



BALOO'S BUGLE



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Ni Hao! (Hello) This theme, "Gateway to the Orient" is a wonderful opportunity to introduce your Cub Scouts to the Orient. In this issue you will find pronunciations for common words we use in here in the U.S. **Watakaushi wa Chris desu.** That is a Japanese phrase for My name is Chris. Mike (PA) sent me a great idea for the cubs to make an abacus. With Cheryl S. help I have a couple of recipes. A lot of scouters helped me pull this issue together. And for that I am truly grateful. This theme was kind of tough for me. As always, I am just the typist and organizer of Baloo's Bugle; it is all the fabulous leaders across the US and other countries, that make it as helpful as it is xie xie (Thank You)..

Ko ni masaru takara nashi (J)

There are no better treasures than children.
Mid-Iowa Council

PRAYERS & POEMS FOR SCOUTERS

World Wonders

Best of the Leaders Cut-Out Pages, Canada

Often I think there is little left in the world
That is wondrous to see;
Then I have to pause and watch
A group of Scouts growing up around me.

A Thought

Freedom is not worth having if it does not include the freedom to make mistakes.

Mohandas Gandhi

Denver Area Council

Dear God,
With this prayer, I call to mind my friends. I ask for your blessing on them. May angels fill their nights and bless their days. May they find joy and peace and harmony. May I be a source of happiness in their lives. May our bonds be strong and based on truth. May they always know that in me, they have support. May I live a life that lives up to this prayer. Thank You, God. Amen.



The Green Angel

Denver Area Council

I dreamed I went to Heaven
And saw among the dead
An angel dressed in green
A halo 'round her head
And she looked kind of funny
Midst all the glaring white
The others asked her jealously
What gave her such a right.
(She answered...)
I'm a Cub Scout Leader
And I lay no hold to fame,
But being such a person
Means more than just a name.
My jobs on earth are many;
Praises and thanks are few,
I did more work in one day
Then ten people ought to do.
I've been a nurse, a tin can cooker
A hiker, a pathfinder,
I've also been artist,
A sailor and a bookbinder.
I taught boys to dance,
I taught parrots to sing,
I made saints out of hoodlums,
While mama had her fling!
I walked the streets 'till my feet
Felt like a ton of brick,
Helping to sell popcorn 'till
The mere thought made me sick.
But still it was a lot of fun;
Life was never a bore.
See, this role isn't new to me...
"I've been an angel before."



Tiger Cub Big Idea #9

Denver Area Council

Visit the airport, watch planes take off and land; take the bus to the train station and go see the trains; Make paper airplanes; have a pilot or boat captain come visit your den, talk about what it is like to be a pilot. Have a family popcorn and movie meeting and watch movies on the NASA space program, talk about what it would be like to be an astronaut. Have a taxicab come visit your den meeting.

Travelers Relay Game

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You need 2 suitcases or papersacks, 2 of dad's old shirts and pants: divide dens into 2 teams and set a start and finish line. First Tiger in each line gets his "suitcase" with clothes in it. Tiger takes luggage runs to finish line, takes out clothes, puts them on top of his clothes, runs back to start carrying empty luggage, takes off extra clothes, repacks suitcase, and gives to next Tiger.

Heart of America Council

Opening: Have members stand in a horseshoe form and give motto.

Search: Make plans for a bus or train ride.

Discover: Using the city bus schedule plan the route, connections, learn about bus fare and tokens. Using a state map discuss how to get to from one town to another. How far is it? How long does it take to get there by bus, airplane, car?

Share: Have adult partners talk about how they get to work, what other types of transportation has the group used?

Closing: Recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

Opening: Recite the Tiger Cub Motto.

Search: Make plans for a bike ride. What route will be followed?

Discover: Have an adult show how to keep a bike in good condition.

Play "Paper Crunch" - give each boy 4 pieces of paper (2 for each hand). At the signal all pick up the paper and crunch each piece into a small ball. The first one finished wins.

Share: Share the type of travel the family used for a family vacation or outing.

Closing: Recite the Tiger Cub Motto.

Games

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Team Work Transportation

Create a mode of transportation using lengths of PVC pipe and a piece of 2' x 4' plywood. Lay 4 or 5 pieces of pipe on the floor. Top with the plywood. One Cub Scout sits on the plywood while the team pushes him, rolling on the PVC. As the passenger moves the team must pick up the pipe and lay ahead of the rolling Cub. This becomes a team effort.

Big Idea #8 Go and See It

Greater St. Louis Area Council

Things to Remember When Taking A Field Trip

1. Always call well in advance to confirm times, prices, age restrictions, and reservation needs.
2. If possible, have an adult check on the trip before the group takes it. Look for suitable lunch spots, toilet facilities, and drinking water and transportation routes. Note the amount of time the trip will require.
3. If you travel out of your council area you will need a local tour permit. Ask your Cubmaster or call council.
4. Make arrangements in advance for special transportation needs. Meals to be eaten on the trip, and inform your hosts of your expected arrival and departure time.
5. In planning trips for Tiger Cubs, analyze each trip suggested for its actual value to the boy. Not just to have trips.
6. Consider the length and difficulty of travel. A two-hour drive each way ought to be enough.
7. Always use judgment in relation to weather conditions. If necessary, postpone your trip.
8. Be a good 'explainer' about your trip. Tell your scouts what is expected of them.
9. Have adult partners accompany their Tiger.
10. Take necessary materials: first aid kit, pencils and paper; activity or game equipment, and camera.
11. Do not hesitate to ask questions. Most people are happy to be helpful to a group of children.
12. Make sure the Scouts are in uniform, unless other dress is more appropriate.
13. Plan the trip discuss and even dramatize some of the experiences.
16. Make sure that each boy has enough money, should there be any expenses involved.
17. Scouts and adults should always wear seat belts.
- 18. Upon return, have the boys write your hosts a note to thank them for the visit.**

Traveling Games

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Make up games and boards to use when traveling, such as Bingo, checkers, matching games, or maybe a creative bag for the artist.

SKIT**Put A Tiger in your Tiger**

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Props: A banner or sign saying "PACK MEETING" and steering wheel cutouts. Have two scouts holding the banner at one end of the stage. All Tigers except one must remove their Tiger Cub hats. At the other end of the stage are the Tiger Coordinator and the remaining scouts.

Den Leader: All right Scouts, you'd better hurry up or you'll be late for the Pack Meeting.

Scout #1: Tries to start his engine by turning an imaginary key. Makes coughing and choking noises. Throws hands up in the air as if disgusted gives up.

Scout #2: Does the same thing, only his car starts up and goes only a couple of feet.

Scout #3: Does the same thing, only his car goes 3 to 4 feet and dies.

Scout#4: Does the same thing with his car dying halfway across the stage.

Scout #5: (Wearing the Tiger Hat) Starts up his car fast and making loud racing noises, zooms to the Pack Meeting sign.

Sign Holders: Hey Scout, how did you get here so fast?

Scout #5: That's easy. I've got a Tiger in my tank!

PRE-OPENING ACTIVITY

Oriental Proverbs

Chris

Pick the right (missing) word/s in the proverb

"He who will not economize will have to _____"

a) agonize b) sweat bullets c) harmonize

When a friend arrives from afar, isn't it _____?

A) Wearisome B) Meaningless C) Wonderful

I will not grieve that men do not know me; I will grieve that I do not know

A) Professional Wrestling B) Men C) Sienfeld

"A journey of a thousand miles must begin with a single "

A) car key B) suitcase C) step

"Study the past if you would divine the _____

a) future b) water c) serenity

"When a leopard dies, he leaves his skin; a man, his

a) will b) reputation c) Nike tennis shoes

"If you suspect a man, don't employ him; if you employ a man, don't _____

A) hire him b) pay him overtime c) suspect him

Better to light a candle than to curse the _____.

A)darkness b) neighbors c) electric company

Forget injuries, never forget _____.

A) Your insurance card B) To yell "Ouch C) Kindness

When someone said, "What do you think of repaying evil with kindness?" Confucius replied, "Then what are you going to repaying kindness with? Repay kindness with kindness , but repay evil with _____."

A) justice B) evil C) yen

BALOO'S BUGLE**Answers**

"He who will not economize will have to **agonize.**"

"When a friend arrives from afar, isn't it **wonderful?**"

"I will not grieve that men do not know me; I will grieve that I do not know **men.**"

"A journey of a thousand miles must begin with a single **step.**"

"Study the past if you would divine the **future**"

"When a leopard dies, he leaves his skin; a man, his **reputation.**"

"If you suspect a man, don't employ him; if you employ a man, don't **suspect him.**"

"Better to light a candle than to curse the darkness.

Darkness."

"Forget injuries, never forget **kindnesses.**"

"When someone said, "What do you think of repaying evil with kindness?" Confucius replied, "Then what are you going to repaying kindness with? Repay kindness with kindness , but repay evil with **justice.**"

Pre-Opening Activity-Guess the Spices

Mike

As we study the Gateway to the Orient, we can recall the influence that the Orient had on Europeans, and even American development. In the 13th century, Marco Polo made his journey to the East, returning with many new and exciting stories, foods, and cloths. This, of course, eventually led to Columbus' exploration to the west (in search of a better route to the East), where he found the Americas and brought back news of the new lands to Europe. But back to Marco Polo, one of the great discoveries he brought back to the Mediterranean was the many spices of the Orient.

As a pre-opening activity, set up a series of blind boxes that have different spices in them. Label the boxes with letters or numbers and list out the letters/numbers on blank pieces of paper. Have everyone go to each box to smell the spice and try to guess what it is. Some spices to include are pepper, cloves, mace and nutmeg, cinnamon, thyme, anise seed, bay, coriander, and marjoram.

OPENING CEREMONY**Opening**

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Setting: Webelos are working on their Traveler activity pin.

Webelos #1: Well, for our Traveler activity pin, let's plan a trip to the Orient!

Webelos #2: Where is the Orient? Should I bring my gameboy?

Webelos #3: (unrolling large map): I think it's a long ways away.

Webelos #4: Let's learn something about China. I heard they celebrate New Year's with fireworks and parades and

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a variety of animals!

Webelos #1: Let's go to the library and find out some more. I'd like to know what things there are to see and visit.

Webelos #2: Do you really think we can visit?

Webelos #3: In this day and age, with computers and other ways of sharing information, we could sure learn a lot.

Webelos #4: Hey guys, let's get going and look for the gateway to the Orient.

Your Flag

Heart of America Council

Personnel: 7 Cubs

Setting: Each Cub reads one line and they all read the last line together. You may add the Pledge of Allegiance.

Cub 1: My blue field is indicative of God's heaven, under which I fly.

Cub 2: My stars, clustered together, unify 50 states as one, for God and Country.

Cub 3: "Old Glory" is my nickname, and I proudly wave on high.

Cub 4: Honor me, respect me, and defend me with your lives and your fortunes.

Cub 5: Never let my enemies tear me down from lofty position, lest I never return.

Cub 6: Keep alight the fires of patriotism: strive earnestly for the spirit of democracy.

All: Worship Eternal God, and keep His Commandments; and I shall remain the bulwark of peace and freedom for all mankind;

Cub 7: Please join us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

General Opening/Closing

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(Light Candle) This candle represents the Spirit of Cub Scouting. It is going to burn throughout our meeting, representing the fun and friendship we have enjoyed here. Let's all stand and give the Pledge of Allegiance.

LEADER IDEAS

There are ideas for a kite derby in the Cub Scout Leader HOW-TO BOOK, which is available at your Scout Shop.

Kites

Mike

There are many folks tales about the origin of the kite. A Sung Dynasty commentary puts their first appearance in the Warring States period. But Lin K'un of the Yuan dynasty believed that the kite was invented in the Han dynasty to unsettle the enemy by the eerie sounds of attached whistles. History records that the kite was also used to signal for help. One theory has the kite invented during the Five Dynasties period (907-959 A.D.) and brought to Europe by Marco Polo in the late 13th century.

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In Taiwan, kite flying is associated with autumn. Split bamboo, which is light and strong, is the traditional material for making the kite frame. There are hundreds of kite shapes including the centipede and giant dragon kites.

FUN FACTS

Japanese children goes to school for 5 1/2 days a week, 240 days a year for at least nine years.

To give an unwrapped gift in Japan is considered rude.

The Japanese imported Valentine's Day from the West.

But put a little different spin on it. The boys give the girls chocolate on Feb. 14, and then the girls give the boys batches of homemade cookies on March 14, White Day.

Chinese Trivia

Mike

Did you know...?

Some of the first forms of currency in China were made of shell, satin, or Jade.

There are 55 official minority nationalities, and 206 listed languages.

China has approximately a 75% literacy rate.

Only Imperial dragons embroidered on the robes of the Emperor or his personal attendants could display five claws.

The Chinese women have won medals at the Olympics for their outstanding ability of weight lifting!

In China, Tiger body parts are sought for use in traditional Chinese medicine and exotic recipes.

In China, snake is a delicacy. Some dishes include roast boa and five-step snake, snakeskin with peppers, and snake lemon liqueur, which is "good for a person with a weak body". Some Chinese even check into a sanitarium for extended snake-diet therapy.

Even though there are French and Italian eateries popping up in southern China, Barbecued rat and dog are still favorites. Others include silkworms and black beetles.

The ancient Chinese consider the peach a symbol of long life and immortality. These "Persian apples" actually had their beginning in China, but were developed in Persia and went from there to Europe and then to America with the colonists.

Ladies in the high society in China once made black dye from dark eggplant skins and used it to stain their teeth to a black luster, a fashionable cosmetic use.

Chinese is the oldest and the greatest of the world's literature.

Acupuncture originated in China more than 5000 years ago.

The Great Wall is the only man-made structure that can be seen from the Space Shuttle and is used by scientists to study earthquakes.

Mike found these at the following web site.

<http://marian.creighton.edu/~marian-w/academics/english/chinese.html>

DEN ACTIVITIES

Activities

Origami is a very popular activity in the Orient. Origami is the art of paperfolding. Mike S has told me that the swan is the most popular, followed by the box. You can go to your library to get books on Origami, I found one called Library of Nations, Japan/915.2. Just call your library and give them the no. above, 915.2 and you can find out if they have it there. Or go to the following web sites

Simple Origami Box

<http://www.rug.nl/rugcis/rc/ftp/origami/models/boxes/simplebox.gif>

I found a site about Origami, which is the art of paper folding. Joseph Wu's site can get you started on this ancient art. He has a wealth of information at his site including how to make particular types of folds needed for the Cubs to create an Origami masterpiece.

<http://www.origami.vancouver.bc.ca/>

Chinese children play tops, are introduced to macrame, and love to watch traveling acrobatic, magic and puppet shows.

Read a folk tale to the dens; There is a Chinese Cinderella; (just as most other cultures have this) and a number of tales that rival Aesop's Fables. I prefer Chinese folk lore, as their idea of humor and moral concepts are more readily understood by Westerners than are Japanese tales.

Music

I intend to bring in music from Japan, China, Korea, and Northern and Southern India to the den meetings, and have some music playing at the Pack meeting during the gathering timeframe; (Check local libraries for music) - East Asians love to sing songs together in public (witness the Karaoke explosion); a fun sing along is perfect for the Pack meeting. The word Karaoke is a combination of the word Kara-oke meaning empty orchestra.

Martial Arts

Mike

- I know this should not be the focal point of the cultures of Asia, but it does support the BSA ideal of building up the physical and mental abilities of boys. You might invite a local club/dojo over for a demonstration at the Pack meeting.

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I learned a little about the Japanese language. There are about 50,000 characters, some involving 40 different brushstrokes. Most of these are rarely used, but a child is still required to master 1,850 of them. Mike from Pennsylvania put these words together for us.

Here are some Asian words and phrases that the boys can learn to say and even hear through the magic of the internet. If you have access to the internet and have a multimedia computer that can play midi files, many of the words and phrases are in audio form from the site where these were taken. Go to this site

<http://www.travlang.com/languages/search.html>

and search for the phrases that are identified below.

When the search is complete, there will be tables of the words/phrases in lots of different languages. The ones that have "hypertext" (blue lettering with underlines) have audio files connected to them. Click on the hypertext and you will hear the word/phrase in the selected language.

"Hello":

English	Hello
Indonesian	Halo
Japanese	Kon-nichiwa
Korean	An-nyong Ha-se-yo
Malaysian	Helo
Mandarin	Ni hao
Marshallese	Iakwe (Yokwe)
Tagalog	Kumusta
Thai	sa-wat-dee
Vietnamese	Xin chào

"Bye"

English	Goodbye
Indonesian	Sampai jumpa
Japanese	Sayounara
Korean	An-nyong-hi Ka-ship-sio
Malaysian	selamat tinggal
Mandarin	zài jiàn
Marshallese	Bar iakwe
Tagalog	Paalam
Thai	lar-korn
Vietnamese	Ta.m bie^t

"Please"

English	Please
Indonesian	Tolong
Japanese	Douzo
Korean	Pu-di, Che-bal
Malaysian	Tolong
Mandarin	Qíng
Marshallese	Jouij
Tagalog	Pakisuyo
Thai	ka-ru-na
Vietnamese	Xin vui lòng

"Excuse Me"

English	Excuse me
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Indonesian	Permisi
Japanese	Sumimasen, shitsurei shimasu
Korean	Che-song-ham-ni-da
Malaysian	minta maaf
Mandarin	qivng ràng, dui bu qi
Marshallese	Jolok bwir
Tagalog	Patawad po
Thai	kor-tose/kor-a-nu-yart
Vietnamese	Xin lo [^] -I

"How Are You?"

English	How are you?
Indonesian	Apa kabar?
Japanese	O-genki desu ka
Korean	Otoke Chi-ne-go-ke-shim-ni-ka?
Malaysian	Apa khabar?
Mandarin	niv haov ma?
Marshallese	Ej et am mour?
Tagalog	Kumusta ka?
Thai	khun-sa-bai-dee-mai?
Vietnamese	?, Anh (chi.) có kho?e không ?

SONGS

Japanese Round

(Tune: Are You Sleeping)
 Mid America Council
 Bento Bako, Bento Bako,
 Osushi, Osushi
 Namasu to ume
 Namasu to ume
 Daikon ya, Daikon ya!

Deal with the fault of others as gently as with your own.

Chinese Proverb

Do A Good Turn

(Tune: Are you Sleeping?)
 Viking Council

Add a few homemade instruments for pizzazz!

Do a good turn,
 Do a good turn,
 Do your best,
 Do your best.
 Do a kindly favor,
 Friendly to your neighbors,
 Cheerful Cubs,
 Cheerful Cubs.

Gifts

Heart of America Council

Personnel: 7 Cubs

Setting: Sing or Chant the following verse with a

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different motion added for each with a different motion added for each new gift. Keep all the old motions going as each new one is added.

Cub 1: My ship sailed from China all laden with tea. And loaded with goodies for you and me. They gave me a:

Cub 2: Fan (wave hand)

Cub 3: Brush (move other hand over hair)

Cub 4: Stamp (stick tongue in and out to lick)

Cub 5: Flower (wrinkle nose to smell)

Cub 6: Camel (bend knees)

Cub 7: Imagine my bliss. And I kept it going like this.

SLIDES



Clancy

by Pat (The Crafty Lady) Bohnwagner

1--Medicine cup and lid

1--1 1/2" Kelly green pompom (head)

2--3/4" green pompoms (hands)

1--5mm white pompom (nose)

2--7mm wiggle eyes

1--Black plastic top hat

2 1/2" square bright green felt

2" length green glitter stem

6: length 1/4" white satin ribbon

Tacky Glue

Cut shamrock from green felt and glue to bottom of cup. Attach the green pompom head to center of lid. Use the drawing as a guide and glue the two pompom hands in place. Attach black top hat at an angle on Clancy's head and add two eyes and white pompom nose. Tie a small bow using the white ribbon and glue in place at the neck area. Finish by shaping glitter stem into a cane and glue in Clancy's hand. Attach a piece of taigon (clear plastic tubing or PVC tubing for backing.)

Shamrock Slide

Use shamrock shaped cookie cutters to make a quick slide. Press out the shape from plastic foam trays. Attach a pipecleaner to the back.

CRAFTS

Dave Loomis wrote the following about a Chop.

A chop is a raised and or engraved seal, like a monogrammed ring, that is rubbed on an ink stick or

dipped in paste or liquid ink and impressed onto a document in place of or in addition to the signature. These chops are collectible works of art in their own right, being a short piece of ivory, with the Chinese characters carved, in reverse, into one end, rather like a rubber stamp. They serve as both a formal signature to a document as well as a notary's seal that the document was in fact signed by the purported signee. I believe in Chinese custom, if not law, a chop has more validity than the actual signature.

Potato Chop

Chris

Go to your local library. Find a book on characters from the Orient. Then, get a large baking potato. Cut it in half. Have your cubs carve out from the potato half an oriental design. They can use plastic spoons or plastic knives. If you do this craft with them bring all the utensils to do the carving and COLLECT ALL of them when the Cubs are though. Get a stamp pad and have the Cubs do their "chop signatures." If they decide to make kites this month, perhaps they could decorate their kites with their stamps.

ADVANCEMENT CEREMONY

Advancement

Greater St. Louis Area Council

Each part of the world has its own unique treasures: both natural and manmade. As we travel from one part of the world to another, we add to our store of experiences. Today, we are happy to honor men of our pack who have ventured into BIG IDEAS> Will the following Tigers and their partners please come forward?

Our Wolves have learned about balanced diets, the food group for rice and squid. In the Orient, chopsticks are used for eating. Our Wolves are gaining many skills. Would the following Wolves and their parents please come forward?

The Bears in our pack have succeeded in climbing the Great Wall along the scouting trail. They have accomplished items for God, Self, Family, and Country. Would the following Bears and their parents please come forward?

As Japan is the Land of the rising Sun, so are our Webelos. They are leading the way from the sunset of Cub Scouting into the sunrise of Boy Scouting. Would the following young Webelos and their parents please come forward?



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Gateway to the Orient

Heart of America Council

Personnel: Cubmaster, 2 Cub, Cubs advancing and Parents

Equipment: Cubmaster is dressed in oriental dress, a cardboard box shaped like a pagoda with the awards inside.

Cubmaster: Since our theme this month is Gateway to the Orient we decided to have two of our Cub Scouts go exploring in the Orient to see what they could find. Look, here they come now.

Let's see what they have...(Two Cub Scouts enter carrying the pagoda which they place on the ground by the Cubmaster on a table by the Cubmaster.

Thanks boys, let's see what you have. (Cubmaster opens pagoda and pulls out the first awards to be handed out.)

The first treasure I have found are _ badges for (Cub Scouts names). Will those Cub Scouts please come forward? (Cubmaster says something special about the rank being earned). Parents, we are pleased at the progress your son has made, and know that he could not have done it without you. I present to you, his _____ badge and ask that you present it to him.

(Present the badges to parents to hand to the Scouts. Once this is done, Cubmaster turns to the audience.) Help me congratulate these boys by giving them applause.

If you are patient in a moment of anger You will escape a hundred days of

sorrow.

Chinese Proverb

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Let's Climb a Mountain

The leader says "Want to climb a mountain? Then just say what I say and do what I do. All set? Let's go!

"I think I'll climb a mountain." (Audience repeats this and following phrases.)

"Let's pack." (Put imaginary things into imaginary pack and throw over shoulder).

"Out the door!" (Single clap to indicate banging of door.)

"Down the street!" (Marching claps with both hands against thighs).

"Awfully big town." (Continue marching.)

"In the country at last! (Speed up march.) Here's a river." (Continue marching.)

"And here's a bridge." (Resume ordinary marching.)

"Let's cut across." (Swish palms together.)

"Here we are at the foot of the mountain. Let's start climbing." (Clap thighs more slowly.)

"Lost!" (Several slow marching stops and starts.)

"There's a tree, let's climb it and look around." (Fast clapping to indicate running to tree, then arm motions for climbing. Then hand to forehead and peer in several

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directions.)

"Still lost." (Make slow climb down the tree, then several hesitant marching starts and stops.)

"Look, there's a cave!" (Fast clapping for run to cave.)

"This side is cold." (Feel with hand against imaginary side.)

"This side is wet." (Feel other side.)

"There's a light!" (Point with one finger into cave.)

"There's another light!" (Point in same direction.)

"They're eyes! It's a bear!" (Rapidly reverse actions: coming down mountain, jumping stream, swishing palms across field, over bridge, through streets, ending with a loud clap for door closing back home.)

"Back home! Safe at last! But wasn't that a great climb?"

GAMES

Chinese Ball

Mike

Equipment: A basketball

Procedure:

1. The players stand shoulder to shoulder in a large circle.
2. One player has a basketball which she/he throws to any player in the circle who must try to catch it.
3. When the ball is caught by a player, children on either side must raise their arms in the following manner: The player on the catcher's right will raise her/his left arm, and the player on the catcher's left will raise her/his right arm.
4. If a player raises the wrong arm, or neither or both, that player leaves the circle.
5. If a player fails to catch the ball, she/he too must leave the circle.
6. If the player catches the ball, she/he throws it instantly to some other player, whose neighbors must raise their arms as described above.
7. The upraised arms are lowered again as soon as a catcher has thrown the ball.
8. When all but five players are eliminated, the remaining players are the winners, and the game starts all over again.

Catch the Dragon's Tail (Taiwan)

Mid-America Council

One or two dens make up the dragon. Boys in a line with both hands on shoulders of boy ahead, leader counts down: "Em" (1), "Er" (2), and "San" (3), "Ko" (GO. On "Ko!" the head of the dragon begins trying to tag the tail or last boy in line. If he succeeds in tagging the tail he continues as head of the dragon. If any player lets go with either hand, the dragon dies. Then the head becomes the tail and all the players move up one place.

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Crossing the Rice Fields (China)

Daniel Webster Council

Divide dens into two teams. Have each team break into two-boy teams. When the leader calls, "Rice!" the first pair on each team forms a "wheelbarrow" (one boy walks on his hands while the other holds his ankles) and races across the "rice field" to a "river" (two parallel ropes on the floor). At the edge of the river, one player climbs on the other's back and is carried piggyback across the river. On the other bank, they change places for the return trip across the river and then wheelbarrow back to their team. The next pair then starts.

FUN FOOD

Admittedly, the furthest I have been out of the U.S. is Freeport, Bahamas, I have friends who travel across the world. Something I find very interesting is the limited use of ice in Europe and the Orient. In introducing your cubs to some of the very simple facts of living in the Orient you could always have warm or even hot water to serve them. I am also aware that this truly isn't a very fun idea for most American adults, much less Cubs. In the spirit of making lemonade from lemons with this particular concept I would serve an Oriental-type cookie to make drinking that warm water a little easier. What follows are two cookie recipes. My thanks go out to Cheryl Singhal for the Almond Cookie idea.

Almond Cookies

Get sugar cookies. Slice or roll into balls and bake according to directions. Place an almond on the top of each cookie. OR

Use any sugar cookie recipe, swap almond extract for the vanilla and press a piece of almond into the top before you bake it.

Fortune Cookies

To make fortunes for cookies, cut 4- by 1/2-inch strips of paper and write or type your own fortunes with non-toxic ink. Because you must work quickly to shape the cookies, it's best to make them one at a time. Using more than one baking sheet is also helpful because you won't have to waste time waiting for the baking sheet to cool. A liquid measuring cup or deep heavy bowl is a good tool for shaping the cookies.

1 large egg white
1/4 cup all-purpose flour
1/4 cup sugar
1/4 cup finely chopped sliced almonds
fortunes

Preheat oven to 400°F. and butter a large round area (about 6 inches) in middle of a baking sheet.

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In a small bowl whisk egg white just until foamy. Add flour, sugar, almonds and a pinch salt and beat until smooth. Put 2 teaspoons batter on buttered area of baking sheet and with back of measuring spoon spread batter evenly into a round about 3 inches in diameter. Bake cookie in middle of oven until golden around edge but pale in center, about 5 minutes. Working quickly, with a spatula remove cookie from baking sheet and invert onto a work surface. Put a fortune in middle of cookie and fold cookie in half. Bend pointed edges of cookie toward each other and hook them onto rim of a liquid measuring cup or deep heavy bowl to cool completely. Make more cookies with remaining batter in same manner, letting baking sheet cool between cookies. Cookies may be made 3 days ahead and kept in an airtight container. Makes about 8 cookies.

STUNTS & APPLAUSES

Round Of Applause #2

Mid America Council

Turn body around while clapping.

What Are We Cheer

At the beginning of the meeting, tell the audience that anytime during the meeting you say, "What are we?" they are to respond "One big, happy Family".

Daniel Webster Council

Cub 1: "Everytime I'm down in the dumps, I get a new hat."

Cub 2: "I wondered where you got your hats."

Cub 1: "Where did you take your bath?"

Cub 2: "In the spring."

Cub 1: "I didn't ask when...I asked you where."

SKITS

Sounds of Scouting

(Have 3 scouts out of site of audience)

Greater St. Louis Area Council

Narrator: There are many sounds of Scouting, the sound of the wind blowing through the trees...

First scout makes "whoosh woos" noises).

The flowing stream ...

Second scout dumps cup of water in empty bucket).

And the sound of the lost scout.

(Third scout yells) "Where in the heck am I!?"

CLOSING CEREMONY

Closing

Greater St. Louis Area Council

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North, South, East or West: Remember as you leave this pack meeting to keep your scouting spirit strong and live by the motto: Do your Best!

Closing Ceremony

Sam Houston Area Council

I asked myself a question today; "What does it mean to be an American?" There were several answers...and they were all good. Being an American means I have a multitude of freedom:

Freedom to think and say what I think...

Freedom to worship...

Freedom to move about...

Freedom to try, and freedom to fail...

Freedom to stand up straight and look the world in the eye...

These freedoms were not of my doing. They were here long before I was born. My forefathers and yours fought to win these. I have four guarantees that they will remain; The Declaration of Independence, the Constitution, my fellow Americans, and myself. No man could ask for more.

WEBELOS

Handyman

Heart of America Council

Handyman is one of the easiest and flexible activities in the Webelos program. There are fourteen requirements from which the Den can choose a minimum of six and these can be selected on the basis of aptitude and availability. Also, the activity can be worked for the month allocated in the Webelos calendar, or it can be done in fewer meetings, if the Den Meetings are prepared and organized. Some of the requirements can be used for Den Meeting fillers, if you exhaust a topic early or some of the resources you need for another activity are unavailable.

Plan on doing more than the minimum number of requirements. The added exposure adds value, and if a Scout is shaky doing one activity, he'll have an opportunity to do other activities more confidently and feel better about earning Handyman.

Den Activities

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- At a hardware store, visit the repair shop, and acquaint the Scouts with a few specific and varied sections in the store, like electrical supplies and hand tools.
- Arrange a presentation at a well-equipped home workshop.
- Build a sawhorse.
- Arrange for a local mechanic to visit your Den or visit his garage, perhaps he can show your Den the

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safe way to change a tire, light bulb and to check the oil and transmission fluid.

- Put on a bicycle rodeo for your pack or Den.
- Check with the local fire marshal or poison control center to find out how to store household cleaners and materials that will be safe from small children.

Projects & Activities

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Leaking Faucet

- ◆ A leaking faucet is usually due to a defective washer and is a problem that can easily and quickly be resolved.
- ◆ Shut off the water! If there isn't a valve under or near the sink, turn off the main supply valve.
- ◆ Unscrew cap nut of faucet.
- ◆ Using a flat wrench, unscrew nut on faucet and pull out stem assembly. (Cloth or cardboard under wrench jaws prevents scratching.)
- ◆ Remove screw on stem assembly, pry out old, worn washer, wipe out grime and put in new washer.
- ◆ Replace screw and reassemble faucet. Turn water back on.
- Check the garage or storage shed in your house to ascertain the tools or implements are properly and safely stored.
- Have a clinic on the care and repair of bicycles. Set it up like a shop and have each boy bring his bike and do repairs.
- Have Webelos bring tools to a Den Meeting and demonstrate different ways to mark them.
- Hold a nail hammering contest. See who can hammer a nail in the fewest number of strokes.
- Have a family car inspection.

Bicycle Maintenance

Purpose: To familiarize scouts with basic bicycle maintenance and adjustments. To acquaint the scouts with the pride and satisfaction associated with being able to personally take care of one's property. To build the can-do spirit.

Tighten chain, adjust saddle and handle bars

Lubricate chain crank

Check tire pressure

Inflate tire (empty first)

How to determine proper tire pressure

Every Saturday:

- Give it the air!
- Pump tires to the recommended pressure: Balloon 22 to 35 lbs.; lightweight 50 lbs.; single tube 40 lbs.

Every Memorial Day and Labor Day

- Is your chain a daisy?

- It won't be unless you dunk it in oil, let it drain overnight, blot and apply graphite. Skip the dunk, if you're lazy, and squirt oil on the chain without taking it off the sprockets. If it crackles and squeaks, oil it more often than twice a year. A good chain should be seen, not heard. Clean and re-grease the crank bearings.

Don't be a poor pedaler! Squirt oil into the inner ends of the pedals. Spin them now and then. If they don't spin quietly, oil them more often or repack with grease.

ENGINEER

Viking Council

Almost every Webelos Scout, not to mention fathers and leaders, can find an interesting area of engineering. It is one of the most exacting of the professions, and the Engineer activity badge gives insight into several types of engineering.

With careful planning, a den meeting can change a boy's whole concept of man made objects from apathy to excitement.

Career/Speakers

Viking Council

Electrician, ironworker, heavy equipment operator, bricklayer, plumber, telephone lineman, sanitation worker, railroad engineer, surveyor, city engineer, traffic planner, grain elevator operator manager, draftsman, TV producer, architect, college professor.

Activities

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Visit the municipal offices of the city engineer or surveyor. Look at a map of your town and try to find your house. Look at some of the surveying equipment and learn some of the simple math calculations.

Visit a jeweler and look at various gems under the microscope. How does the pattern affect the way a jewel is cut?

Invite someone from the Orienteering Club to bring some topographical maps to your meeting. Learn how to read a map, picking out landmarks.

Ask your local Boy Scout troop give a demonstration of some of the skills needed for the Pioneering Merit Badge. One particular item of interest would be to see a rope monkey bridge being lashed together.

Den Floor Plan

Viking Council

Invite the high school drafting teacher to your meeting. Learn to use T-squares, triangles, straight edges, and other equipment needed to accurately draw a floor plan. Measure the dimensions of your den meeting place. Make a simple floor plan sketch, including location of doors and windows.

Survey Plans

Viking Council

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The U.S. Department of the Interior publishes geological surveys of the whole country. Quadrangle maps can be purchased. Check out your book stores, or local map stores.

Look at a map which includes your town and try to find your house. What is the exact longitude and latitude of your home.

Find your meeting place, nearby lakes, and other points of interest.

Web Sites

Theme Related

China Free Markets or Farmer's Markets

<http://www.saturdaymarket.com/chinaveg/intro.htm>

Hear Chinese Spoken

<http://chinapage.com/sound/far2.way>

Lean about an endangered species--The Panda

<http://www.schoolworld.asn.au/species/panda.html>

Take a virtual citywalk in Shanghai

<http://shanghai.muzi.net/>

Traditional Chinese Culture in Taiwan

<http://la.roc-taiwan.org/info/culture/culture.html>

Chinese Alphabet

<http://www.karate1.com/alphabet/alphabet.htm>

Animated Chinese Characters

<http://www.ocrat.com/ocrat/chargif/>

Chinese Pictographs--takes a long time to load, but interesting

<http://www.zhongwen.com/wen.htm>

ABACUS

This site shows the Chinese, Japanese, and Aztec abacuses (abacii?)

LEGO Abacus

<http://www.ee.ryerson.ca:8080/~elf/abacus/lego/>

Here is a site with many different sorobans (learned at this site that "soroban" is Chinese for "abacus")

<http://www.quia.com/custom/2main.html>

Quia.com - Create your own learning activities!

<http://www.quia.com>

General site for Chinese Culture with links to several cultural pages, including abacus use

<http://ubik.virtual-pc.com/sapienti/abacus01.htm>

The Modern Chinese Abacus

<http://users.hunterlink.net.au/%7Edemmm/abacus/abacus.html>

A working Chinese Abacus

<http://www.accent.co.uk/chinabacus.html>

Check out this site as a source for a free downloadable "shareware" 30-day trial of Mah Jong:

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

GAMES OF THE ORIENT

<http://chineseculture.tqn.com/msub60.htm>

CHINESE NEW YEAR

http://www.educ.uvic.ca/faculty/mroth/438/CHINA/chinese_new_year.html

CHINESE PAPER CUTS

<http://www.isaacnet.com/culture/papercut.htm>

EDO-JAPAN

HANDYMAN

Leaky Faucets

<http://www.hometime.com/projects/howto/plumbing/pc2plm8.htm>

Hidden Leaks

<http://www.handymanjim.com/hid.html>

How Stuff Works

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

Webelos

Build a bridge on-line

<http://www.bechtel.com/buildingMinds/spanGame.html>

Anatomy of a bridge inspection

<http://www.bh-ba.com/bridge.html>

Build a bridge

<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/nova/bridge/build.html>

Leader Tips:

<http://geocities.com/Heartland/Valley/3797/leader.htm>

Randy's excellent sites

Scout History Page:

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

Ultimate Pinewood Derby Site

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

Barb S. has done it again--she has put together a list of free web page storage

<http://www.creighton.edu/~bsteph/pack114/library/freepgs.html>

A contest for your school's benefit

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

Click on the contest button.

Just for Fun

Cyber Air Park--Chicago O'Hare

<http://www.cyberair.com/audio/chiapp/>

Kite Aerial Photography

<http://www-archfp.ced.berkeley.edu/kap/>

U.S. Kids Compute

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

Resources

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

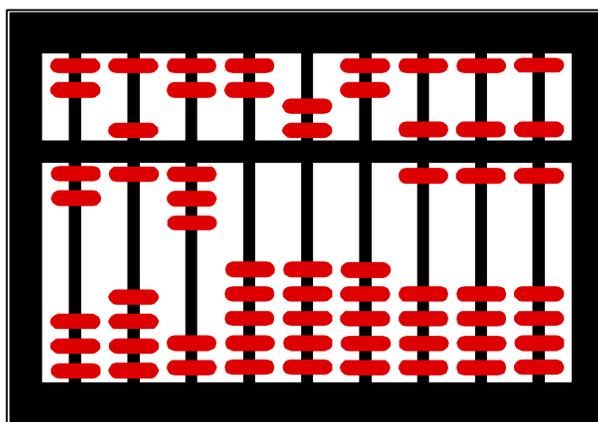
<http://usscouts.org/library.html>

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

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There is no actual record of who invented the abacus, but its appearance was first seen in a sketch book written during the Yuan Dynasty (14th Century). It is therefore more than 600 years old.

On a Japanese abacus counting is done by pushing beads toward the crossbar. The value of the bead is set by the rod it is on. Beads on the farthest-right rod count 1; on the next 10; on the next 100; and so forth. Above the bar the corresponding values are right to left, 5, 50, 500, 5000.



Make Your Own Chinese Abacus

Have the Cub Scouts make and learn to use an abacus. Here are some simple instructions for making a 5-digit abacus.

Materials (for 1 abacus):

- 1 cardboard sheet (4-1/2" by 4-1/2" assumes craft sticks are 4-1/2" long; adjust size to match size of craft sticks)
- 9 craft sticks
- 5 coffee stirrer straws
- 35 pony beads (optional: 25 of one color and 10 of another color)

Notes:

1. I used a hot glue gun in making my working model. This works well, but comes with the usual warnings on the heat and electrical dangers around children!
2. After it was all put together, I had to use tweezers to remove the "hot glue spider webs" from around the beads so that they could move freely.
3. The "straws with beads" are just pony beads on mini coffee stirrer straws (round ones, not flat ones). You can get these at the grocery store. The beads are supposed to slide on the straws so don't glue them! Also, the

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Chinese abacus has 5 beads below (earth) and 2 beads above (heaven) the middle cross bar. Also, you can make the beads different colors for above and below the bar.

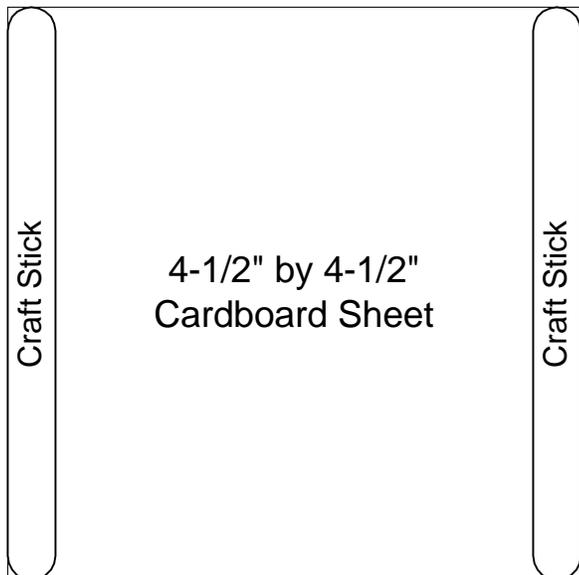


Figure 1. Glue 2 craft sticks to sides of cardboard sheet

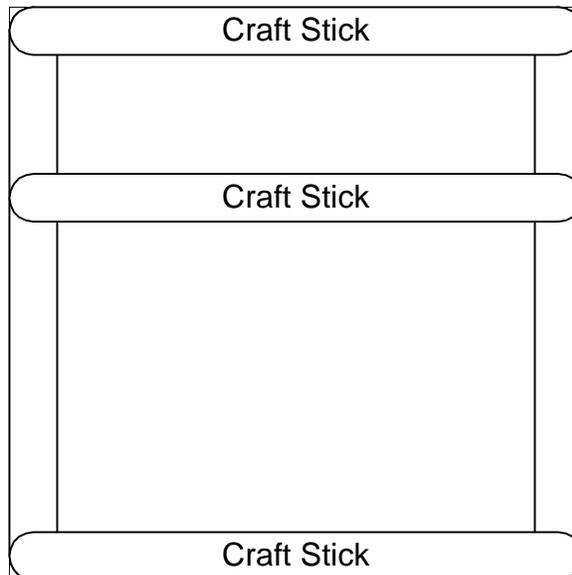


Figure 2. Glue 3 craft sticks across the first ones at the top, bottom, and about 3" from the bottom.

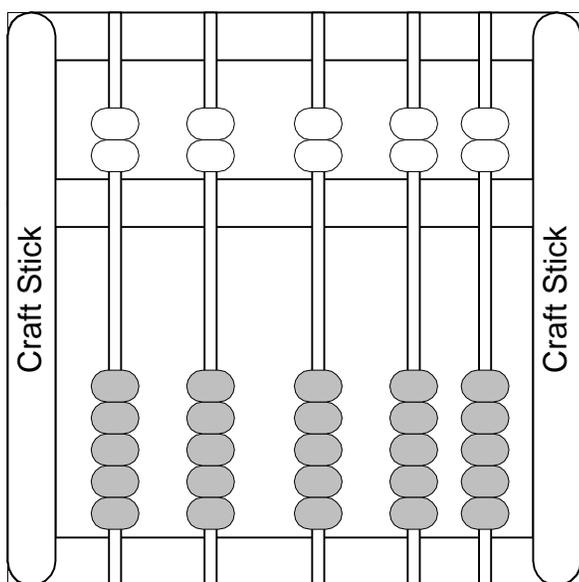


Figure 3. Glue "straws with beads" onto cross pieces and glue 2 craft sticks along sides. DO NOT glue the beads to the straws; they're supposed to slide!

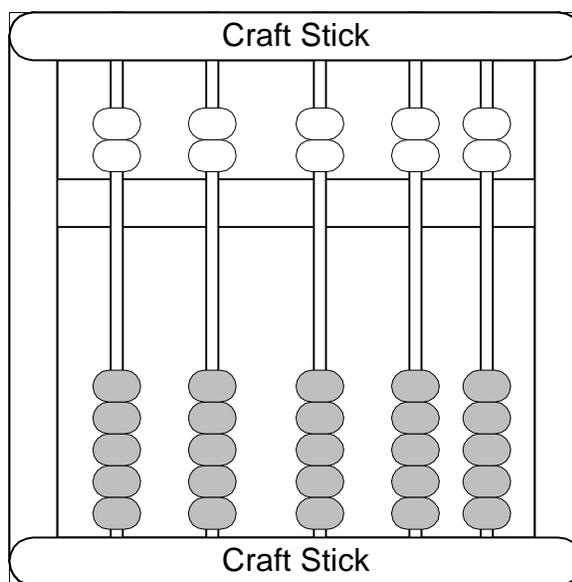


Figure 4. Glue 2 more craft sticks across top and bottom.