to take Cubs out there – to the backcountry, so we must be taking them to the front country. CD)*

There is even a Cub Scout Leave No Trace award with a patch for Cub Scouts and leaders to earn.

Making sure our leaders and Cubs are familiar with these principles should enable our Cubs to be complimented wherever they go and help us recruit even more boys!!

Also, useful for your Pack's outdoor adventures is Cub Scout Outdoor Program Guidelines, BSA Bin Item # 13-631

**Cub Scout Leave No Trace Pledge**

I promise to practice the Leave No Trace Front Country guidelines wherever I go:

1. Plan ahead.
2. Stick to trails.
3. Manage your pet.
4. Leave what you find.
5. Respect other visitors.
6. Trash your trash

*More information, including the requirements for the Cub Scout and Leader Leave No Trace Awards is available at*

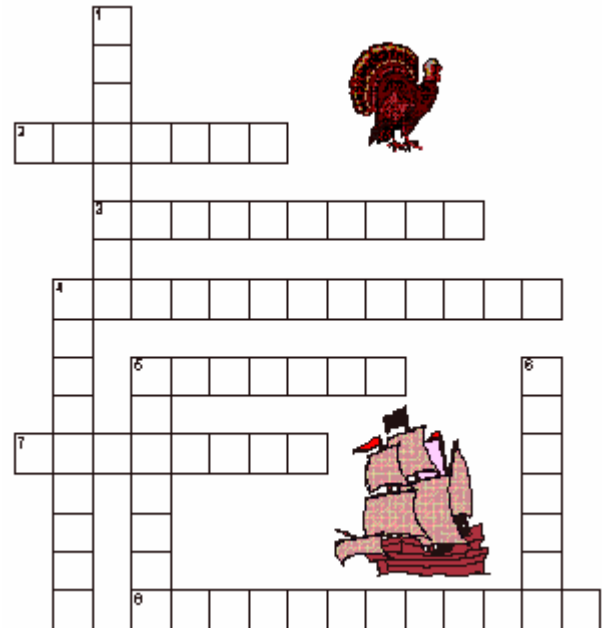
<http://www.scouting.org/cubscouts/resources/13-032/>

**PRE-OPENING ACTIVITY**

**Pilgrims Crossword Puzzle**

*Goldenrod District, Mid-America Council*

*I would cut and paste the crossword picture to another document, then enlarge it to "Kid Size" CD*



**Across:**

- 2 - The Pilgrims originally came from this country
- 3 - The part of the country where the Pilgrims settled eventually became known as this, in honor of the home country
- 4 - The Pilgrims settled in what would eventually become this state
- 5 - The colony is close to this large peninsula
- 7 - Name of the Pilgrim colony
- 8 - Holiday started by the Pilgrims

**Down:**

- 1 - Originally the Pilgrims were supposed to start their colony in what would later become this Mid-Atlantic state
- 4 - Name of their first ship
- 5 - Agreement that was signed on their trip
- 6 - Another name often used for the Pilgrims

**Answers:**

Down:	Across:
1 – Virginia	2 - Cape Cod
4 – Mayflower	3 – New England
5 – Compact	4 - Massachusetts
6 - Puritan	5 – Cape Cod
	7 - Plymouth
	8- Thanksgiving

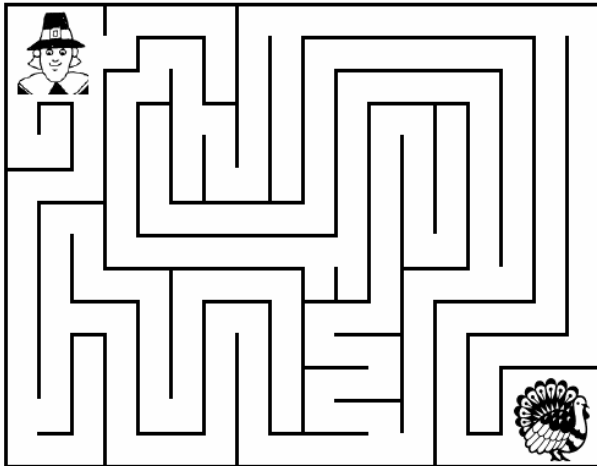
**Thanksgiving Twenty Questions**

*SCC Council*

One boy chooses a thanksgiving related person, place, or thing and says, "I'm thinking of something." The others try to guess what it is by asking no more than twenty questions that can be answered "YES", "NO", or I DON'T KNOW." The Scout who guesses correctly is next up.

**Help the Pilgrim Find the Turkey**

*SCC Council*



Help the Pilgrim find the turkey

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**OPENING CEREMONY**

**Thanksgiving Opening Ceremony**

*Viking Council*

*The Cubmaster or another Leader can recite the following or it can be broken up into as many parts as you have Cubs in your den. Each Cub would then say a line. Possibly you could make Pilgrim hats as mentioned in the next ceremony and put the words in LARGE type on the back of the hats. After the recitation be sure to salute the flag. This could, also, be a Cubmaster's Minute for closing. Commissioner Dave*

I would give thanks for many things on this Thanksgiving Day. Thanks for all the blessings Life brings each day along the way. I would give thanks for life and health, for home, for food, and too, All than I count my greatest wealth Family and friendship true.

I give thanks for my native land, for freedom on this day; where we worship and understand our privilege to pray. I would give thanks for many things and do the best I can, to be worthy of all Life brings and serve my fellow man.

**Pilgrims Opening Ceremony**

*Viking Council*

The following ceremony is simple but can be impressive. To help set the theme, make the cards in the shape of large Pilgrim hats with letters cut from white or silver paper & glued on.

**P** Pilgrim forefathers started our great land.

- I** In 1620 they landed to take their first stand.
- L** Let's pause for a moment to pay them tribute tonight.
- G** Grim hardships & setbacks they had to fight.
- R** Remembering how they were put to the test.
- I** In the history books it's said they always did their best.
- M** May we ever be thankful for their courage so grand.
- S** So we today may proudly salute the flag of our great land.

One boy or the leader now steps forward & asks the audience to rise & join in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**The Cub Scouts are Coming**

*SCC Council*

One Cub Scout at a time trots from the back of the room to the front shouting, "The Cub Scouts are coming! The Cub Scouts are coming!" Then two boys enter, carrying the United States Flag, and lead the pledge.

**Harvest Feast**

*SCC Council*

*Divide the poem up into enough parts for everyone in your den. Have them make cards with Thanksgiving pictures on one side and the words on the other in LARGE print. OR, jus have your Cubmaster read this –*

Fetch the wood and feed the fires,  
 Keep the kettles steaming:  
 Such a feast as this requires  
 More than wishful dreaming.  
 Stir the batter, Pilgrim daughter!  
 Son, another pail of water!  
 Pile the clams beneath the coals,  
 Make the meat-spit stable.  
*(Note –when Cubs ask, a spit is a skewer to hold the meat)*  
 Bring the planks and set the poles  
 For the harvest table.  
 Pilgrim son, more wood, more water!  
 Help the pluck the turkeys, daughter!  
 Roast the ears of yellow maize,  
 Pile the nuts and berries  
 Next to grapes on pewter trays  
 Near the sun-dried cherries.  
 Guests are coming, son and daughter,  
 Over hills and running water!  
 Rake the coals and pile them up,  
 Praise the harvest weather,  
 Set the table, cup by cup,  
 Guest and host, together.  
 Draw the ties of friendship tauter  
 With Thanksgiving, son and daughter.

**Thanksgiving Spelldown**

*SCC Council*

**Needed** – 12 Cub Scouts – one for each letter of Thanksgiving.

*This may be a great opening for Tigers using Adult Partners next to their sons for every other letter. There are very few words. Have Cubs put thanksgiving pictures on the cards with letters on them. Words on back in*

**LARGE print. CD**

- T** Turkey sizzling,
- H** Happy hearts,
- A** Apple stuffing,
- N** Nuts and tarts,
- K** Kitchen smells
- S** So nice and sniffy,
- G** Guests arriving
- I** In a jiffy,
- V** Voices raised
- I** In festive mood—
- N** Not forgetting
- G** Gratitude...
- ALL** Just as sure as you are living  
That's the way to spell THANKSGIVING!

**Freedom**

*Heart of America Council*

**Personnel:** 8 Cub Scouts

**Equipment:** A small flag for each boy

- Cub # 1.** Freedom is a breathe of air, Pine-scented, or salty like the sea.
- Cub # 2.** Freedom is a field newly plowed with furrows of democracy.
- Cub # 3.** Freedom is a forest; trees tall and straight as men!
- Cub # 4.** Freedom is a printing press, the power of the pen!
- Cub # 5.** Freedom is a country church, a cathedral's stately spire.
- Cub # 6.** Freedom is a spirit that can set the heart on fire!
- Cub # 7.** Freedom is a man's birthright, a sacred, living part;
- Cub # 8.** A pulse beat of humanity, the throb of a nation's heart.
- Cub # 9.** Please join us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**I Believe in America**

*Southern NJ Council*

**Personnel:** 6 Cub Scouts

**Equipment:** Cubs around flag stand or holding small flags

- Cub # 1.** I believe in America!
- Cub # 2.** I believe in this great land where freedom and opportunity are more than just words.
- Cub # 3.** I believe that we, as a nation, place our basic trust and hope in God.
- Cub # 4.** I believe that, despite all difficulties, we as Americans, will continue to be a strong, God-fearing country.
- Cub # 5.** I believe that as a nation we have our faults, but I also believe that we are trying to overcome them.
- Cub # 6.** I believe in America!
- Cub # 7.** Join us in the Pledge of Allegiance

**Give Thanks Opening**

*Goldenrod District, Mid-America Council*

**Set Up:** Have ten Cub Scouts with signs each with one of the letters from G I V E T H A N K S on front. On the back, write out their speaking parts in LARGE PRINT.

- Cub # 1.** **G** is for the Glorious autumn the Pilgrims knew so well.
- Cub # 2.** **I** is for the Indian Summer that cast a magic spell.
- Cub # 3.** **V** is for the Valiant men of old who crossed the stormy sea.
- Cub # 4.** **E** is for the Endless labors performed so faithfully.
- Cub # 5.** **T** is for the Trackless wasteland where red men hunted food.
- Cub # 6.** **H** is for the Homes the Pilgrims from nearby forest hewed.
- Cub # 7.** **A** is for the wild Animals lurking so dangerously at hand.
- Cub # 8.** **N** is for the Nuts and fruits that helped to feed the little band.
- Cub # 9.** **K** is for the Keeness and vision of those who this land first trod.
- Cub # 10.** **S** is for the Spirit that kept them strong, with eternal faith in God.

**All:** Tonight we give thanks to God above, for His guidance and his never-ending love. Please join us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PACK/DEN ACTIVITIES**

**“Tied Up” Turkey**

*SCC Council*

Have children bring in old ties from their fathers, grandfathers, or uncles. Make the shape of a turkey's body from poster board and place it in the middle of a bulletin board. Pin the ties around the turkey's body in a fan shape to resemble feathers. Hint: Fold the ties in half when you pin them to the bulletin board.

**Indian Sit**

*SCC Council*

Sit outside and have everyone close his eyes. Listen to the sounds for 5 minutes. Discuss.

**Friendship Bracelet**

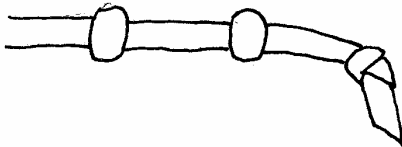
*SCC Council*

**Materials:** You will need two pony beads and a leather lace for each bracelet.

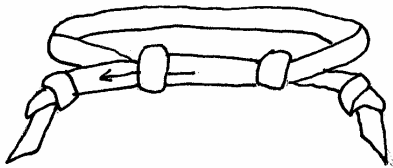
**Step 1:** Cut lace 5" longer than measurement around wrist. Trim lace ends at an angle.



**Step 2:** Tie a knot in one end of the lace. Thread on 2 pony beads.



**Step 3:** Thread the other end of the lace through the beads from the opposite direction. Tie a knot in this lace end. Adjust size of bracelet by pulling on knotted lace ends.



**Indian Stalking**

*SCC Council*

Let the boys try to go through an area without making a sound.

**Quick Thanksgiving Quilt**

*SCC Council*

Give each child a 9-inch square piece of poster board that has been divided into a grid of nine squares. Have the child glue 3-inch squares of fabric, wallpaper or colored wrapping paper into the squares on their grid. Cut out Thanksgiving symbols and glue them into the center square. Encourage them to glue their squares into patterns. Tape all the 9-inch square boards together to form a group quilt. Display the quilt on the wall at your next Pack meeting.

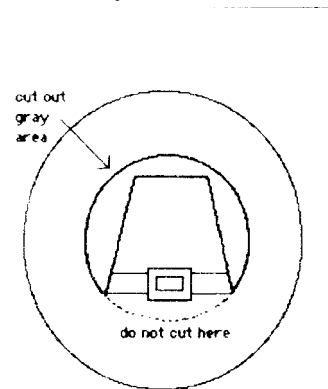
**Leaf Turkey**

*SCC Council*

Have children collect autumn leaves and dry them. (To dry leaves, place them between two sheets of paper. Put a heavy book on top and let them sit for several days to remove the moisture.) Children draw a turkey's body on a sheet of paper, then glue on the leaves for feathers.

**Pilgrim Hat**

*Heart of America Council*



**Materials:**

10x13" Black construction paper  
9 X 12' Gray construction paper  
Tape, Pencil, Scissors, Glue

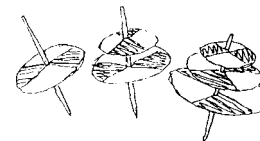
How to make it:

1. Cut an oval of the black construction paper the full size of the paper
2. Cut a strip of paper to make a band to put around the boy's head, tape it. Put that circle (slightly oval) on the paper to trace the inner circle. Then draw a circle around it. Leave about a 2" brim on 3 sides and about 4" on the "front'.
3. Draw the trapezoid, and cut out the gray parts.
4. Cut out a band and buckle out of gray paper.
5. Glue the hatband on the hat and then the buckle on top of the band.
6. Bend the hat piece up and try on the boy.
7. You may need to adjust the opening to fit the individual boy's head.
8. On the underneath side, apply tape to the two points where the hat bends. This will reinforce the stress point, and hopefully prevent tearing.

**Tips:** This hat could probably also be made out of felt. I would suggest cutting 2 hats out of black, and gluing the two together to give the hat stability.

**Tops**

*Heart of America Council*



**Materials:**

Poster board  
3/16" dowel  
knife,  
Glue

Cut 3" circle from poster board and smooth the edges. Cut dowel 3" long and carve a point. Push dowel into center of circle and glue. For multi-level tops, cut smaller circles.

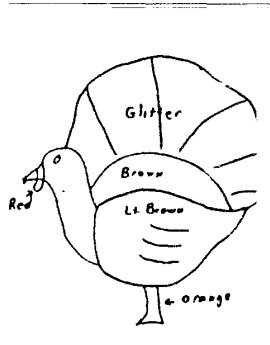


**Turkey Pin or Magnet**  
*Heart of America Council*

**Materials:**

Brown felt - body and neck  
Dark Blue felt - wings and tail  
Orange felt - beak,  
Red felt - gobbler

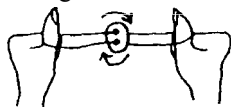
1. Transfer the pattern to the felt.
2. Cut the pieces out of the felt.
3. Glue the wings and tail feathers to the body.
4. Then glue the beak and feet to the body.
5. Add the red gobbler to the beak.
6. Add glider to the wings and tail feathers.
7. Now hot glue the safety pin, magnet or another body part to the back,
8. Glue only the sides, this will make a tie slide.



**Button Buzzer**

*Southern NJ Council*

**Materials:** String and button with at least 2 holes in



middle

Thread the string through the holes of the button, tie ends together, holding ends of loops over thumbs. With button in middle of string, relax and pull tight the string over again until button starts to spin.

**Great Turkey Dressing**

*SCC Council*

Divide into appropriate number of groups. Give each group a paper sack filled with the following: newspaper, 1 pr. pantyhose, 4 sheets tissue paper, 1 roll toilet paper, scissors and tape. Each team has 10 minutes to select and dress one member of their team (or a parent) as a turkey.

**Tin Can Bird Feeder**

*Heart of America Council*

*Put this feeder in your backyard or on your porch to attract birds.*

**Materials**

Large juice can (with top removed)  
Bright colored enamel paint and paintbrush  
Two aluminum pie tins  
3' of clothesline rope  
Hammer  
Large nail  
Beverage can opener

**Procedure**

1. Paint the juice can in the color of your choice. When it is dry, punch a hole through the middle of the bottom of the can, using the hammer and nail.
2. Punch a series of openings around the bottom of the can using the beverage can opener. This is where the birdseed comes out.
3. Punch holes in the middle of the two pie tins, using the large nail and hammer.
4. Now, tie a knot in the end of the clothesline and run the rope up through one pie tin, the juice can, and finally the other pie tin. See illustration for details.
5. Fill can with birdseed and hang in your yard or on an open porch.
6. Enjoy the birds that come to visit.



**Craft Stick Turkey Craft**

*Goldenrod District, Mid-America Council*



**Materials:** colored craft sticks, short craft sticks, craft spoon, wiggly eyes, wooden shapes for the turkey's wattle and beak, pipe cleaners, red paint, black and yellow construction paper and glue

**How To Do It:** Glue colored crafts stick around the wooden spoon to form the turkey's tail feathers. Cut out a pilgrim hat shape from black construction paper and glue on a yellow trim and then glue it on to the top of the craft spoon. Glue on wiggly eyes. Paint a teardrop shaped wooded piece red and glue it on to the turkey as shown. Glue on a smaller teardrop shaped piece upside down to form the beak. Glue onto smaller craft sticks on each side of the turkey's head and neck to form wings. Shape brown pipe cleaners to form the turkey's feet and glue them on to the back of the turkey.

## AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

### Little Bear And The Wolf

*Viking Council*

Divide the group into four smaller groups. Assign each group one of the names below. Read the story pausing at each key word to allow the appropriate group to make the proper response.

**Little Bear** - "Life's rough"

**Indians** – "How"

**Wolf** – Howl

**Beaver** – Slap thighs with hands *to simulate the beaver slapping his tail on the ground.*

**Little Bear** lived with his tribe of Apache **Indians** in eastern Arizona. He had grown up on the reservation and was the son of the Chief. However, **Little Bear** was the youngest son. And among the **Indians** this did not mean much. **Little Bear** would still have to prove himself.

When **Little Bear** turned six years old he was old enough to go to Fort Thomas with the other **Indian** children to attend school. This meant getting up early to catch the school bus and riding for almost an hour with the other **Indian** children to reach the school. This was usually when the trouble started. Because **Little Bear** was small for his age some of the bigger **Indian** children would tease him. It was all **Little Bear** could do to keep the tears from falling. At school it wasn't much better and **Little Bear** often found himself gazing out the school window to the east at Mt. Graham.

One day during morning recess the **Indians** were especially rough on him, calling him Little Geek and laughing. **Little Bear** had had enough. He left the school and started running, running toward the mountain. It took some time to reach the foothills, but **Little Bear** kept on going, climbing higher and higher. It was then that he realized that something was following him in the woods. He began to watch more closely. There it was! It was a **wolf**. The **wolf** followed **Little Bear** all the way to the top. **Little Bear** sat down on the edge of Laurel Lake by the **beaver** lodge. The **wolf** sat off a little ways in the woods. **Little Bear** did not know what to think about that wolf. Just then, a **beaver** poked his head out of the lake. "You must be an **Indian** of high station," said the **beaver**. "Why is that?" asked **Little Bear**. "Because," the **beaver** replied, "you are guarded by the **wolf**!"

It was well past dark when **Little Bear** made it back to the school. The **wolf** had come with him as far as the foothills. His parents were there to meet him. They were busy organizing a search party. But from then on **Little Bear** was different. He was no fun to tease and the other **Indians** soon gave it up. And every time **Little Bear** started to lose his confidence he would think of the **beaver** and the **wolf** and know he was special.

### A Frontier Thanksgiving

*Heart of America Council*

Assign sections of the audience to stand and shout the appropriate words and to pantomime the action as the leader reads the story.

Settler: Davy Crockett (Stand and Salute)  
 Gun: Bang, Bang  
 (Two Parts - stand up and sit down)  
 Dog: Mans Best Friend (Wag Arm)  
 Turkey: Yum, Yum (Flap arms)  
 Cabin: Shut the Door! (Slam door)  
 Frontier: Way Out West (Spread arms)  
 Indian: Geronimo (Pull Bow)  
 Thanksgiving: (Everyone pats Tummy)

Early one **THANKSGIVING** morning many years ago on the old **FRONTIER** a **SETTLER** stood before his lonely **CABIN** with his trusty **GUN** and faithful **DOG** ready to hunt the **TURKEY** he needed for dinner and hoping no **INDIANS** would spoil his feast. Whistling to his **DOG**, the **SETTLER** shouldered his **GUN** and started down the forest trail. Meantime an **INDIAN** also with a **DOG** approached down the forest trail from the other direction. Just at that moment a fat **TURKEY** flew between them. Off went the **GUNS** down fell the **TURKEY** in bounded the **DOGS** up rushed the Indian... and the **SETTLER**. "It's mine", claimed the **SETTLER**. "Ugh - him mine", said the **INDIAN**. "Grr.. snarled the **DOGS** The noise of the argument shook the **CABIN** and awoke the whole **FRONTIER**. But the **TURKEY** which was only stunned by the blast of the **GUNS** took off unsteadily and flew in the open door of the **cabin** where it was promptly captured by the **INDIAN**, the **SETTLER**, and the **DOGS**. And thus, **THANKSGIVING** came to a lonely cabin on the old **FRONTIER**.

## ADVANCEMENT CEREMONIES

### Let the Compass Guide You

*Heart of America Council*

**PROPS:** You will need a prop compass made of heavy cardboard. Place it in front on the advancement table.

**CUBMASTER:** We look to the compass for our guide just as the Pilgrims used a compass to cross the Atlantic. To the East, we find a Cub ready his Bobcat Badge. Will (name) and his parents come forward. (Present award) He brings his eagerness like the dawn of a new day.

To the South is the Wolf with his spirit of adventure. Will (name) and his parents come forward. (Present awards)

To the West is a Bear hunting on the trail of Scouting. (Present awards)

To the North is the Webelos about to realize his boyhood dreams, alive with Scout action. Will (name) and his parents come forward. (Present awards)

Let the compass guide all of you on your trails and may you all carry into your adult life the ideals of Scouting.

**The Pilgrims Have Landed**

*Viking Council*

**PROPS:** Cardboard Mayflower, Plymouth Rock out of cardboard or paper mache', one small rock for each boy, Indian costume for Cubmaster, Pilgrim costume for Cubmaster's assistant.

**PILGRIM:** (enters rowing a cardboard Mayflower) I've been rowing for four month now. Hope I find land or a place to rest soon! Wait, what's that? Could it be? Yes, It Is! Land ho! Think I'll park by that big rock. (Gets out by Plymouth Rock) This looks like a nice place. Wonder if anyone lives here?

**INDIAN:** (enters) Howdy Pilgrim (John Wayne style). Welcome to the new world: Come on over to my tepee and we'll play some video games.

**PILGRIM:** Maybe later. Right now I'm starving. What do your have to eat?

**INDIAN:** We have corn bread, corn on the cob, corn flakes, corn meal, popcorn, corn oil, corn chex, corn nuts, corn pone, and corn curls.

**PILGRIM:** You forgot to mention corny jokes!

**INDIAN:** Ha, ha! That's very punny, Pilgrim. Say, as long as you're here, how about joining us for our Thanksgiving feast?

**PILGRIM:** Thanksgiving, what's that?

**INDIAN:** That's when all the tribes get together and talk turkey. We give special thanks for everything we have and that this skit won't last much longer.

**PILGRIM:** Sounds like fun.

**INDIAN:** Before we eat, there are several young braves that we are honoring. Will you help me?

**PILGRIM:** Sure, what have they done - broke the Nintendo record or won the tribal rap-singing contest?

**INDIAN:** They've done much more than that. They've eaten an entire Thanksgiving dinner without taking a nap afterwards. But even more impressive, they've earned the ranks of Bobcat, Wolf, and Bear.

**PILGRIM:** Wow! I'd like to meet these braves and their parents. Who are they?

**INDIAN:** Will the following braves and their parents, please come forward. (Reads names)

**PILGRIM:** What did they do to earn these honors?

**Make it up from here...** *At this point you work in all your usual Pack rituals for awards – explain the badges, present to parents, move markers along the trail.*

**Turkey Days Advancement Ceremony**

*Viking Council*

**Needed:** A large turkey with a feather for each award to be presented (or one feather for each Cub receiving an award). Awards are placed on the feathers prior to the Pack Meeting. Feathers can be made out of poster board. The turkey can be made from a box, with wiggle eyes, poster

board cut out for head, wings, and feathers. And a little imagination in painting the box.

**Cubmaster:** This is a special time of the year. We have a lot to be thankful for: Our families and friends, our homes and schools. We should be especially thankful for this land we live in. Tonight we have our Thanksgiving turkey with us, but it's not ready for the oven yet. We still need to pluck it, and this is how we will do it:

I will call the name of a Cub Scout that has earned an award. He will go get his parents and they will come up to the turkey and pluck out the feather with their son's name on it. At that time they will present the award to their son. Once you have received your award, please stand to my left and remain there until all the names have been called and all the feathers plucked. Call names of boys until all have come forward. Then perform other Pack rituals for award presentation. *Webelos Leader can also use the turkey to present Webelos awards if desired.*

Congratulations on your hard work. Our turkey is now plucked and ready for the oven. It will ensure us all a Happy Thanksgiving.

**Thanksgiving Dinner**

*SCC Council*

**Setting:** A table set with Thanksgiving items; a bag of corn kernels

**Cubmaster:** Ladies and gentlemen, tonight we are remembering the founders of our country and the native American Indians. The pilgrims came to this country for religious freedom, and when they got here, they found new friends. The sharing that occurred between these two different peoples was something to behold. We have all shared things in much the same way.

Would the following boys please come forward? (List those earning Wolf badges.) You boys have shared with each other the gift of working together in your dens and homes. For this, we give you your awards and a kernel of corn, as the Indians gave to the pilgrims.

Would the following boys please come forward? (List those earning Bear badges.) You have worked hard, and work was one of the things most respected by the pilgrims and Indians alike. The pilgrims even had a rule that if persons did not work, they would not eat. For your work, we give you your award along with a kernel of corn, just as the Indians gave the pilgrims.

**Webelos Leader:** Would the following Webelos please come forward? (List names.) You boys have been working for a long time and have learned many new skills working with metal, wood and leather. These are the same skills that the pilgrims had to learn to survive and help build this great country we live in today. We give you your awards and a kernel of corn to remember this special time of the year.

**Early Colonists Days**  
*Heart of America Council*

**Personnel:** Cubmaster, Cub Scouts, Advancing Cub Scouts

**Equipment:** Stage curtains, Props for pioneers, Badges, certificates, pins

**CM:** American Pioneers have been men with curious minds, strong purpose, courage, determination, stick-to-itiveness and a proud, fierce loyalty. Through every hardship they have refused to give up.

Our purpose is to remind Ourselves of how our country grew out of a wilderness into a great world power. Let us quickly take a brief look at some of the men who helped build it.

MILES STANDISH came with the Pilgrims seeking religious freedom and learned to live with the Indians. After the first year's harvest they celebrated Thanksgiving together.

Other great men followed. PATRICK HENRY, who said "Give me Liberty or give me death;" DANIEL BOONE opened up the trail west through the Cumberland Gap; THOMAS EDISON invented the electric light; ALEXANDER GRAHAM BELL gave us the telephone.

As we entered the 20th century, HENRY FORD produced a successful motorcar. ORVILLE and WILBUR WRIGHT launched our first airplane.

For you, Cub Scouts, the United States is still a land of expanding opportunity and tonight we have the following boys who have had the determination, stick-to-itiveness and loyalty to follow the trail of (Wolf), (Bear) and complete the achievements of (their/his) badges. Will (names) and their parents please come forward?

Now we have boys with strong purpose and curious minds who have completed the requirements for their Webelos badge. Will the following boys and their parents please come forward? Will the Pack stand with me and salute these fine Cub Scouts who have had the courage and loyalty as the Pioneers of our past years to advance. Congratulations!

**GAMES**

**Indian and Rabbits Game (for 2 players)**  
*SCC Council*

**Materials:**

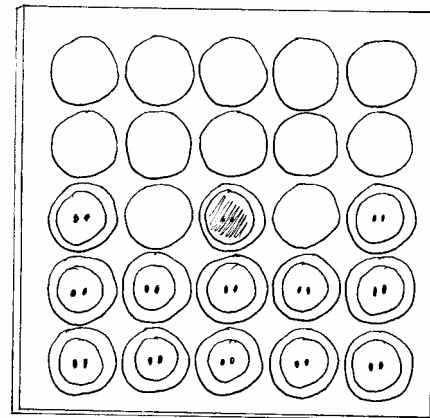
- Cardboard scrap
- 12 identical buttons (same size or color)
- 1 different button

**Tools:**

Scissors, Pencil or pen

**Set Up:** Cut a square piece of cardboard, large enough to accommodate a row of the 5 identical buttons in both directions. Depending on the size of the buttons, find a large coin or other circular object to use as a pattern, and draw 5 rows of 5 circles each on the cardboard. Arrange the buttons on the circles as shown below. The one different button is the Indian and the rest are rabbits.

**Object:** The rabbits win if they corner the Indian so he cannot move, and the Indian wins if he captures all but one rabbit.



**Rules:** One player controls all the rabbits and the other controls the Indian. The Indian makes the first move. The Indian and the rabbit can move one space at a time, either up and down (vertically) or left and right (horizontally), to a vacant space. (Diagonal movement is not allowed.) The Indian captures rabbits by jumping over one into a vacant space, and may make successive jumps where possible. The rabbits cannot jump or capture the Indian.

**Pilgrim Went To Sleep**

*Heart of America Council*

Everyone stands in a circle. The first player begins by saying "Pilgrim went to sleep." The rest of the group answers "How did pilgrim go to sleep?" The leader then says "Pilgrim went to sleep like this, like this," repeating a small gesture such as nodding the head or twisting the wrist. The rest of the group mimics the gesture and answers "like this, like this." The entire group continues to repeat the gesture as the next boy in line says "Pilgrim went to sleep," and the others respond as before. The second boy adds another gesture to the first, so that now there are two movements to keep going. The game continues around the circle, each player adding a gesture. By the end of the game, the entire group should be a foot-wiggling, eye-blinking, head-shaking, nose-twitching mess. Try to add as many gestures as possible before the game totally falls apart. Since it is difficult to do more than ten gestures at once, you may not get everyone in the group, but the challenge is to see how far you do get. Start off slowly with small things, such as toes and fingers, and work up to the bigger things, such as arms and legs. But whatever happens, don't get too shook up !

**Corn Pitching**

*Goldenrod District, Mid-America Council*

You will need a good-sized bowl and 6 kernels of corn. Each player takes turns pitching the corn kernels, one at a time, into the bowl from a set distance. The leader must keep score of how many kernels end up in the bowl. The winner is the one with the highest score after three rounds.

**Turkey Feather Relay**

*Goldenrod District, Mid-America Council*

Divide into relay teams. The first player of each team is given a long turkey feather. At the word "Go" each throws his feather, javelin style, toward the finish line. As soon as it comes to earth, he picks it up and throws it again, and continues until he crosses the finish line. He then picks it up and runs back to his team to give the feather to the next player and play continues until the first team has all players finish.

**Fox and Food**

*SCC Council*

**Materials:** Handkerchief, stick, beanbag or other distinctive object.

**Objective:** Fox is to guard its food while predators try to steal it.

**How to Play:** One person (fox) stands guard over food source (distinctive object). Everyone else (predators) forms a circle around him and tries to steal the food without being tagged by the fox. The fox can move as far from the food as he dares. When tagged by the fox, the predator is frozen in place until the end of the game (when all are tagged or someone steals the food).

**Variation:** Blindfold the fox, forcing it to use other senses besides sight. Rather than tagging the predators, the fox has only to point directly at an intruder to freeze him.

**Cornucopia**

*Goldenrod District, Mid-America Council*

This is essentially the old "Fruit Basket Upset" game with a Thanksgiving name. The players sit on chairs facing toward the center of the circle. There should be one more player than there are chairs. The player without a chair is the center. An adult should name each of the players with a Thanksgiving related name like Squash, Corn, Apple, Turkey. After everyone is named, the center calls out two of the names, "Corn and Apple." Those two players must leave their chairs, and with the center, try to get to an empty chair first. The one left standing is the new center. At any time, the center can also call "The cornucopia has tipped over!" Then everyone scrambles for a new chair. Again, the one who ends up without a seat is the new center. A player keeps his same name throughout the game. A name can be given to more than one person to make the game even more exciting.

**Turkey**

*Heart of America Council*

All eyes closed (option: use blindfold or sacks over the heads). The leader whispers in one boy's ear, "You're a turkey." Keeping eyes closed, each boy finds another's hand, shakes it and says "gobble gobble". If both boys say gobble, the two boys drop hands and go on to someone else. The turkey remains silent throughout the game. A boy who gets no response to the gobble has found the turkey, and becomes part of it by holding on the turkey's hand and remaining silent from then on. Anyone shaking hands with

any member of the turkey becomes a part of it, and the Turkey grows larger and larger until everyone in the playing area is holding hands. Once the group has become one giant turkey, the leader asks that all eyes open.

**Old Time Picnic Games**

*Southern NJ Council*

*SNJC recommends you have a pack picnic, maybe immediately following the Scouting for Food events and play some good old time picnic games. The picnic can be a Pack Thanksgiving celebration for all the food collected for Scouting for Food. Commissioner Dave*

**Sack race:** use gunny sacks from a granary or sew part of an old sheet into large sacks, boys get in sacks and hop to finish line.

**Three-legged race:** partners stand next to each other, left leg of one tied to right leg of the partner.

**Wheelbarrow race:** One cub moves on his hands as partner hold up his legs.

**Potato on a spoon:** participants race to line holding large potato on wooden spoon, transfer it to next team member, continue until entire team has raced with the potato.

**Tug o' war:** match teams by number and size, use a long, heavy rope with a bandanna tied in middle. This is great fun if a mud puddle is used between the teams.

**SONGS**

**The Pilgrims Came**

*Viking Council*

(Tune: Yankee Doodle)

The Pilgrims came across the sea  
From England far away;  
And now we think of them  
When it's Thanksgiving Day.

The Mayflower was their sailing ship,  
Across the waves and foam;  
They landed here on Plymouth Rock,  
And this was their new home.

The bitter winter was so hard  
That many Pilgrims died;  
By spring they had some growing crops,  
And Indian friends besides.

When harvest time came they were glad;  
They had learned many things.  
The Indians joined them in their feast,  
Their first Thanksgiving.

Some folks think that they were sad,  
I think that they were gay.  
We thank the Pilgrims every one  
For our Thanksgiving Day.

**Our Pilgrim Forefathers***Viking Council*

(Tune: "Battle Hymn of the Republic")

They came as strangers to a wild land, brave and unafraid,  
In spite of many hardships they still bowed their heads and  
prayed;

"We're thankful for the growing crops, the beauty of our  
land,  
And freedom; to live as we planned."

**Chorus:**

Our pilgrim fathers make us proud,  
They accomplished what they vowed,  
We will sing their praises loud,  
And freedom marches on.

Squanto was an Indian and he helped the Pilgrims out.  
He taught them how to plant their corn and how to fish for  
trout.

They hunted in the woods for deer and caught wild turkeys  
too,  
He was their friend so true.

**Chorus**

Bradford was the Governor, he was just and fair.  
He thought it was important that each man received his  
share.

He planned the first Thanksgiving holiday to celebrate  
A harvest good and great.

**Chorus****Columbus Round***Viking Council*

(Tune: Mary Had a Little Lamb)

Columbus proved the world was round,  
World was round, world was round,  
Columbus proved the world was round,  
And a brand new land he found.

Columbus sailed in a little ship,  
Little ship, little ship,  
Columbus sailed in a little ship,  
And off the edge he didn't slip.

Columbus sailed for the Queen and King,  
Queen and King, Queen and King,  
Columbus sailed for the Queen and King  
So he got to do 'His Thing'.

**Turkey Song***Southern NJ Council*

(Tune: Bring back my Bonnie)

My turkey went walking one morning,  
The November weather to see.  
A man with a hatchet approached her,  
Oh, bring back my turkey to me

**(Chorus)**

Bring back, bring back  
Oh, bring back my turkey to me, to me.  
Bring back, bring back  
Oh, bring back my turkey to me, to me  
I went down the sidewalk a shoppin'

The signs in shop walks to see  
And everywhere hung Great Fat Gobbler  
Oh, bring back my turkey to me

**(Chorus)**

I went out to dinner and ordered,  
The best things they had I could see  
They brought it all roasted and sizzling.  
They brought back my turkey to me

**(New Chorus)**

Brought Back, brought back  
They brought back my turkey to me, to me  
Brought back, brought back,  
They brought back my turkey to me, to me.

**Turkey***Heart of America Council*

(Tune: My Country 'Tis of Thee)

My turkey, 'tis of thee,  
Sweet bird with gravy, of thee I sing.  
I love thy breast and wings,  
Back, legs and other things.  
I love thy sweet stuffing,  
All but the neck.

**CUB GRUB - Fun Food****Sugar Cone Cornucopias***SCC Council*

These miniature horns of plenty also double as edible  
name cards

**Materials:** Sugar cones, ribbon, decorator's icing (in  
tubes), fruit-shaped candies or cereal

**Directions:**

1. Tie a ribbon around the opening of each sugar cone.
2. With the tube of store-bought decorator's icing,  
carefully squirt the name of your guest along the side  
of the cone.
3. Place the cone on a saucer.
4. Then fill the cone with candies, such as raspberry  
jellies, fruit-shaped fruits, marzipan fruits, candy corn  
and citrus slices. *You can also use fruit-shaped cereal,  
which is much less expensive.*

*Let the goodies spill over the opening  
and around the cone.*

**Chex Party Mix***Goldenrod District, Mid-America Council*

Ingredients:

Aluminum foil pie tin (mark boys' names on his tin)

**Dry:**

Corn Chex  
Rice Chex  
Wheat Chex  
Cheerios  
Pretzels  
Crispix  
Nuts, etc.

**Sauce:**

1/2 cup butter  
9 Tbs. Worcestershire  
2 1/2 Tbs. Garlic Salt

Ask the boys to each bring one of the "dry" ingredients for Chex mix, just like at the First Thanksgiving. Put them in bowls with measuring cups and spoons for scoops. Let each boy select the ingredients he wants in an aluminum pie tin while the leader makes the sauce. Dribble sauce over each boy's mixture and heat it in an oven at 250°F for about 1 hour. Cool and serve.

**Cranberry Nut Mix**

*Goldenrod District, Mid-America Council*

**Ingredients:** 2 cups raw sunflower seeds, 1 cup pine nuts, 1 cup raw pumpkin seeds, 1 cup dried and sweetened cranberries, 1 cup raisins

**Directions:**

1. Measure all of the ingredients into a mixing bowl
2. Stir with a wooden spoon until well combined.
3. Transfer some to a festive bowl to serve as an appetizer.

**Blessing Mix**

*Goldenrod District, Mid-America Council*

*Each ingredient in this snack mix symbolizes something associated with Thanksgiving.*

- 2 cups Bugles brand corn snacks - shaped as a cornucopia, a horn of plenty
- 2 cups pretzels - represent arms folded in thanks and prayer
- 1 cup candy corn - during the first winter, the Pilgrims were each allotted only 5 kernels of corn per day because food was so scarce
- 1 cup dried or candy fruits - Thanksgiving is the celebration of the harvest
- 1 cup peanuts or sunflower seeds - seeds represent the potential of a bounteous harvest for the next season if they are planted and well tended.

In a large bowl mix all ingredients together. Other ingredients such as dry cereals, candies, or marshmallows can also be added. Make this mix as a family and eat while discussing each ingredient and how it relates to Thanksgiving.

**Edible Turkey**

*Goldenrod District, Mid-America Council*

**Ingredients:** 2 double-stuffed Oreos, candy corn, Raisinets

**Directions:** Open one Oreo. The half that has the filling will be the base for your turkey to stand on. Eat the other piece, if desired. Place the other Oreo on the filling standing upright. This is your turkey body. Carefully place five candy corns into the filling on the upright Oreo. These are the feathers. Place a Raisinet in front of the turkey body for the head. Place on your table as a decoration, or gobble it right up!

**Kid's Krunchy Crazy Korn**

*Goldenrod District, Mid-America Council*

**Ingredients:** 8 c popcorn, 1 cup brown sugar, 1/2 cup butter, 1/4 cup corn syrup, 1/2 tsp. baking soda, 1 tsp. vanilla

**Directions:**

1. Heat oven to 250°F.
2. Place popcorn in 15x10x1" baking pan.
3. In a large saucepan, combine brown sugar, margarine and corn syrup;
4. Bring to a boil over medium heat, stirring constantly. Simmer 2 minutes; remove from heat.
5. Stir in baking soda and vanilla.
6. Pour mixture evenly over popcorn curls; mix well.
7. Bake at 250°F for 30 minutes, stirring twice during baking. Immediately remove from pan; cool completely on waxed paper or greased foil.
8. Store in tightly covered container.

**STUNTS & APPLAUSES**

**Run-ons**

*SCC Council*

- Cub #1: What do you get if you cross a wolf and a rooster?
- Cub #2: An animal that howls when the sun rises.
- Cub #1: Why do dogs scratch themselves?
- Cub #2: Because they're the only ones who know where it itches.
- Cub #1: What kind of bow can't be tied?
- Cub #2: A rainbow.

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- Cub #1: Why did the Pilgrims want to sail to America in the spring?
- Cub #2: Because April showers bring May flowers!
- Cub #1: What do you call a nervous gobbler?
- Cub #2: A jerky turkey!
- Cub #1: Why do turkeys always go, "gobble, gobble"?
- Cub #2: Because turkeys never learned good table manners!
- Cub #1: Why was the turkey the drummer in the band?
- Cub #2: He had the drumsticks!
- Cub #1: Knock, Knock
- Cub #2: Who's there?
- Cub #1: Waddle
- Cub #2: Waddle who?
- Cub #1: Waddle I do if you don't open the door?

**Turkey Riddles**

*SCC Council*

- What kind of key won't open a door?  
*(A tur-key)*
- Who complains after eating too much turkey at Thanksgiving dinner?  
*(The groan-ups!)*

- Which part of a turkey plays in a band?  
(*The drumstick!*)
- What side of the turkey has the most feathers on it?  
(*The outside.*)
- Why did the mother turkey scold her little turkey?  
(*Because he gobbled his dinner!*)
- Why do turkeys eat so little?  
(*Because they're always stuffed.*)
- When is a turkey most like a ghost?  
(*When it's a-gobblin'.*)

**Cheers and Applauses**

*Southern NJ Council*

**Turkey Applause:** Flap arms and say gobble, gobble, gobble.

**Bow and Arrow Applause:** Make motion as if shooting an arrow and say "Zing, zing, zing" Pretend to release arrow with each zing.

**Tur...key Riddles**

*Goldenrod District, Mid-America Council*

The answer for each item starts with the letters "tur".

**Complete the answers.**

1. An oriental head covering tur \_\_\_\_\_
2. Athletic field covering tur \_\_\_\_\_
3. A large bird tur \_\_\_\_\_
4. To rotate tur \_\_\_\_\_
5. A person who turns tur \_\_\_\_\_
6. An edible root tur \_\_\_\_\_
7. A small pie or tart tur \_\_\_\_\_
8. A native of Turkey tur \_\_\_\_\_
9. A blue-green color tur \_\_\_\_\_
10. A kind of engine tur \_\_\_\_\_
11. A high-necked shirt tur \_\_\_\_\_
12. A hard-shelled reptile tur \_\_\_\_\_

**Answers:**

1-turban 2-turf 3-turkey 4-turn 5-turner 6-turnip  
7-turnover 8-Turk 9-turquoise 10-turbine  
11-turtleneck 12-turtle

**Fun Facts about Pilgrim Children**

*Goldenrod District, Mid-America Council*

1. Children in 1600s New England had to work hard. Their chores included: fetching water from the brook or springs, gathering firewood, herding animals, gathering berries and other wild plants, and helping their parents cook, clean, preserve food, plant and harvest crops, and care for younger children.
2. Even though Pilgrim children worked very hard, they still had time to play. They probably played marbles, ball games, board games and running games.

3. Children were expected to show courtesy to adults, including their parents, by bowing and curtsying to them.
4. Both boys and girls in 1600s England and New England wore gowns (dresses) until they were about seven years old.
5. There was no school in the early years of New Plymouth. Parents who wanted their children to learn to read and write taught them themselves or had their children taught by neighbors.
6. Children often slept on mattresses that were laid on the floor at night. The mattresses were usually stuffed with straw. Some children slept in their parents' bed.
7. Children and adults probably only took baths a few times a year. They thought bathing was unhealthy.

**SKITS**

**The Landing Of The Pilgrims**

**(As Seen By The Indians)**

*Viking Council*

**CHARACTERS:** Narrator, Bear Paw, Hungry Wolf, Eagle Eye (all dressed in Indian costumes)

**SETTING:** A bluff overlooking Plymouth Harbor. Backdrop shows a snow-covered forest. Narrator stands to one side. Other 3 Indians are lying on a rock, watching the Pilgrims land.

**NARRATOR:** December 21, 1620 - A small wooden boat, the Mayflower, carrying Pilgrims sails into a small harbor. Everyone has heard of how the Pilgrims landed on Plymouth Rock on Cape Cod. But have you ever wondered what the Indians thought and felt when they looked out over the sea and saw strangers coming to their land? Perhaps the scene went something like this:

**BEAR PAW:** Look how the big water sparkles - wide and blue and empty.

**HUNGRY WOLF:** I wish a sea bird would come. I'd like to shoot it. I'm hungry.

**BEAR PAW:** You are always hungry:

**EAGLE EYE:** I see something. It's a sea bird. It has wings – four, no, five wings, with a giant canoe beneath it.

**HUNGRY WOLF:** A canoe big enough for our whole tribe.

**EAGLE EYE:** It's slowing down. Now it's going to stop beside the big rock on the beach. Strange people are stepping out of the canoe with wings.

**BEAR PAW:** Palefaces.

**HUNGRY WOLF:** The braves have hair on their chins like goats.

**EAGLE EYE:** Look at the chief. He wears a silver shell on his front and back like a beetle. (They all laugh)



**HUNGRY WOLF:** They are strange all right. Look at that one. See the deer running from him? He is chasing the deer with a stick. Foolish paleface, don't you know you can't capture a deer with a stick? (They all laugh ... then stop abruptly, shocked by the sound of a shot)

**BEAR PAW:** Did you see that? The stick made a boom and smoke came from the end.

**EAGLE EYE:** (Shocked) The deer lies dead at the feet of the hunter.

**ALL:** (Looking amazed) Big medicine.

**HUNGRY WOLF:** Even a bow and arrow cannot do such marvelous things. I wish I had a thunder stick like that.

**BEAR PAW:** So do I. Let's go down and trade our bows and arrows for their thunder sticks.

(All rise, and exit)

**Turkey Vs. Jerky Skit**

*Viking Council*

**Cast:** Two pilgrims - John and Miles, Three Indians - Winkum, Blinkum and Nod. Boy in turkey costume, (Pilgrims could wear hats, Indians - headbands)

**Scene:** Forest. Cardboard backdrops of rocks and trees, etc. with real or artificial greenery. Tree branches could be used. Enter Pilgrims, one with musket, other with game bag. (Puppets could be used)

*(As these lines all have rhymes – there is a need to pre-read to practice rhyme scheme.)*

**John:** Good friend, Miles, it seems a shame. All this forest and no game.

**Miles:** But John, my friend, we can't go back, until we've something in our sack.

**John:** Tis true, friend Miles, it would seem rude. We can't go 'til we find food.

**Miles:** Look you there, John, if you'd rather me thinks I see a turkey feather.

**John:** Yeah, I see it too. In a minute it's turkey stew. (He aims a musket and prepares to fire. Behind a bush there is a commotion. Three Indians pop up, waving hands for him not to shoot.)

**Nod:** Spare our lives for we are meek and we will find you what you seek.

**John:** Oh my, and just what's this I see

**Nod:** (points to each as he gives their names) That's Winkum, Blinkum, and Nod I be.

**John:** Have no fear we will not fire you see, its food that we desire.

**Blinkum:** To find-um food we can't be beat. Pale face like to have 'em meat.

**Miles:** O yes, but where? Your forest lacks. Why, we can't even find the tracks.

**Winkum:** You not look in proper space. Only Indians find-um place.

**John:** I'm sure we would feel rather perky, if only we could find a turkey.

**Blinkum:** We no eat turkey for a feast, he tough old bird to say the least.

**Miles:** Not eat turkey? Why how strange. What do you eat to make the change?

**Nod:** Greatest feast instead of turkey, for all people is Beef Jerky. So come with us. We fillum sack with lots of jerky to take back. (Pilgrims shrug shoulders, exits)

**Turkey:** (enters looking smug) Our feathered mom, she raised no fools. She sent us all to turkey school. Yes, you're right, I'm felling perky. I got them all to eat beef jerky.

**The Liberty Bell Speaks**

*SCC Council*

*This can be either a skit or an opening or closing ceremony.*

**Leader:** Speak out, oh bell called Liberty  
The times you rang in freedom's name,  
So all of us may know  
Beginnings long ago.

**Group:** When I was young, I rang a lot!

**#1:** I clanged alarms when England tried to force  
her taxes on us. I thundered of tyranny upon us

**#2:** I roared with rage when Parliament forbade our  
people making iron and steel, my lungs were  
breaking.

**#3:** I grieved for Boston when its port was closed to  
trade and shipping. My faith was far from  
slipping.

**#4:** With all my strength and all my heart, I called  
for folks' attendance to hear the declaring of  
Independence.

**#5:** And then I fell on silent days, when I was put in  
hiding, with British law presiding.

**#6:** But I was back to shout about Cornwallis'  
surrender. I rang for freedom's splendor.

**#7:** For years I rang for this and that—the  
Constitution signed at last, but then I cracked...

**Group:** Your silent tongue could never speak again,  
and yet your voice is loud and clear in all the  
minds of men!

**Leader** "Proclaim liberty throughout all the land and  
unto all inhabitants thereof."\*

*\*These last words are inscribed on the Liberty Bell*

**Turkey Contest**

*Goldenrod District, Mid-America Council*

**Characters** - Four Cubs dressed up like turkeys waiting for the "Best Turkey Contest" (Maybe you should have a poster saying "Best Turkey Contest Tonight." One turkey is really strutting his stuff. Feathers can be made from construction paper and brown type clothes worn. The one turkey who is strutting his stuff, really wants to win. He

preens, even leaves for a minute coming back with additional stuffing sticking out. Comments are made about this turkey by the others. The contest begins and the strutting turkey wins only to find out that the winner gets to be Thanksgiving Dinner. The turkey starts to run and the judge chases after him telling the audience how he loves a happy winner.

## CLOSING CEREMONY

### Cubmaster's Minutes

#### What Thanksgiving Really Means

*Viking Council*

Thanksgiving will be here pretty soon. It's a great time of the year -- big turkey dinner, football games, visits with friends and relatives. Just about everybody loves Thanksgiving.

This year let's think a bit about what the holiday really means. It means giving thanks, of course, and it started with the Pilgrims thanking God for bountiful harvest more than 300 years ago.

As we enjoy this Thanksgiving, let us give thanks to God for the bounty we enjoy. We all have something to be thankful for; even if we don't have everything we might want. Let's remember that - and God - as we observe Thanksgiving.

#### Thanksgiving Symbols

*Viking Council*

An article in a 1968 newspaper quoted Dr. David L. McKenna, then President of Seattle Pacific College, as saying that Thanksgiving should have a symbol as Christmas and Easter do. He then went on to suggest that five grains of corn be the symbol of Thanksgiving.

***(Place five grains of corn on a dish)***

When the Pilgrims celebrated Thanksgiving they placed five grains of corn at each place at the table. This was a reminder that all our abundance is given by God, and also a reminder of the time when food was so scarce that only five grains were available as the ration of each person.

Those 5 grains were:

- Gratitude -** For the necessities of life.
- Praise -** To our God for His good gifts.
- Courage -** To carry on under many types of difficulties.
- Sharing -** With those less fortunate than ourselves.
- Dependence -** On each other and our God for His care.

In the manner of the grateful Pilgrims, with their ration of five grains of corn, let us remember the source of all our blessings and be mindful of those who are hungry tonight and resolve that somehow we will do something about it

#### Reasons To Be Thankful

*SCC Council*

If you can see, if you can walk,  
If you can hear when others talk,  
If you have food, enough to eat,  
But skip expensive cuts of meat,

If you've a coat for when it's cold,  
Though maybe out of style or old,  
If you have friends, the kind who care,  
If you have health, though only fair,  
And have some cash, but not a bank full,  
You've got ample reason to be thankful.

#### A Boy – a Cubmaster's Minute

*Heart of America Council*

He is a person who is going to carry on what you have started. He is to sit right where you are sitting, and attend, when you are gone, to those things you think are so important. You may adopt all the policies you please, but how they will be carried out depends on him. Even if you have leagues and treaties, he will have to manage them. He will assume control of our cities, states and nation. He is going to move in and take over your churches, schools, universities, and corporations. All your work is going to be judged and praised or condemned by him. Your reputation and your future are in his hands. All your work is far him, and the fate of the nation and of humanity lies in his hands. It is well that we pay him some attention.

#### Thanksgiving Closing Ceremony

*Goldenrod District, Mid-America Council*

**Scene:** Pilgrims are sitting around a table.

**Leader:** We have a lot be thankful for at this time of the year. We work and for this we see all the good things that come of it. Let us all share something good with each other at this time.

**Cub 1:** Do the very best you can and leave the rest to God.

**Cub 2:** Life is hard by the yard, but by the inch, life is a cinch.

**Cub 3:** A clean conscience is a soft pillow.

**Cub 4:** We can do anything we want if we stick to it long enough.

**Cub 5:** There is no failure except to give up.

**Cub 6:** Our country, right or wrong. When right, to be kept right. When wrong, to be made right.

**Leader:** We certainly all have a LOT to be thankful for.

#### America The Beautiful

*Heart of America Council*

**Cubmaster:** This evening we have shared our respect for our great country. We have seen some of the glory that is the United States. The most fitting end to our meeting is to sing "America the Beautiful". In this great song we sing of the glory of our great land, but the last two lines of every verse have an acknowledgement of God who guides us all. Just to recall the last two lines of the first verse. "America, America, God shed his grace on thee. And crown they good with brotherhood, From sea to shining sea."

**Everyone please stand and join me in singing "America the Beautiful."**

**Give Thanks**

*Southern NJ Council*

I would give thanks for many things  
On this Thanksgiving Day.  
Thanks for all the blessings  
Life brings each day along the way.  
I would give thanks for life and health,  
For home, for food, and you,  
All that I count my greatest wealth  
Family and friendship true.  
I give thanks for my native land,  
For freedom on this day;  
Where we worship and understand  
Our privilege to pray.  
I would give thanks for many things  
And do the best I can,  
To be worthy of all life brings  
And serve my fellow man.

**WEBELOS**

*Note: both Craftsman and Scientist are two month  
Webelos Activity Badges. There will be more helpful  
hints from Baloo next month. Commissioner Dave*

**Craftsman  
Technology Group**

**Building Tools**

**An Opening or Closing Ceremony**

*Circle Ten Council*

1. We are the future builders of America. This is how we will shape tomorrow.
2. We will hammer out justice. (Hammer)
3. We will help cut out crime. (Saw)
4. We will pinch out poverty. (Pliers)
5. We will wrench out discrimination. (Wrench)
6. We will live by the Golden Rule. (Ruler)
7. We will plunge out hatred. (Plunger)
8. We will drill love deep into our hearts. (Drill)

**Den Activities**

*Heart of America Council*

- Visit a furniture factory, lumber yard, saw mill or cabinetmaker.

- Visit a tannery or leather goods manufacturer.
- Invite an expert to give a demonstration on the proper care and use of tools.
- Have someone give a demonstration of leather craft and explain how to use leather tools.
- Discuss finishing methods for wood projects: The importance of sanding, filling holes and scratches, the various types of finishes, such as shellac, stain, lacquer, varnish and enamel.
- Have a nail-driving contest. Give each boy a scrap of wood, nails and a hammer. Let them practice driving nails straight.
- Make a tool chest or a bench horse for sawing.
- Have a birdhouse building contest.
- Build midway games for your Pack.

**Working With Leather**

*Circle Ten Council*

Leather crafting is a hobby that many boys may carry into adulthood. It is best to start with simple projects like key chains and coasters and let the boys work their way up to more difficult items such as wallets or belts. Look in the yellow pages for leather crafting supply stores near you. Here are some tips to help you get started: Dampen leather with a sponge for ease of tooling, but don't have it dripping wet.

Have the boys draw a design on paper before starting. Then trace the design onto their leather piece with an awl. Let the boys practice with their tools on scrap leather first. Leather stains or acrylic paints will give projects added dimension. Put a wood board under each boy's leather piece while he is working.

**Bow Drill**

*Circle Ten Council*

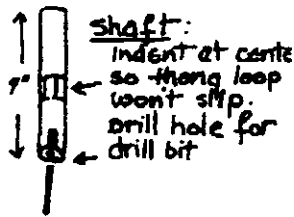
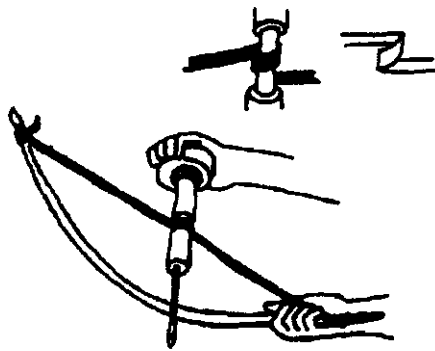
This drill may be used to start a fire or to drill holes.

**Materials:**

- A green twig for the bow
- Stone or block of wood for palm piece  
*(needs indentation, to hold shaft)*
- A 4" x 3/4" straight branch or dowel for shaft
- Thong or gut string long enough to hold bow bent
- Bit of flint or sharpened steel rod

**Instructions for Shaft:**

- Indent at center so thong loop won't slip
- Drill hole for drill bit



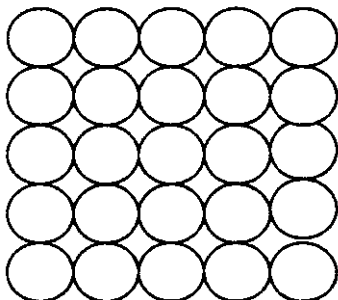
**To Operate:**

1. Tie thong to bend bow.
2. Loop thong around shaft indentation.
3. Bear down on palm piece with left hand (if you're right handed). This may require some adult assistance.
4. Saw the bow back and forth to rotate drill shaft.
5. Keep tension in the thong to prevent it from slipping on the shaft.

**Wooden Trivet**  
*Circle Ten Council*

**Materials:**

- 1 dowel - 4' x 1"
- Table saw
- Sandpaper
- Waxed paper
- Carpenter's glue
- Felt, 6"X6"



Cut the dowel into slices about 1 1/2" thick using table saw. Sand any rough edges.

Lay a piece of waxed paper on the working surface. *It can be easily removed from the trivet after the glue has dried.*

Begin gluing the slices together as shown in the picture.

When glue has dried, pull away waxed paper

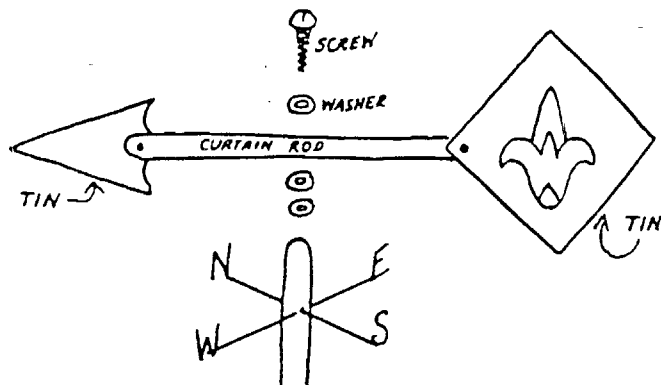
Cut the felt piece to fit the back of the trivet.

Glue in place.

**Craftsman**  
*Heart of America Council*  
**Weather Vane**

**Supplies:**

- 20" Curtain Rod,
- Wire coat hanger,
- Glue
- Tin or Aluminum
- Broomstick or dowel
- Bolts, washers, screws Enamel Paint



**Construction:**

1. Using patterns enlarged from above illustration, cut arrowhead, Webelos insignia and compass point initials from tin.
2. Roll edges so they will not be sharp and dangerous.
3. Paint with enamel.
4. Bolt arrowhead and Webelos insignia to ends to curtain rod.
5. Drill small holes in 4 sides of broomstick.
6. Solder initials to wire. Glue ends of wire in holes of broomstick.
7. Punch hole in middle of curtain rod.
8. Screw curtain rod to top of broomstick, using washers, so arrow will swing freely when the wind blows.
9. When installing vane, be sure that the stationary compass directional initials point correctly, i.e., N, due North, etc.

**Closing Thought**  
*Circle Ten Council*

"I hold in my hand a pocket knife. This is a valuable tool because it can be used for many useful things. It is a dependable tool as long as the blade is kept sharp and free from rust, and the working parts are in good condition. If it is neglected and becomes dull and rusty, it will become dangerous.

"The same principle applies to us, as well. We have a body, which must be kept in good condition in order to work well. If we fail to take care of ourselves, we become rusty and dull just like a neglected knife. Do your best to keep fit and healthy this week."

## Scientist Technology Group

Circle Ten Council  
Crystals

A crystal is a special kind of rock. Different crystals have different beautiful shapes and colors.

**What you'll need**

- Your magnifying glass
- Table salt
- Epsom salt
- Honey jar
- Measuring cups and spoons
- Paper cut into circles
- Scissors
- Pencil
- String
- 1 3/4 cups of sugar
- 2 or 3 paper clips
- A glass jar or drinking glass
- Your science journal

**What to do**

Use your magnifying glass to look for crystals.

Inspect:

- The table salt and Epsom salt;
- The honey jar (particularly if it's been open awhile)
- The walls of the freezer (if not frost-free).

Draw pictures of what you see in your science journal.

Do all of the crystals look the same?

If not, how are they different?

Try dissolving salt crystals and forming new ones:

Dissolve 1 teaspoon of salt in 1 cup of water.

**Grown-up alert!** - Heat the mixture over a low flame to evaporate the water. What's left?

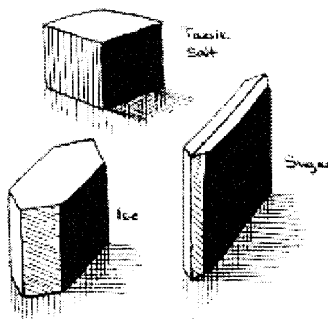
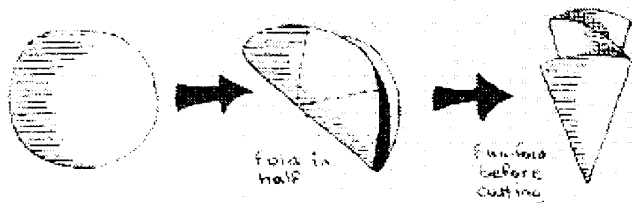
What shape are these crystals?

Snowflakes are made of ice crystals and are beautiful, but they are hard to see clearly.

**You can make paper snowflakes.**

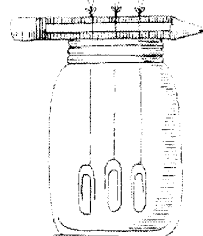
Take a circle of paper (use thin paper) and fold it in half. Then fan fold it into thirds.

Make cuts along all the edges. Unfold them.



**Grow rock candy crystals from dissolved sugar.**

Pour a cup of boiling water into a dish **Grown-up alert!** Add 1 3/4 cups of sugar. Stir until the sugar is completely dissolved. Prepare a jar or glass as shown.



Wash the paper clips and use clean string.

When the sugar water is cool, pour it into the jar and

Put the jar where no one will move it.

Hang the paperclips in the water (may need weights)

Put the pencil on top of the jar.

Some crystals may form in a few hours. Some may grow to be half an inch on each side. To save them, take them out of the water and keep them dry.

**But they may disappear-they are good to eat.**

When certain liquids and gases cool and lose water, crystals are formed. Crystals are made up of molecules that fit neatly together in an orderly package. All crystals of the same material have the same shape, regardless of the size.

**Attack Of The Straws**

Can a paper straw go through a raw potato?

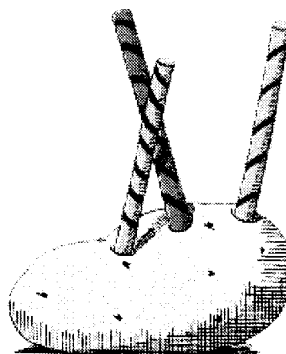
Here's an easy way to learn about inertia and momentum.

**What you'll need**

- A raw potato
- One or more paper straws
- Your science journal

**What to do**

- 1 Put a potato on the table or kitchen counter and hold it firmly with one hand, making sure the palm of your hand is not underneath the potato.\*
- 2 With a fast, strong push, stab the potato with the straw.



- 3 What happens? Did the straw bend? The straw should go into the potato. If it didn't, try again with another straw-maybe a little faster or harder.

\*If the potato is old, soak it in water for about half an hour before trying this activity. An object remains at rest (the potato, in this case) or keeps moving (the straw, in this case) unless it is acted upon by some external force.

**Thirsty Bird**

**Materials:** a plastic pop bottle (about 1/2 liter), plastic eyedropper, a bucket of pea gravel small enough to drop

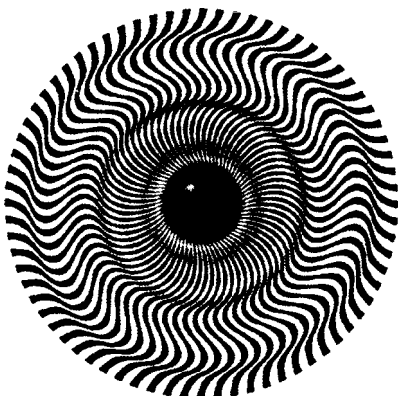
into the bottle, water supply. (*Hint: glue a string on the eyedropper, near either end, so that it can be retrieved if it falls into the bottle.*)

**Preparation:** Sink the empty bottle, with neck exposed, in a bucket of gravel. Partially fill the bottle with water, but leave the water level just too low to be reached with the eyedropper. Remove the water supply. Read the following: *"A jar (point to the pop bottle) is partly buried in the ground. Rains have partially filled the jar with water. A very thirsty bird has found the jar, but the neck of the jar is so small that only the bird's beak (show the eyedropper) can fit down into it. The jar is stuck too firmly into the ground for the bird to tip it over. Can you show the bird how to get a drink?"*

Encourage the boys to discuss the problem, to offer solutions. If the boy's seem to be making no progress after a few minutes, read the following:

Do you think that a bird could pick up a piece of this gravel in its beak? Why does putting gravel into the bottle raise the level of water in the bottle?

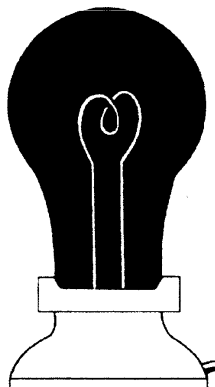
**Optical Illusions**



Is it moving and shimmering?

Look at the spiral illusion for a while and it will appear to be shimmering and moving.

Also: Follow the outermost groove and watch it change from a groove to a hump as you go around the wheel.



Stare at the black light bulb for at least 30 seconds. Then immediately stare at a white area on a sheet of paper. You should see a glowing light bulb!

*Heart of America Council*  
**Submarines**

Demonstrate the basic principle of the submarine as follows:

1. Put a two-hole rubber stopper in the mouth of a small, wide-mouthed bottle. In the first hole, insert one end of a piece of glass tubing bent to serve as a siphon. In the other hole, place a piece of straight glass tubing with a rubber tube attached to the free end.
2. Place the bottle in a large jar or basin filled with water with the free end of the bent tubing in a second jar of water at a higher level. By sucking on the rubber tubing and siphoning water into the bottle, you can make it sink. By blowing water out, you can make it float again.
3. Explain that the submarine submerges by filling its water tanks and rises by blowing them out with compressed air.

**Egg In A Milk Bottle**

Putting an egg inside a milk bottle with an opening smaller than the size of the egg is not impossible. To accomplish this trick, place a hard-boiled egg in a jar containing some strong vinegar and allow it to stand for twenty-four hours. If the shell is still hard, place it back in the vinegar for another twenty-four hours. The acetic acid in the vinegar will dissolve the hard portion of the shell so you can force the egg into the milk bottle.

The trick is to get it in and out without touching it. Drop a burning straw or match into the bottle and quickly place an egg on the bottle opening. The egg should drop into bottle as soon as flame uses up oxygen and air pressure outside pushes it in. To get the egg out, blow hard into the bottle, then tip it up so egg will drop into neck. If you blow hard enough, the pressure inside should pop egg out.

**Frosted Glass**

Add Epsom Salts to a saucepan half full of boiling water until no more will dissolve. Pour in a few drops of liquid glue. Next apply the hot liquid to the glass you wish to frost using a small brush. The liquid will begin evaporating almost immediately and form crystals which give the glass a frosted appearance.

**The Obedient Egg**

Use two quart-size fruit jars for this trick. Fill one three-fourths full of water. Fill the other jar with a strong salt solution made by dissolving as much salt as possible in 1 1/2 pints of water.

Place an egg in the plain water and you will see it sink. Put it in the salt solution and it will float. By placing the egg in the correct solution you can make it obey your commands of "float" or "sink".

**Air Currents**

1. Hang two apples about 1 1/2" apart. Blow between them - as hard as possible - you will discover that the force of breath alone won't blow them apart. Instead it will cause the apples to bump together.
2. Take a small wad of paper (should be a little over 1# square) and Put it about 1" inside me neck of an empty

soda bottle. Now lay the soda bottle on its side and blow into the bottle. You would think that the paper would be blown into the bottle. but it will come flying out.

3. Get an ordinary kitchen funnel and blow into it while holding a lighted match opposite me corner of the funnel. Your breath will blow the flame toward the funnel instead of blowing it out or away from you.
4. Line up three glasses. Hold your mouth about 2" in front of the first glass and a lighted match behind the last glass (about 2" from it). When you blow you will be able to blow the match out.
5. How does an airplane lift? Take strip of paper 2" wide and about 5" long. Fold it an inch from one end. Hold the paper with your forefinger and thumb so that the fold is about an inch or two from your mouth. Blow as hard as you can over top of the paper. You reduce the pressure on the paper, allowing it to rise.
6. Sink a ship below the water line without getting it wet... make a ship by putting a sail on a cork. Float the cork in deep pan of water. Turn a glass upside down and push it down. The ship will go to the -bottom of the glass but the sail will be dry.
7. Fill a glass with water and place a coin behind it. Now try to look at the coin through me top of me glass so that you can see the coin through the water and the other side of the glass. You won't be able to see it.
8. Blow up a balloon and tie it tightly. Hang it in a window. When the air gets cooler the balloon will shrink; when the air gets warmer the balloon will get larger. Warm air takes up more space that cold.
9. Put a deflated balloon over the neck of a soda bottle. Set the bottle in a pan of very hot water. The balloon will inflate and stand straight up.
10. Stuff a dry handkerchief in the bottom of a glass (snugly). Fill a large bowl with water. Plunge the glass straight down (open end down), below the surface of the water. The handkerchief will remain dry.
11. If you have a can with a screw on top you can do an exciting experiment. You will need a clean salad oil can of the rectangular type. Remove the cap and pour in a glass of water. Heat the can until steam pours from the opening. Using pot holders quickly place the can in the sink and quickly screw on the top tightly. Run cold water over the can. The can will buckle and collapse.

**Making Secret Inks**

The juice from an onion or lemon makes good invisible ink. Using a clean pen and me ink. Write on a piece of blank paper. Make sure your lines are clear and heavy. When me paper dries, it will be blank. However, if you heat the paper carefully over a light bulb, me writing will appear in distinct brown lines that will not fade.

**A Foaming Fountain**

Place two teaspoonfuls of baking soda in me bottom of a quart milk bottle. Drop a burning match into me bottle. It will continue to burn. Next, pour four teaspoonfuls of vinegar on top of me baking soda and watch what happens.

The seething, foaming mass is carbon dioxide released from the soda by the vinegar.

What happens now to a lighted match? Why? Is carbon dioxide gas heavier than air? Than oxygen? Tip bottle slowly over a lighted candle. What happens? The heavy gas can even be poured so flame flutters and may go out. What common objects in most schools use this scientific principle? Fire extinguishers are a good example.

**Float A Needle**

Water has a skin. Put a needle across the lines of dry fork and lower it slowly to the surface but not touching. Gently let the needle roll off the fork onto the skin of the water. A drop of soapy water on the surface will break the skin of the water and the needle will sink.

**Tensions**

Fill a glass to the very brim with water. Start dropping in a variety of small metal objects. The water will not overflow but will raise above the glass. You will be amazed at the number of objects you can put in the water.

**Magnets**

Make a magnet by rubbing a large needle or small nail along the pole of a magnet, being sure to go in one direction only. The needle is now a magnet. If you strike the needle sharply or heat it you then distribute the molecules in a different pattern and it will no longer be magnetized.

**Light**

Hang a nail suspended on black thread inside a bottle. With a magnifying glass focus rays of sunshine onto the black thread holding the nail. The thread will bum and the nail will drop. Now try it with white thread - it won't work.

**Heat**

Place a rubber band against your lips. Then hooking index fingers through both ends of the rubber band, pull ends apart quickly. It feels warm but when you relax the rubber band again, it feels noticeably cooler to your lips.

**Static Electricity**

Charge a plastic comb by rubbing it with wool, nylon or fur. Dip it into some Rice Krispies. They will be attracted to the comb. But watch closely - one by one the bits will shoot off. They will start to fly off as though shot from a gun.

**The Fog 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 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.

## POW WOW EXTRAVAGANZAS

If you want your Pow Wow listed – *E-mail* [commissionerdave@comcast.net](mailto:commissionerdave@comcast.net) and attach a sign up sheet or flyer. Thanks

### Northeast Region

#### Hudson Valley Council

##### So Happy Together

November 15, 2003

Cornwall Junior High School, Cornwall, NY

*Hudson Valley Council, also, runs a University of Scouting. The date is March 6, 2004. More details as I get them!!*

**There are no walk-ins allowed for this Pow Wow!!** Call the Pow Wow Information Center, 914-388-4863, or visit the website, [www.hvus.org](http://www.hvus.org) for information on either event.

#### Southern NJ Council Adventures in Neverland

January 24, 2004

Lakeview School, Millville, NJ

Call Southern NJ Council, 856-327-1700, extension 32, or visit the website, [www.snjscouting.org](http://www.snjscouting.org) for more information

#### Connecticut Rivers Council Akela's Island

November 22, 2003

Bristol Eastern High School, Bristol, CT

Call Connecticut Rivers Council, 800-414-2433, or visit the website, <http://www.ctrivers.org/training.asp>, for more information

#### Annawon, Cape Cod and Islands, Old Colony and Narragansett Councils

##### Regional Pow Wow and Den Chief Training

##### Harry Scouter and the Sorcerer's Pack

November 15, 2003

Henry Lord Middle School, Fall River, Mass

Call Pow Wow Info (401) 732-8529, or visit the website, <http://www.narragansettbsa.org/LDCSITE/PowWow.htm> for more information

#### National Capital Area Council Cub-opoly, A Game with a Purpose October 25, 2003 & November 1, 2003

##### Five Different Locations

They have split their Pow Wow this year into 5 locations to move it closer to the leaders. Any leader can attend any site. The service areas and dates are:

October 25 - DC/PG/SoMd and VA Central - Oct.25

November 1 - Fred./Mont.Co., VA South, VA West

Call NCAC at (301)530-9360, or visit the website,

[www.boyscouts-ncac.org/training/cubscouts/powwow.html](http://www.boyscouts-ncac.org/training/cubscouts/powwow.html) for more information

### Central Region

#### Indianhead Council

##### St Paul, MN

##### University of Scouting

October 25, 2003

Location - To be determined

Call Indianhead Council, 651-224-1891 or visit their website, [www.indianhead.org/uos](http://www.indianhead.org/uos) for more information.

#### Mid America

##### Heartland University of Scouting

##### Exploring New Frontiers

November 8, 2003

Boys Town, Omaha, NE

Call Mid America Council, 402-431-9272, or visit their website, [www.mac-bsa.org](http://www.mac-bsa.org), or e-mail [wayne-edie@cox.net](mailto:wayne-edie@cox.net) for more information.

#### Potawatomi Area Council

##### Rendezvous

##### The Values of Scouting are Timeless

November 15, 2003

Waukesha South High School, Waukesha, WI

Call Potawatomi Council, 262-544-4881, or visit <http://www.pacbsa.org>, then click on forms, then information and/ or registration

#### Mid Iowa Council

##### Showcase of Scouting

November 1, 2003

Valley Southwoods Freshman High School,

West Des Moines, Iowa

Call Mid-Iowa Council, 515-266-2135, or visit <http://www.bsa-ia.org/>

#### Viking Council

##### University of Cub Scouting

October 25, 2003

Maple Grove Jr. High, Maple Grove, MN

Contact Viking Council, 763-545-4550, or visit the website at <http://www.vikingbsa.org/>.

#### Northwest Suburban Council

##### Super Scouter Saturday

November 8, 2003

Somewhere Northwest of Chicago, IL

Contact Northwest Suburban Council, 847-824-6880, or visit the website at <http://www.nwsc.org/>.



## Southern Region

**Last Frontier Council  
The Spirits of Scouting  
Pow Wow Plus**

November 1, 2003

U. S. Grant High School, Oklahoma City, OK  
Call Last Frontier Council, 888-841-1114, or visit website,  
[www.powwowplus.net](http://www.powwowplus.net) or [www.lastfrontiercouncil.org](http://www.lastfrontiercouncil.org) for  
more information.

**Sam Houston Area Council  
Scouting in Paradise**

November 1, 2003

Douglas MacArthur High School, Houston, TX  
Call Sam Houston Area Council, 713-659-8111, or visit  
the website at  
<http://www.shac.org/Home/Training/Powwow/>

**Circle Ten Council  
Scouting Through the Ages**

October 25, 2003

Creekview High School, Carrollton, TX  
Call Circle Ten Council, 408-280-5088, or visit their  
website, [www.circle10.org](http://www.circle10.org), for more information.

**Suwannee River Area Council  
It's Nacho Ordinary Pow Wow  
January 24, 2004**

Somewhere in Tallahassee, FL

Contact Suwannee River Area Council, 850-576-4146, or  
visit the website at <http://www.suwanneeriver.net/>

**Sam Houston Area Council  
Scouting in Paradise**

November 1, 2003

Douglas MacArthur High School  
Contact Sam Houston Area Council, (713) 659-8111, or  
visit the website at  
<http://www.samhoustonbsa.org/Home/Training/Powwow/>

**Gulfstream Council  
Pow Wow/ ACES  
November 15, 2003**

Somewhere in their council

Contact Gulfstream Council, 561-694-8585, or visit the  
website at <http://www.gulfstreamcouncil.org/>

## Western Region

**Grand Teton Council –  
Voyage of Discovery**

November 1, 2003

Snake River High School, Blackfoot, ID  
Call Grand Teton Council, 208-522-5155, or visit their  
website [www.grandtetoncouncil.org](http://www.grandtetoncouncil.org) for more information

**Santa Clara County Council –  
Scouting Safari  
January 24, 2004**

Somewhere in Santa Clara County, California  
Call Santa Clara County Council, 408-280-5088,  
Or visit their website <http://www.sccc-scouting.org/> for  
more information

## Web Sites

I found out from my local Internet Guru, the organist at my church, whose day job is a web designer and who runs a hosting service and such, that **.us** domains are on sale from those who control those things. My pack registered [www.cubpack480.us](http://www.cubpack480.us) for five years for under \$30. I think that was a bargain. John, also, got us a domain for our church (but there is no web site yet to see).

Anyway, why I bring this up is I think **.us** extensions for Cub Packs, Boy Scout Troops and Venturing Crews sounds really neat and right now they are a bargain. So maybe you want to make the big leap and register a new site for your unit.

This looks like a really good all-purpose Scouting site - <http://www.scoutorama.com/>. Over 200 songs and lots of Pinewood Derby hints.

For those of you who can't get enough info on Pinewood Derby cars - Here is the home page of the Pinewood Derby Web Ring-  
<http://t.webring.com/hub?sid=&ring=pwd&id=&hub>

And of course there is "The Pope's Place," the web site run by Barb and Stan Pope which has extensive Pinewood Derby hints and other Scouting stuff including a picture of their minivan being carried away with a failed alternator while on its way to the Philmont Training Center  
<http://members.aol.com/StanDCmr/>

Need to track your Cub Scouts' Advancement progress?? This site has tracking forms for all ranks  
<http://www.geocities.com/cybercubber/cub-tracker.html>

**My Home State** is the theme for May 2004. So to help you get started –  
The Kids page on the New Jersey state website is [http://www.state.nj.us/hangout\\_nj/](http://www.state.nj.us/hangout_nj/)  
Poke around and you can find out all about the flag (a Wolf requirement) and other neat stuff -

This site has lists of facts for every state –  
<http://www.50states.com/>

Here are fun state facts from the US Census Bureau  
<http://factfinder.census.gov/home/en/kids/funfacts/funfacts.html>

And from the Internet Public library, brought to you by the University of Michigan another kids' page of state facts  
<http://www.ipl.org/div/kidspace/stateknow/>

**Thanksgiving Web sites**

Kathy DeFoe, Hudson valley Council

THE AMERICAN THANKSGIVING TRADITION  
<http://www.plimoth.org/Library/Thanksgiving/thanksgi.htm>

The First Thanksgiving Mayflower Home page  
<http://members.aol.com/calebj/thanksgiving.html>

Pilgrims  
<http://www.lkwdpl.org/schools/elempath/pilgrims/>

Plymouth rock  
<http://www.plimoth.org/Library/plymrock.htm>

Pilgrim Memorial State Park (Plymouth rock park)  
<http://www.state.ma.us/dem/parks/plgm.htm>

WWW Virtual Library - American Indians  
Index of Native American Resources on the Internet  
<http://www.hanksville.org/Naresources/>