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# BALOO'S BUGLE



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**B**oy's Life is an excellent publication for your Cub Scouts. Inside are articles worth reading, not only for boys but for adults. When he was a Cub Scout, our son earned the Pedro reading patch, by reading a book and submitting a one-page book report. And yes, it did take a few "Did you finish writing that book report yet?" He finally finished it in the nick of time, mid-December, and he mailed his report to Irving, TX. One day, weeks later there was something for Neal in the mail. His eyes really lit up the day he got his patch in the mail. This is a program I encourage everyone to share with his or her den families. I also encourage a subscription to Boy's Life for each scout, and I am not paid to say that : ).



## **SAY YES TO READING!**

Each year Boy's Life has exciting program that encourages reading. I have gotten the following information and strongly encourage participation in this program. My son has received Pedro Patches in the past through this program. It really is a win-win type deal.

**Write a one-page report titled "The Best Book I Read This Year" and enter it in the Boys' Life 1998 "Say Yes to Reading!" contest.**

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

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

When Pedro receives your report, he will send you a free patch. The top three winners from each age group will also get to pick a book from our special prize list, receive copies of "Codemaster" books 1 and 2, a set of the limited-edition Codemaster patch-and-pin set--plus have their names announced in this column!

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

Send your report, along with a self-addressed, stamped envelope, to: BSA, Boys' Life Reading Contest, S204, P.O. Box 152079, Irving, TX 75015-2079. Entries must be postmarked by Dec. 31, 1998.

## **TRAINING TIP**

Cub Scout Leader Book available from BSA

## **SETTING A GOOD EXAMPLE**

A small boy was asked: "What do you want to be when you grow up?" Without a moment's hesitation he replied: "Just like my dad!" How fortunate for that dad. The little boy was so proud of his father that he wanted to follow his example. That's what real leadership is all about. And that's why Scouting is important in setting a good example.

Not all boys have dads, and some of those who do would not want to follow their examples. The way Cub Scout leaders live speaks so loudly we can't hear what they're saying. Cub Scouts will do as we do far more quickly than they will do as we say.

This is just a small part of Chapter 4, page 4 of a section that explains your responsibility to the boys in the Cub Scout Leader Book.

## **TIGER CUBS**

**Big Idea #12--Make Your Own**  
Denver Area Council

Have a "family finger-painting party" and each family brings cookies; practice the Pledge of Allegiance; Go to a dairy and see how they make ice cream, then come home and make your own "kick the can ice-cream".

**A suggestion from Chris: Always try out crafts and recipes before doing them with your Cubs.**

**Kick-The-Can Ice Cream**

You will need:

1 one pound empty coffee can with plastic lid; 1 three pound coffee can with plastic lid; duct tape; 1 cup milk; 1 cup whipping cream; 1/2 cup sugar; 1/2 teaspoon vanilla; nuts or fruit as desired; crushed ice; 1 1/5 cups of rock salt (at least this much)

Put all ingredients except ice and rock salt in a clean one pound coffee can and seal it with a tight fitting plastic lid. Seal with duct tape. Place can with ingredients inside a three-pound coffee can. Pack the larger can with crushed ice around the smaller can. Pour at least 3/4-cup rock salt evenly over the ice. Place lid on larger can and tape shut. Have the tigers sit on a flat surface facing each other and have them push the can back-n-forth for about 10 min. When ice has melted open large can and repack with ice and salt. Have Tigers roll can for another 10 min more. When done open both cans and enjoy about 3 cups of soft ice cream.

**FINGER PAINT RECIPE**

reprinted with permission from Sarah. Visit her site that has more fun recipes  
<http://www.cp.duluth.mn.us/~sarah/rdr010.html#anchor229016>

1/4 cup cornstarch  
 2 cups water  
 food coloring

Mix ingredients in saucepan. Boil until mixture thickens. Allow to cool, then pour into jars or other storage containers and color with food coloring. Best used on a glossy paper, such as butcher or shelf paper.

**Tiger Tootsie Rolls**

Greater St. Louis Area Council

Ingredients: 2 tablespoons margarine at room temperature, 1 teaspoon vanilla, 1/2 cup corn syrup, 3 cups powdered sugar, 2 squared melted chocolate, 3/4 cup dry powdered milk.

Process: Put all ingredients in a zip lock bag and knead until mixed. Roll into balls or log shapes.

**Soap Crayons**

Greater St. Louis Area Council

Mix 1 cup laundry soap, 30-40 drops of food coloring. Add water by the teaspoonful until the soap is liquid. Stir well. Pack the soap into ice cube trays. Set in a sunny window, dry place for 2 days. Crayons will become hard and are great for writing in the sink or tub.

**Big Idea #6 Know Community**

Visit a hospital, city hall, police station, local museum, post office, etc. Walk there if you can and point out other town landmarks. Practice the Tiger motto and your den yell. Make a list of places that each Tiger likes to go visit in his community and have them tell why it is important to him. Make sock puppets or sack puppets of people that represent people in your community (i.e., policeman, mayor, scoutmaster) then present a play. Maybe you can give your play at the next pack meeting.

You can find a whole section in the Cub Scout Leader *How-To Book* on puppets. This book is available from your Council office.

**Clean Up Treasure Hunt**

Greater St. Louis Area Council

Conduct a clean-up treasure hunt on your school grounds or in your neighborhood. Not only will you have fun looking for the items listed, but you will pick up litter as well.

Divide the group into teams of two or more. Give each team two-trash bags, gloves, and a copy of the Wanted List. Set a time limit. Spread out and search for the items on the list. As you find the items, check them off the list, and carefully pick them up and place them in one of the bags. Put any unlisted litter you find in the other bag. When time is up, see which team has found the largest number of the listed items, and declare this team the winner. Sort all the litter into boxes labeled; glass, paper, metal, plastic, and organic. Dispose of the litter properly. Return, reuse or recycle what you can. Discard the rest by putting in a trash bin.

**Wanted**

A ball point pen	A bottle cap
A pencil	A blue object
A broken crayon	A red object
A candy wrapper	A yellow object
A lunch bag	Something lost
Something glass	A paper clip
Something metal	A piece of clothing
Something plastic	Notebook paper
A rubber band	Something square
A leaf or twig	An aluminum can

**Tigers Song**

(Tune: Mickey Mouse Club Song)

Sam Houston Area Council  
 Who's the tigers in the pack  
 You know that's him and me  
 T I G E R S, Tigers all are we  
 Hey There, Hi There, Ho There,  
 We're as happy as can be.  
 T I G E R S, Tigers all are we.  
 Tiger Cub, Go and See  
 Tiger Cubs, Go and See  
 We hold our scouting values nice and high  
 Come and join us, Tiger Cubs  
 They're made for you and me  
 T I G E R S, Tigers all are we.

**Just An Hour a Week**

(A day in the life of a Scout Volunteer) Fred Feltmann  
 Greater Alabama Council 7/18/98

Just an hour a week, they said. Your son needs you, they said. I don't spend enough time now with him, I guiltily thought. And so I reluctantly said, "yes."

Jimmy, he spilled his milk on my kitchen floor. Johnny, he spilled the glue on the table. Joey, he said he was bored and he hated me. Freddie, he punched Erik. But, Timothy, he learned how to tie a bowline at my meeting. The one I learned to tie at Training one Saturday. A day I would rather have been somewhere else. And he used it to save Jenny's life.

It was a little more than an hour a week. Maybe two or three, including meetings and preparation. But how much was it worth? Because Jenny can laugh and cry another day!

(Don't ask if this really happened - it happens every day. I just thought about all of the things we teach each week at Den Meetings, Troop Meetings, Camporees, Summer Camp, or whenever Scouts meet. And the many times these Scouts and Scouters have used these skills to save a life, or teach one another; sometimes unsung. This is dedicated to those who have done the deed, and did not ask for recognition, because they did what they had to - to do a good turn and were prepared. This is why we volunteer to help, be it in Scouting, our church or our community -- that we might prepare our sons (and daughters) for life's joys and sorrows.)

**ANATOMY OF A DEN LEADER**

Linda McMillan Pack 330 Den Leader Coach  
 Greater Alabama Council

**A "Successful" Den Leader must be:**

**D**evoted A true devotion to the Cub Scouting program is the first Requirement for becoming a successful Den Leader.

**E**nthusiastic Even a well-planned activity may be a complete "dud" if the Den Leader fails to communicate enthusiasm to the Den.

**N**ecessary Den Leaders are necessary to the cause of Cub Scouting. It is necessary for Den Leader to 'Do Your Best' at all times.

**L**oyal Loyalty to Cub Scouting demands that Den Leaders set a good example, for you represent the brother-hood of Scouting.]

**E**ager A successful Den Leader eagerly takes advantage of learning opportunities to acquire new skills and hone old ones.

**A**ctive A successful Den Leader takes an active role on the Pack Committee and attends the monthly Commit-tee meetings.

**D**iligent A successful Den Leader diligently plans the yearly program for the Den and is diligent in record keeping for the Den.

**E**nergetic A successful Den Leader is an energetic supporter of Cub Scouting. All duties are discharged energetically.

**R**eady A successful Den Leader is always ready to do whatever is required to become, and remain a success.

**PRE-OPENING ACTIVITY****Noodlegrams**

Simon Kenton Council

In a saucer place a tablespoonful or more of uncooked noodles. Each person must try to compose a ten word message out of the alphabet noodles. This could be done in couples or singly as gathering time activity.

**Riddles and Jokes**

Viking Council

This is an easy way to get your Den Chief or denner involved with the boys as they arrive. Everyone likes jokes and riddles. For more ideas, look in the current issue of Boys Life Magazine.

**\*A Pilgrim had nine ears of corn in his barn. Each day a squirrel came to the barn and went away with three ears. It took nine days to remove all the corn. Why?**

(The squirrel went away with three ears, buy only one was corn. The other two were his own!)

**An Indian had 2 1/2 piles of corn in one field. He had 1 1/2 piles of corn in another field. Then he put them together. How many piles did he have?**

(One)

**What kind of music did the Pilgrims dance to?**

(The Plymouth Rock).

## OPENING CEREMONY

### **Stop the Presses Opening**

Trapper Trails Council

**Personnel:** Five Cubs

**Equipment:** A rolled newspaper for each boy

**Set Up:** The Cub Scouts run onto stage. As each Cub Scout repeats his part, he opens the paper to "read".

**All Cubs:** Extra! Extra! Let us read to you all about it!

**1<sup>st</sup> Cub:** Wow! The headline says there's going to be a great Pack meeting for Pack (number) tonight! Sounds like fun!

**2<sup>nd</sup> Cub:** Hey! The Who's Who page says there's going to be some advancements and awards given out. That sounds neat!

**3<sup>rd</sup> Cub:** Would you look at the sports page? It says there's going to be fun games and activities for everyone. This is sounding exciting!

**4<sup>th</sup> Cub:** Cool! The food section talks about the great refreshments that will be served. I know I can't wait!

**5<sup>th</sup> Cub:** Hey Guys! In the comic section it says there's going to be some hilarious and funny skits and jokes. You know, that reminds me of a joke. What's black and white and black and white and black and white and black and white and read all over? A zebra, skunk, and Dalmatian reading a newspaper! Great joke, huh?!

**All Cubs:** Now that we've let you know what's going on we hope you'll enjoy the pack meeting as much as we will!!

### **Stop The Presses**

Greater St. Louis Area Council

(Scout holds up "headline" from newspaper which states "Man Lost in Fog").

This 1909 headline is important to all of us because it marks the beginning of Scouting in America. A Chicago businessman, William Boyce, was lost in a London fog. A Scout helped him find his way and the rest is history.

### **Blessing Hymn**

(Tune: Edelweiss)

Denver Area Council

Come dear Lord, be our guest  
As we gather together.  
May our heart grow with love,  
Keep us close to you ever.  
Friendship and joy, may they  
bloom and grow,  
bloom and grow forever,  
Bless our homes, bless our friends,  
Bless our common endeavors.  
Thank you God, for this day,  
Bless all those who greet it.  
May your love glow with peace,  
may your love go forth from us.  
Friendship and peace may they bloom and grow  
Bloom and grow forever.  
Bless our friends, bless our work  
bless each of us forever.

## LEADER IDEAS

Home Depot offers hands-on projects for kids. Call your local Home Depot and see if the store offers projects for Cub Scouts.

I started doing a "Blue Sheet" for my former RT district, Northstar in St. Louis. After Woodbadge I developed "Baloo's Bugle. This month's theme is "Stop the Presses" and I thought it would be interesting to see the names of other publications being done in the name of Scouting.

Pack 440 in Richmond, VA named its newsletter "**The Blue & Gold (in black & white)**", Grey Wolf, DLC, Pack 440, St. Giles' Presbyterian Church Capitol District, Robert E. Lee Council, BSA, Richmond, VA

The name of my troop's newsletter is **TROOPSCOOP**. Troop #543, Springville, NY. Jeremy Beyette  
**The Wolf's Cry**, Steve Eisinger, Cubmaster, Dawn Lagrimanta, Editor, Cub Pack 201, Burbank, CA  
Our Cub Pack publishes the "**Pack Paper**" and our Troop puts out the "**Blenker Bugler**". I believe that I also mentioned our new District (Ojibwa) e-mail newsletter, "**The Weekly O-Mail**". Jim Peterson, Assistant Scoutmaster, Troop 379, Blenker, Wisconsin I used to be a "Singing" Eagle - C-8L-97 - Working my ticket

Ian from the U.K. sent this

**FLYING FISH** We were an Air Scout Group sponsored by the United Reformed Church. The URC use the fish as a symbol for their youth groups. The fish is an early Christian symbol. The Greek word for fish is ichthus ... this was an acronym for " Jesus Christ, Son of God and Saviour " ( I think that is the translation) in Greek.

"**Cub Tracks**" -- it's what we use at Kaskaskia District, Greater St. Louis Council, similar to Baloo's Bugle.  
Deb

Pack 1515 of Lynbrook USA (Iroquois District of the Theodore Roosevelt Council) has a monthly newsletter called '**The Monthly Howl**'. Tom Lynch, CC Pack 1515

My pack newsletter was called **CUBBING**. I had one for my Tiger Cub's called **Tiger Tales**. Randy

Pack 273 in Union City has  
**273 Pack Tracks** (on-line)  
<http://www2.inow.com/~wag/packtracks.html>

I started out making Baloo's Bugle using Word back in '93 and using a 2-column format. We upgraded and had a newsletter wizard with the upgrade. I have been using that since. But there are other ways to do a newspaper/newsletter: below are instructions how to do a Pack Newspaper.

#### **Pack Newspaper** Santa Clara Council

It doesn't have to be fancy nor computer-generated. Boys can hand-write their articles and illustrate them. Or adult can help type their articles. Cut and paste the articles and illustrations. Involve the boys. They like to see their own names in print.

At the pack meeting, set aside some time for "interviewing." Boys can interview Cub Scouts and ask them specific questions like their favorite Cub Scout activities, and their favorite after-school snack, etc. Make it short and simple. They can write a rough draft at the pack meeting and finish it up with illustrations at the den meeting. Each den can have their own page in the newspaper. Don't forget the news from the dens. (All of this ties in with Bear Achievements 8 and 18.)

#### **How To Make Your Own Newspaper** Santa Clara Council

1. How to get started: Think of a name for your newspaper and decide which stories to include.
2. Gather the Facts: Interview people who have information. Visit the location where the story is taking place.
3. Write the story: Make an outline or rough draft first--all news reporters do that. Put the basics of WHO, WHAT, WHERE, WHEN, WHY, and HOW at the beginning. Write a headline that tells the story in a few words. (Don't insist too much on correct writing style. If the boys enjoy writing, encourage them!)
4. Set the words in columns, if you wish. Most papers use a column format.
5. Begin to paste up the paper with articles and illustrations. Use glue stick or clear tape to hold in place.
6. Print your newspaper: Make one photocopy. If it looks good, make as many copies as needed. If dark lines show, use liquid correction fluid to cover. Make photocopies from corrected version. Deliver the newspaper to readers. (Have enough copies made for each boy in the pack. Some copying companies will give Scouters a discount. Others will give you a discount if you make at least 1000 copies, which is not difficult to do with the pack bulletin.

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One summer, when our son went away to Webelos camp I made him a pillow while he was gone. This idea, I believe, is a fun easy craft for adults to do with all those scouting T-shirts our boys grow out of. Yet it will give the boys a lasting memory of their Tiger or Cubbing days.

Just to let you know though, I bought a small (sz 5) T-shirt to do this. I sewed the bottom and the sleeves (near the bottom of them) closed. I got poly fiberfill and stuffed the T-shirt and hand stitched the neck of the T-Shirt close. Voila, a quick easy pillow. This pillow isn't really for sleeping. It is used as a room/bed accessory. I would be interested in hearing if anyone has ever tried this with a Cub Scout shirt once his or her son has grown out of it.

**SONGS**

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**Call A Scout**

(Tune: If You're Happy and You Know It)  
Simon Kenton Council

When you're down and feeling blue  
CALL A SCOUT

They'll know just what to do  
CALL A SCOUT

If you're ever in a hurry  
Don't take the time to worry  
All you have to do is shout  
CALL A SCOUT

If you need a helping hand  
CALL A SCOUT  
They'll take your garbage out  
CALL A SCOUT

If the traffic that you meet  
Has you scared to cross the street  
They'll be there to help you out  
CALL A SCOUT

Now the Scouts are always helpful  
Don't you see  
They will lend a helping hand  
To you and me  
For they're wise in what they do  
They are kind and cheerful too  
And they always help you out  
CALL A SCOUT

**The Gutenberg of Old**

Tune: The Grand Old Duke of York  
(revised a bit--Chris)

The Gutenberg of old,  
He had 10,000 books,  
He stacked the **up** the shelves, (stand)  
And he **knocked** them down again. (sit)  
And when they're up you're **up**. (stand)  
And when they're down you're **down** (sit)  
And when they're only **halfway up**, (**squat**)  
You're neither **up** nor **down**.

Sing three times a little faster

**Turkey**

San Francisco Bay  
(Tune: America)

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.

**DEN ACTIVITIES**

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**"The Morning Times"**

Greater St. Louis Area Council

Have a basket full of words that you have cut out of the newspaper. Hand out a piece of 8 1/2" X 11" paper to each boy as well as a roll of scotch tape. By picking words out of the basket, each little editor combines words to create his own newspaper headline. Write a short story based on your "Headline."

**A-Hunting You Will Go!**

Greater St. Louis Area Council

Without careful observation, it is hard to notice the many different things in the newspaper. Nick Knohitall-"Cub Reporter-amazes his friends with his ability to find lots of hidden things written in the paper. Let's see how well you do!

Use the newspaper to find words for each category and letter listed on the chart below. When you find a word that starts with one of the letters and also fits in a category, cut it out; the glue it in the appropriate box.

	Person's Name	Plural Word	Business Name	City or Country Name
<b>N</b>				
<b>E</b>				
<b>W</b>				
<b>S</b>				
<b>P</b>				
<b>A</b>				
<b>P</b>				
<b>E</b>				
<b>R</b>				

**SLIDES****Stop The Presses Newspaper Slide**  
Greater St. Louis Area Council

My friend Delores, from the Greater St. Louis Area Council used to make theme-related shrink-its to hand out at Roundtable. Shrink-It kits can be found in craft stores. This next slide uses Shrink-It.

**Materials:**

Newspaper story	Cardboard
Clear plastic	Glue
Pipe cleaner	

Shrink a story from the newspaper to size you want. Glue on cardboard and cover both sides with clear plastic. Glue pipe cleaner on back.

Check out Lories site for even more slides.

<http://home.att.net/%7Eellmcgraw/etowah/slides.htm>

**ADVANCEMENT IDEAS****Reporter Award Ceremony**  
Santa Clara Council

Cubmaster comes out wearing a 30's style hat with the brim turned up and a "press card" tucked into the hatband.

**Cubmaster:** I'm hot on the trail of a story. I just need to find the right person to interview. Let's see! Can I interview you? (Pointing to a den leader.)

**Den Leader:** Yes, you can interview me.

**Cubmaster:** Tell me, what you have been doing this month.

**Den Leader:** Well, we have been learning about newspapers. We made our own paper.

**Cubmaster:** Oh, really! What else have you been doing?  
Den Leader: All the boys in the den completed requirements for the \_\_\_\_\_ badge.

**Cubmaster:** Super, will \_\_\_\_\_ step up with their parents and receive their awards?

**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION****Thanksgiving Sparkler**  
San Francisco Bay Area Council

**Father** - Stand up and say "When I was your age, son"

**Car** - Stand up and say "Chuga, chuga, chuga"

**Farmer** - Stand up and put hands in suspenders and say "Where's my horse?"

**Turkey** - Stand up and say "Gobble, gobble, gobble"

Once upon a time, just before Thanksgiving a FATHER, a mother and Cub Scout climbed into the family CAR and drove into the country. They were looking for a FARMER with a TURKEY that they could buy for their Thanksgiving dinner. As they drove down the road in their CAR, they saw a FARMER standing in a yard with a TURKEY.

Turning into the yard, the FATHER stopped the CAR near the FARMER and the TURKEY. They all got out of the CAR and the FATHER purchased the TURKEY from the FARMER. "Now, if you will remove the TURKEY'S head, we will get into the CAR and drive home," said the FATHER to the FARMER.

As the FATHER the mother and the Cub Scout were riding home in the CAR an amazing thing happened! The TURKEY, although its head had been removed by the FARMER, began to speak! "Please don't eat me for Thanksgiving," the TURKEY pleaded. "I will make a fine pet for you," he told the Cub Scout. The FATHER, the mother and the Cub Scout talked about this astounding request as they rode home in the CAR. And so it happened that the TURKEY joined the FATHER, the mother and the Cub Scout in their Thanksgiving dinner of hamburgers and French-fries. The Turkey became a very good pet, as it did not chase CARS, cats or fire hydrants. The FATHER enrolled the Turkey at college as everyone know, with a good education, it is much easier to get a head . . .

**GAMES****Ring the Turkey**  
(Will Rogers Council)

Cut out the shape of a turkey (or any shape consistent with season or monthly theme) from cardboard or wood. Paint and decorate the cut-out. Hammer nails into the turkey at different places. This is the target. Place it about 8 to 10 feet away. Have each player throw rubber jay rings at the turkey. The winner is determined by the number of rings that catch on the target. If you wish, you can mark each nail worth a certain number of points.

**Sausages**

(Will Rogers Council)

One player is chosen to be the questioner. He may ask any other of the other players whatever personal questions he might choose, such as - "What do you think your legs look like?", "What are your shoes made of?". "To what do you attribute your handsome looks and charm?", etc. Whatever the question, the player being asked must reply "sausages!" The first player who smiles or laughs or giggles or smirks or grins or guffaws or shows any other emotion other than deadly seriousness is out, and he becomes the questioner.

**Capture the Fort**

Buckskin Council

Divide players into two sides: Attackers and Defenders. Defenders form a circle, holding hands and facing outward, with their captain in the center. Attackers surround the fort at about eight or ten paces distant. They try to kick a soccer ball into the fort; it may go through the legs of the defenders or over their heads. If it goes over their heads, the captain may catch it and throw it out. But if it touches the ground inside the circle, the fort is captured and the players change sides.

**FUN FOOD****Fred's Trail Mix**

Fred Feltmann

Greater Alabama Council

1 Bag (large) Eagle brand Snack mix  
 1 16 oz. bag M&Ms  
 1 8 oz. bag semi-sweet mini M&Ms (cooking section of grocery store)  
 1 24 oz. can raisins (use as much as you think you need)  
 1 can mixed nuts (Adjust quantities to taste - this will get you started!)  
 This makes enough for a group of 6 for a weekend

**Cranberries?**

Viking Council

Did you know that the Pilgrims gave the cranberry its name? They thought the pink cranberry blossoms resembled the heads of cranes, so they called them "Crane berries." This was later changed slightly to "cranberries."  
 Look up pictures of cranes and the cranberry bogs of New England. During your den meeting, make fresh cranberry bread for your den snack.

**SKITS****Turkey or no Turkey?**

Viking Council

Characters: five country boys and one turkey.

Costumes: the turkey is a boy dressed with construction paper feathers and beak, crepe paper wattle and wearing yellow leggings. Boys wear jeans or overalls with plaid shirts.

## Scene 1

Setting: The country boy has raised the Thanksgiving turkey. It has come time for the bird to be readied for dinner. The boy and the turkey are sitting on the ground by a tree stump looking sad. The boy holds a blue ribbon.

#1: (Walks across stage behind the boy and turkey.)  
 Well, it's almost time. (He sits down and looks at them sadly.)

#2: (Walks in and sits down.) Boy, a drumstick will sure taste good. I can hardly wait! He looks at the other boys and the turkey, and says "Oops, sorry!" (He stands and pets the bird on the head, then sits back down looking sad.)

#3: (Walks over to join others.) We're really going to have to get (Whispers and points) *him* ready soon. (Notices that everyone is sad, so he sits down with the others.)

#4: (Comes in carrying an axe. The other boys begin to cry and pet the bird.) "It's time!"

As the curtain closes, the turkey is leaning over the tree stump with the last boy holding a cardboard axe over his neck.

## Scene 2

Setting: All boys and the turkey are seated at the table. All have heads bowed.

#5: Thank you Lord, for this corn which we are about to eat. (The turkey looks at the audience and gives an exaggerated wink.)

## STUNTS AND TRICKS

### Run-Ons

Gulf Coast Council

**Scout 1 (picking up phone):** "You don't say... You don't say... You don't say..."

**Scout 2:** Who was that?

**Scout 1:** I don't know. He didn't say.

**Scout 1:** I have been seeing spots in front of my eyes.

**Scout 2:** Have you seen the doctor?

**Scout 1:** No, just spots.

**Scout FortuneTeller:** That will be \$20. for two questions.

**Customer:** Isn't that a lot of money for two questions?

**Scout FortuneTeller:** Yes, it is. Now what is your second question?

**Scout 1:** Why didn't you wait to see the second act of the play?

**Scout 2:** Didn't have time. The program said it took place a year later.

### Feel the Pain

The Leader has a 'volunteer' who is going around the room, touching the wall. "Do you feel it?" the Leader asks. "No" replied the volunteer. Repeatedly, the leaders asks and get the same answer. The volunteer comes to the window. "Do you feel it now?" "Yes, " says the volunteer (Perhaps he howls suddenly to make this more dramatic.) "What did you feel?" "I felt the pane."

## CLOSING CEREMONY

### Stop The Presses Closing Ceremony

Trapper Trails Council

**Narrator:** Stop those presses. Some of the stories we've been hearing for years aren't quite right. Did you know...?

1 - An apple did not fall on Newton's head, he saw one fall from the corner of his eye.

2 - In old England, coins were saved in "pygg" banks which were dishes or jars made from a clay called "pygg". In 1600, a potter started the craze of making them into pig shapes.

3 - French fries are really from Belgium.

4 - Walt Disney started drawing characters with three fingers to save time.

5 - Napoleon started the tradition of buttons on uniforms so soldiers would not wipe their noses on the coat sleeves.

6 - The 4 and 20 black birds baked in a pie was actually a huge pie crust with 24 African musicians hiding inside

to surprise a King Charles VII of France in the 1400's.

7 - Mice might eat cheese, but they like peanut butter and fly stuffed celery better.

8 - Elephants are not afraid of mice, which they can't even see or smell.

9 - Antidisestablishmentarianism is not the longest word, it is pneumonoultramicroscopicsilicovolcanoconiosis.

10 - Ostriches don't bury their heads in the sand. They eat rocks to help their digestion.

11 - The British arrested and took Paul Revere's horse before he finished his ride. He had to walk home.

12 - Camels store fat not water in their humps.

**Narrator** - So stop those presses, we need to make a few changes.

### Thank You

Viking Council

Let the Cub Scouts prepare eight large placards, each with a large letter painted on it to match the initial letter of each verse. As each verse is recited by a Cub, the proper lettis is displayed so that at the end of the eight verses, the words "Thank You" are visible to all.

**T**- stands for teacher, ours bear the test, as a Pack - we promise "We'll do our best".

**H** - is for helpful, which we try to be as each helps the other in the highest degree.

**A** - for advantages we all enjoy, we try to be grateful and wisely employ.

**N** - is for nation whose future depend, on all of us in the pack who want to be friends.

**K** - is for knowledge we're going to need. We'll work hard to gain it and hope we succeed.

**Y** - is for youth all over the land. God bless and keep us and steady our hand.

**O** - for opportunity around everyone. We'll grasp and hold tightly until we have won.

**U** - stand for usefulness, we like to serve. We do what we can all praise to deserve.

## TRAINING AROUND THE U.S.

I will be spending Saturday, November 7<sup>th</sup> in Gadsen, AL which is about an hour from where I live at our UoS. I am going as a participant. If you have any questions about our University of Scouting and would like to attend, please call Derrick Jordan at our Scout office at (205) 883-7071.

<http://www.bsagreateralabama.org/camping.htm>

### University of Scouting--Greater Alabama Council

Over forty different hour-long courses are offered each year at this supplementary training event. In late fall, this event gives a Scouter an opportunity to gain more knowledge in areas past his basic training level. Courses

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are divided into Colleges of Cub Scouting, Boy Scouting, Commissioner Science, and District Operations. In these classes, the well-trained staff of volunteers share an abundance of information on everything from running a pack meeting to outdoor cooking. The University of Scouting will be held on Saturday, November 7, 1998, at the campus of Gadsden State Community College. The University of Scouting is open to all Scouters and will feature courses in various Cub Scouting subjects like Cub Scout Spirit, Rope Magic, Pack Administration and Den Chiefs. Boy Scouting programs will include such favorites as Boy Scout Camping, Cooking, Wood Tools, Campfires and Scouting on the Internet. Other courses will be available in topics like Unit Commissioner Service, Charter Renewal, Youth Protection and Outdoor Program Promotion

Lorie, my friend from South Carolina sent this

Indian Waters Council University of Scouting (formerly known as Supertrain) will be on Sat. Jan 17, 1999 in Columbia SC. Contact person(s):

Hal Donnelly <donna@scsn.net> Etowah Creek DE  
Lorie McGraw <llmcgraw@worldnet.att.net>

Etowah Creek District Website

<http://home.att.net/~llmcgraw/etowah/ecd-indx.htm>  
or Phone the Indian Waters Scout Service Center at (803)750-9855

From Louisiana, Thanks Lydia!

Istrouma Area Council

University of Scouting w/Pow Wow

Saturday, Oct. 31, 1998

Tara High School, Baton Rouge, LA 8:30 - 4:00

Phone: 1-225-926-2697 (Council office) OR

1-800-821-0573 (COUNCIL OFFICE TOLL FREE)

FAX #: 1-225-926-7552

Cathie Louis - Chancellor

Fee: \$10 if paid before Oct. 18

\$15 if paid after Oct. 18

\$5 for Pow Wow book, on a prepaid basis

Thanks Judy : )

Buckskin Council Pow Wow is "Shoot for the Stars"

Saturday, Oct. 24, 1998, 10 am - 4 pm at the United

Methodist Temple, 3871 Robert C. Byrd Drive,

Beckley, WV For info: contact the Buckskin Council at 1-800-272-6880

From LindaLope (Antelopes Rule) in Minnesota Viking

Council Pow-Wow '98 - Theme: "Where in the World is

Carmen San Diego?" Saturday, October 24, 1998

Contact Mona 612-545-4550

From (Karweik, Barbara)

Our Pow Wow is Jan 30, 1999. Our theme is "Be

Prepared to Do Your Best" and includes 89 courses for

both Cub Scout and Boy Scout leaders. We expect about 1000 attendees. If anyone wants an application form or more

information they can Email me Barb

KarweikB@chi.osu.edu their name and address and I will respond.

It will be at Westerville North High School in

Westerville OH which is a northern suburb of Columbus

OH. It starts at 9 AM on Jan 30, 1999. Our Council

phone number is 1-800-433-4051.

Interested in Scout Leader Training? Well, the largest one is being offered by the Boston Minuteman Council (BMC) called "The University of Scouting". Read on for all the details:

DATE: SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17, 1998

LOCATION: DEDHAM MIDDLE SCHOOL, 70

WHITING AVENUE, DEDHAM, MA DIRECTIONS:

COST: \$ 5.00 per participant pre-registered by 10/9/98

\$10.00 at the door without preregistration there will be an extra charge of \$25.00 for Scouters registering for the

Scoutmastership Fundamentals Course or the Webelos

Leader Outdoor session. LUNCH: Bring a bag lunch!

Coffee will be available. TIME: Courses start at 8:00

AM; Sign-in from 7:45AM PRE-REGISTER: By

October 9, 1998 Bring or mail the enclosed registration

form with the proper fee. In order to assure that the

session you want to participate in is run, we need

preregistrations. We may cancel sessions which lack

pre-registered participants. MAIL YOUR

PREREGISTRATION FORM AND PROPER

PAYMENT TO: Boston Minuteman Council, BSA

Attn: University of Scouting

990 Washington Street, Suite 310

Dedham, MA 02026

**WEBELOS****Citizen**

Sam Houston Area Council

The "Our Flag" booklet put out by the BSA is an excellent resource for all kinds of flag etiquette. Your Webelos may also write the VA, VFW, or AmVets or other military units. Have the Webelos tell or write about it in their own words.

Have your Webelos learn and tell about the history of our flag and how it developed. Have them make a poster with the early American flags and the year they were used. This can make a different yet interesting type of opening ceremony for a pack meeting.

Make a flag holder to properly display a flag at their own home according to etiquette. Or, make flag holders for den and pack flags.

Did you know that to show respect for our flag, you don't

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have to see it, but you can face the direction you know it to be, salute it, and respond according.

Did you know that if you do not have a flag to salute at a night meeting that if the moon is up, that there is a United States flag on the moon?

### Den Activities

Heart of America Council

**Citizen Scavenger Hunt:** Most government buildings have some form of a tour and you might be able to combine the tour with your scavenger hunt. Divide the den into two or three teams and give the boys a reasonable time limit. Have them locate answers to questions as well as inexpensive available items. Examples for these would be:

1. What is the Middle initial in the full name of our town's mayor? What does the initial stand for?
2. Bring back a piece of stationery showing our town's logo or crest.
3. Draw a picture of our state flag.
4. On what floor can you find \_\_\_\_\_?
5. Who runs the Water Works Department and what does that department do?
6. Where does the City Council meet?
7. What's on the top floor of the building?
8. What is the full name of the governor of the state?
9. Get a brochure about trash pick up service?
10. Who takes care of snow removal/tree removal from city streets and what is their budget?

### Wanted: Good Citizen Poster Project

Heart of America Council

Imagine the type of citizen you would want to be part of your community. How would that person act? What would that person look like?

Design a WANTED poster of the ideal citizen. Cut and paste a picture or photo on a sheet of paper of the citizen you are wanting. It can be a picture or photo of someone you cut from a magazine or you can draw a picture of a real or pretend person. Then, describe the person physically and also describe his/her personality traits.

Example: WANTED person with good humor, a concern for others and ability to get along with others. Then, complete the following statements on your poster: This person was last seen in \_\_\_\_\_. He/she was \_\_\_\_\_, once again showing himself/herself active and responsible citizen. If you have seen or have any information about this person, please contact \_\_\_\_\_. This person is an ideal citizen because \_\_\_\_\_.

### Tie Slide

#### U.S. Flag Tie Slide

Heart of America Council

1 - 3' x 4' piece of lightweight wood

Sandpaper

Paint

Star stickers or stencil pattern

Clear acrylic finish

Glue

1 - .5 x .5 PVC pipe

Refer to the "History of our Flag" in the Webelos book.

Have each boy choose a different flag design. When the tie slides are completed and they know the history, they can then share their knowledge and talents with the Pack at a pack meeting.

1. Cut and sand wood.
2. Paint the appropriate design. (use taping to make straight lines and consider stars or make a stencil pattern)
3. Apply several coats of acrylic finish.
4. Attach PVC pipe to the back to form the loop.

### Craftsman

Viking Council

Webelos who have spent a year or two in a Cub Scout Den before coming into the Webelos Den will have had some craft experience. This year is a good opportunity for boys to gain knowledge of some new skills such as clay, leathercraft and tin craft. Many of the projects will not be completed at the meeting, and will need to involve parents' help at home.

### Closing Thoughts

"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.

### Building Tools

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)

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### Carpenter Skit

Two boys are taking nails out of a box. One keeps throwing nails away.

"Why are you throwing all those nails away? Thy're perfectly good."

"The heads are on the wrong end!"

"Silly, those nails are for the other side of the housse!"

Here is a fairly easy craft that can PROBABLY done by all ranks. This should be easiest for the Webelos though.

I got the following two projects from Bobbie Beatson, Pack 732 - Palm Bay, FL

### BABY FOOD JAR #1 - Advent Calendar

- (01)
- (02)(03)
- (04)(05)(06)
- (07)(08)(09)(10)
- (11)(12)(13)(14)(15)
- (16)(17)(18)(19)(20)(21)
- (22)(23)
- (24)(25)

Make a tree of 25 jars to fill with little trinkets and use as an advent calendar. Jars can be glued together with hot glue. Add a ribbon around the entire outside of the tree to cover the jars.

### BABY FOOD JAR #2 - Christmas Tree

- (01)
- (02)(03)
- (04)(05)(06)
- (07)(08)(09)(10)
- (11)(12)(13)(14)(15)
- (16)(17)(18)(19)(20)(21)

Glue jars together with hot glue. Put a ribbon around the triangle of jars for decoration. Get a string of 25/35 multi-colored Christmas lights and some tinsel garland (silver works well). If you can find a string of 15 bulbs, eliminate the bottom rows of jars. Have boys punch a hole in the lid of the baby food jar large enough to hold the light bulb. When using a 35 string, some of the jars will have more than one light bulb. Put the garland in the jar to hide the bulb. Tree sits nicely on a table.

Joe Ray sent me this one--joerhawkins@abts.net (Joe Ray Hawkins)

On the morning of the Christmas parade, we meet at the church and have crafts till parade time. After the parade, you stop back by to pick up the crafts (that way they get a chance to dry...) We have had success with the small

wheat lights, and the larger night light size. The light strings with the expansion clips work best with that style. The foil - tensile bases work well inside the lid. You use a bottle/can opener twice to make the holes for the large bulbs-and a 10 penny nail for the wheat lights. We had one group a few years ago that used the 'stained glass' paint to stain their jars. It was different - but the ones done solid green or red worked best.

Instead of a pyramid shape - we go for a double pyramid tree shape ...excuse the ASCII ART



Take a length of ribbon 1-1/2 inches wide - and wrap around the outside. Red seems to work best. You can come back and garnish the spaces between the jars with holly berries, hemlock cones, or other small ornament. It makes a nice decoration for the kitchen for your sponsoring org.

Cheryl e-mailed me with this caution  
Just one word of caution, Chris: DO NOT USE hot-glue on this! (g) Even the hi-temp sort will melt after 30-40 mins and the whole thing comes tumbling down. Ideas for glue to use other than that from a hot glue gun, Check out the local drug store, over in the hardware section. I buy a tube of something (under various names from various companies) that is used to repair china. It dries clear. The last tube I got was from Duco and it was a green and white tube, for under \$3.

Cheryl Singhal, wife of CC, Troop 763, Wheaton, Maryland, USA  
What about Liquid Nails for small projects..it's dries clear...>> Danny Finch  
We've used hot melt glue guns, epoxy from a syringe, and a super glue 'made for glass' (one of the fathers worked for a local mirror company). The first year we used Elmers - plain white - dries clear school glue. Worked well- just slow...Joe Ray  
Try Aquaium cement or clear bathtub caulk. Gray Wolf I would vote for Aleena's Jewelary glue or Goop plumber's glue. Melissa  
Try Duco Cement--clear, comes in smallish tubes. Good Luck! Bob Carr  
Clear 5-minute epoxy will hold well--make sure the class is CLEAN. Also, I would be cautious about using epoxy with younger Cubs. Peggy Barber  
Superglue, or perhaps Sodium Silicate - Waterglass  
Dave  
super glue gel  
YIS,  
Jo Ernst  
njernst@LogicSouth.com  
SM Troop 813

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I found this recipe for those jars. This is probably cheaper than some of those chemical glues.

Melissa

Waterproof or Glass Glue

2 packets (1/2 ounce) unflavoured gelatin

2 tbs. cold water

3 tbs. skim milk

several drops oil of cloves (optional)

1. In a small bowl, sprinkle gelatin over cold water.

Set aside to soften.

2. Heat milk to boiling point and pour into softened gelatin. Stir until gelatin is dissolved.

3. Add oil of cloves as preservative if glue is to be kept for more than a day. Makes about 1/3 cup

How to use it: While the glue is still warm, brush a thin layer on the objects to be glued. This is the best glue to use for projects in which glass must be adhered to glass. For gluing decorations on glass jars, it is best to use the glue in its liquid state. For gluing marbles together or gluing metal ornaments to metal cans, use the glue in its gelled state. This glue is waterproof and can be used to mend china, to glue labels on home-canned foods and jellies, or to glue wood to wood. Store glue in a screw-capped jar. It will gel as it cools, but this will not affect its adhesiveness. Set jar in a pan of hot water to soften glue for reuse.

### Web Sites

**Tiger Cub program**

<http://www.nashville.com/~pack188/atiger.htm>

**Theme Related**

**How to make paper**

<http://www.learn2to.com/06/0697/0697.html>

**Scouting sites**

<http://www.macscouter.com/Pack92/>

<http://www2.inow.com/~wag/pack273.html>

**Great Rivers Council-Youth Protection**

<http://members.sockets.net/%7Elkerns/yp.html>

**Home page for United States Scouting Service Project. We have a new look, come visit us**

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

**GREAT site for Cub and Boy Scout Leaders and Commissioners**

<http://usscouts.org/profbvr/index.html>

**Gary Hendra (that famous MacScouter) is CM for this pack.**

**Stop by and see the fun Pack 92 has. They also have Pack**

**Rules that some of you might like to read for ideas.**

<http://www.macscouter.com/Pack92/AboutPack92.html>

**Check out this neat site!**

<http://www.geocities.com/Heartland/Meadows/1072/scout.htm>

**Another link**

<http://www.rapidnet.com/~ethor/pack53/scoutlinks.html>

**From Michigan a pack**

<http://www.geocities.com/RainForest/1078/pack3352.htm>

**Cub Scout Resources**

<http://www.geocities.com/RainForest/1078/cubscout.htm>

**Scouting History and Traditions**

<http://members.aol.com/randywoo/bsahis/>

**Dee's List of Scout List**

<http://www.geocities.com/Heartland/Flats/3201/sctlnks.html>

**Adult Leader Resources**

<http://www.pack101.org/pages/leaders.htm>

**Fun Stuff**

**Yahooligans--hypersite**

<http://www.yahooligans.com/docs/picks/>

**Cyberwall-just for kids**

<http://www.nb.net/~downs/links/kids.htm>

**Yahooligans cool page for kids**

<http://www.yahooligans.com/docs/cool/index.html>

**Upcoming events Empire State Building**

[http://www.esbnyc.com/html/body\\_upcoming\\_events.html](http://www.esbnyc.com/html/body_upcoming_events.html)

**Crafts for Kids**

[http://www.esbnyc.com/html/body\\_upcoming\\_events.html](http://www.esbnyc.com/html/body_upcoming_events.html)

**Resources**

The scouting graphics for all levels of scouting are available on line at

<http://usscouts.org/library.html>

It is also available for purchase as a CD Rom at the following number 1-800-SCOUTER