



# BALOO'S BUGLE



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We have had some requests for Baloo's Bugle to come out earlier than what it does now. As a result we will publish two issues of Baloo's Bugle in May. The first will have information for July and the second one for August. After this we will continue to publish one issue a month. This will allow you to have theme-related information over a month ahead of time to use in planning. We will try this for one year and see how it works for you -- our readers. Hopefully, this will meet with success for all of you and Baloo! Let us know what you think.

Last year around this time there were some summertime activities in Baloo's Bugle. Again in Leader's Ideas you will find some more activities for during the summer to keep your pack active and to work on the Summertime Activity Award. There are also summertime activity ideas in the Cub Scout Leader Book.

## PRAYERS & POEMS FOR SCOUTERS

### **Blessed are the Cub Scouts**

by Wayne Ewing  
Heart of America Council

**Blessed are the Cub Scouts who are taught to see  
beauty in all things around them.**

**For their world will be a place of grace and  
wonder.**

**Blessed are the Cub Scouts who are led with  
patience and understanding**

**For they will learn the strength of endurance and  
gift of tolerance.**

**Blessed are the Cub Scouts who are provided a  
home where family members dwell in harmony and  
close communion**

**For they shall become the peacemakers of the  
world.**

**Blessed are the Cub Scouts who are taught the**

**value and power of truth,  
For they shall search for knowledge and use it with  
wisdom and discernment.**

**Blessed are the Cub Scouts who are guided by  
those with faith in a loving God  
For they will find Him early and will walk with him  
through life.**

**Blessed are the Cub Scouts who are loved and  
know that they are loved  
For they shall sow seeds of love in the world and  
reap joy for themselves and others.**

**AMEN**

### **Tiger Cubs**

**Big Idea #17 Cub Scouting Here We Come**

#### **CRAFTS**

#### **Cub Scout Promise Plaque**

North Florida Council

Using craft sticks, tongue depressors, have the boys write the Cub Scout Promise. Allow 10 - 15 sticks per boy as their writing will be large at this stage and may only be able to get on word on each stick. Using a nail or a drill, make small holes through the end of the sticks and connect them in the appropriate order with yarn or twine.

#### **Den Flag**

North Florida Council

The boys may want to create a new den flag for their new start in Cubs. They can also make a neckerchief slide for the wolf neckerchief they will need. For the den flag slide, use a small piece of wood, or construction paper. A craft stick can be used as a flagpole. The boys can decorate it with their den number. The slide can be made by a pipe cleaner, tightly looped to the back of the flag.

#### **Cub Scout Neckerchief Slide**

North Florida Council

The head is made from a small Styrofoam ball or wood bead. Paint a face on it. A hat can be painted on or made out of construction paper. Insert a pipe cleaner in the head to form the neck. Twist another pipe cleaner around it for arms. The uniform shirt can be made from blue felt. The neckerchief is yellow pipe cleaner or yarn twisted around the neck. Use another pipe cleaner looped tightly for the slide part. This is glued to the head.

## Tiger Cub Graduation

### Dimming Campfire

North Florida Council

**Equipment:** Electric campfire with dimmer switch that can be operated unseen by adults. Start the ceremony off with the "Fire" dim.

**CM:** Tonight we have gathered at the ceremonial campfire to hear an ancient tale. It was once believed that a campfire had magic. Of course it cooks our food, lights our way and wards off animals, but the magic of the Pack campfire is that it can light up our future! But only when we approach it after making a great accomplishment.

Will (read Tiger's names) and their partners please stand by their chairs? See how the fire burns only dimly when there are no advancing Tigers nearby? Now please come forward and join me at the fireside. See how it has begun to grow brighter now!

The fire tells us that you have completed all the requirements for your Tiger rank. You have worked hard to be worthy of this great honor, so the fire has given us a sign that you will continue to find great joy and success in Cub Scouting. You will soon be on your way to earning the next rank in Scouting. The fire tells us so! I present this Tiger Cub patch to your partner to present to you. Congratulations! I now dismiss you to your seat, and watch the fire as you leave its side.

### Tiger Cub Graduation

North Florida Council

The Cubmaster calls the Tiger Cubs and their partners to the front.

**CM:** Tigers please repeat after me you Tiger Cub Promise. "I promise to love God, my family, and my country, and to learn about the world.

Tiger Cubs, we are very happy to welcome you and your parents into our pack. I'm sure that you learned much and had fun. I can promise that you'll have even more fun as Cub Scouts. As your first act as a new Cub Scout, I'm going to ask you to repeat after me the Cub Scout Promise and Law of the Pack.

(Have the boys repeat each line of the Promise and the Law after the Cubmaster)

I am proud to award your Tiger Cub patch for your new Cub Scout uniform. Will you share your den yell with the pack to honor this occasion.

## PRE-OPENING ACTIVITY

### Transportation

National Capital Area Council

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Slips of paper are marked with one of the following words: CAR, TUGBOAT, JETPLANE, TRAIN, BICYCLE BELL, or HELICOPTER. Each person is given a slip of paper as they arrive at the pack meeting. On signal, everyone hunts for the rest of his group by making the sound that corresponds to the form of transportation on his slip. No talking is allowed! Each group must continue making its sound until time is called (When most people seem to have found their group). Then, have group members introduce themselves to one another. Each group, as a group, must make its sound for the rest of the groups, who try to guess what their vehicle is.

### Name That Tree

York-Adams Council

This is a wooded outdoor activity, but if you're stuck inside or away from the trees, improvise by having leaf and limb samples for folks to use. Select as many different kinds of trees as possible in the area and label each one with a number on an index card. (Tie the index card around the tree.) Give each person a sheet with the names of the different trees that you have labeled. Send the folks out into the "forest" to match the trees and the names.

## OPENING CEREMONY

### Pioneer Trail Opening

Circle 10 Council

**Cub 1:** The mountain trail is a steep trail and rocky rough and bare.

**All:** But most trails are steep trails that get you anywhere.

**Cub 2:** The mountain trail is a hard trail with pitfalls left and right.

**All:** But most trails are hard that reach a beckoning height.

**Cub 3:** So over the rocks we scramble.

**Cub 4:** With never a mind to stop!

**All:** And few of us care if it's a steep trail for thought of the mountaintop!

### HELLO DAD

Heart of America Council

**Personnel:** 5 Cub Scouts

**Equipment:** Cards spelling out H-E-L-L-O-D-A-D

**H: Here** we as a pack are gathered every one.

**E: Each** one here to join in some family fun.

**L: Let's** pay some honor to dear old Dad.

**L: Letting** him know that for his support we are glad

**O: Our** thanks to him we'd like to now show.

**D: Dads** please stand as recognition we bestow.

**A: And** let us now as before they stand

**D: Do** our best to thank them, with applause to show they are grand.

### My Country

Heart of America Council

**Personnel:** 5 Cub Scouts

**Setting:** Cubs each say a line and then ask the audience to stand and join them in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Cub 1:** This is my country. I will use my eyes to see the beauty of this land.

**Cub 2:** I will use my ears to hear its sounds.

**Cub 3:** I will use my mind to think what I can do to make it more beautiful.

**Cub 4:** I will use my hands to serve it and care for it.

**Cub 5:** And with my heart, I will honor it.

### The Den Hike

Simon Kenton Council

This ceremony could be used just before taking the boys on a hike.

**Arrangement:** Den leader passes out one candle and numbered slip of paper to each Cub Scout. Each boy comes forward to light his candle and read his phrase.

**Cub 1:** We are going to see nature's treasures.

**Cub 2:** We will help to maintain nature's balance.

**Cub 3:** We will observe and learn from nature's animals.

**Cub 4:** We will help maintain nature's resources.

**Cub 5:** We will protect them from harm.

**Cub 6:** We will follow the Law's of Nature.

## LEADER IDEAS

### Recognition Ideas

#### Love-Joy Kit

I got this years ago and have used it to hand out to trainees at the end of CSBLT. Make these up as appreciation gifts. This month, you will find some ceremonies in Baloo's Bugle to thank Unit Leaders. You will need a plastic sandwich bag to put everything into. This list and all the listed items are put in the bag. Just want to let you know No. 4 is pom-poms that you can buy at craft stores. I dropped two "Warm Fuzzies" into the Love-Joy Kits I made up.

#### A LOVE-JOY KIT FOR YOU

Includes:

1. **Rubber Band** - To remind you of hugging. For those times you want to hold the world or someone close.
2. **Candy Kiss** - you know what it is to remind you of. LOVE!!
3. **Kleenex** - To dry another's tears, or to dry your own, so you can see the tears of others.
4. **Warm Fuzzies** - To bring gentle comfort when the world seems cold.
5. **Recipe** - To make when you want to show you care and wish to make something special.
6. **Stationery** - To write a long overdue letter to a friend or relative who

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is lonely or ill.

7. **Band-Aid** - To remind you of healing, perhaps hurt feelings of your own or of others.

8. **Poem** - To reassure you of God's Love, or to give away.

The items are in a sandwich bag for it holds food for the soul and is to be shared with others.

Recipes to put in Love-Joy Kit

#### Zucchini Bread

3 eggs	1/4 t baking powder
2 C sugar	1 t baking soda
1 C vegetable oil	2 t cinnamon
2 C grated zucchini	3 C flour
2 t. vanilla	1 C chopped nuts
1t. salt	

Mix eggs & sugar well. Add oil and mix well. Stir in zucchini & vanilla. Put in dry ingredients (already mixed together) and beat well. Pour into two greased and floured loaf pans. Bake at 325 degrees for one hour (check at 50 minutes).

#### Barbequed Spareribs

3-4 lbs. Spareribs

1 C. catsup

1/3 C worcestershire sauce

1t. chili powder

1 t. salt

1 1/2 C water

Salt ribs lightly. Place in shallow roasting pan, meaty side up.

Roast in very hot oven (450 degrees) for 30 minutes.

Meanwhile, combine next six ingredients for the sauce. Bring to a boil and simmer. Pour over ribs and lower oven temp. to 350 degrees. Bake for two hours or til done. Baste ribs with sauce every 15 minutes. If sauce gets too thick, add a little water.

#### Poem

"Grow old with me," the poet says,  
But why one should grow old I cannot see.  
Age with its aches, grumblings and complaints  
Is not for me!

Stay young with me is what he should have said.  
Stay young inside, be vigorous and bold.  
Forget your gripes and do not let yourself  
Get old.

A twinkling smile will brighten tired, dim eyes,  
A laugh, a prayer, a song, the star-lit sky  
Each in it's way erases years.  
It's worth a try.  
So wrinkles, gray hairs, shaky hands and legs  
That's what the world outside can see  
My wish---You'll stay forever young inside,  
Like me.

Margaret Kern

### Hiking Cadences

Scouts-L

**Robert P. Stawicki** gave me permission to reprint this from Scouts-L.

#### PACK 38 CADENCE

We're the boys from 38,  
 We like scouting cause it's great;  
 Hear us now as we walk by,  
 Listen to our cub scout cry;  
 --sound off-  
 Bobcat is the first you know,  
 Wolf, and bear, and then Webelos;  
 We'll work hard to be boy scouts,  
 That is why we like to shout;  
 --sound off--  
 Now to eagle, that is next,  
 We strive hard to be the best;  
 Future leaders in high gear,  
 Listen to us as we cheer;  
 -Sound off--  
 YiS,  
 Rob

Lorie McGraw put together a collection of cadences also.  
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I borrowed a bit and changed some and came up with a few more marching cadences for Cub Scouts. Thanks to the Girl Guides!!!

More Scouting Cadences

(adapted from the Girl Scout Cadence page)

Sound off, 1-2,

Sound off, 3-4

Bring it on down 1-2-3-4,

1,2,3-4!

We are Cub Scouts, it is true  
 We love life and so can you  
 Fun and learning, service too  
 Don't have time to feel real blue

Now my friends and now my foes  
 Don't have time for all your woes  
 Marching down this old street  
 Marching down with dancing feet

Cub Scouts teach and Cub Scouts learn  
 Making campfires that really do burn  
 Tying knots and lashing trees  
 Studying those honeybees

Listen boys, now listen well,  
 Scouting's great, now come and yell,  
 Scouting's great it takes some time,  
 We even learn to do some mime.

Scouting's more than popcorn now  
 Planes and trains and cars, oh wow

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History and crafts too  
 Makes Scouts fun for me and you.

Join with us and have some fun  
 Learning stuff 'till day is done  
 Boys you too can be a Scout  
 Just like us, so come on out.

And More:

I Left My...  
 Left, left, left right left  
 I left my wife in Argentina  
 With 52 kids and a laughing hyena  
 I thought I was right, right,  
 Right in my country and whoop-de-doo!

Left, left! I left my wife  
 (Your left foot comes down on each "left" in the march.  
 At the "whoop-de-do!" you do this little jig so that your left  
 foot will come down on the "left" in the next line. )

I had a good home and I left  
 (that's right)  
 I had a good home and I left  
 (that's right)  
 I left on my own and it served me right,  
 Left, right left right.  
 Left, left, to the left, right, left.

I left my wife and forty-two kids  
 On the verge of starvation with no gingerbread  
 Would I be right, right, right, right

\*There Ain't no Flies on Us

There ain't no flies on us!  
 There ain't no flies on us!  
 There may be flies on some of you guys,  
 But there ain't no flies on us!

Other group will respond with :  
 Oh yeah??  
 There ain't no flies on us!  
 There ain't no flies on us!  
 There may be flies on some of you guys,  
 But there ain't no flies on us!

These verses can be changed to make it more difficult, i.e.  
 skunks  
 on some of you punks  
 Enjoy!

Lorie

<http://home.att.net/~llmcgraw/etowah/ecd-indx.htm>

The Slide Show Neckerchief Slides:

<http://home.att.net/~llmcgraw/etowah/slides.htm>

**Last month** I gave a phone number for a free catalog from the US Postal Service. The number is 1-800-STAMP-24. Their web site is [www.stampsonline.com](http://www.stampsonline.com)

### Summertime Activities Scouts-L

Fishing Derby at a friendly neighborhood lake/pond followed by a cookout

Swimming party at a community pool, followed by a picnic

Raingutter Regatta with other "get set to get wet" activities - watergun fights, water ballon toss, fire brigade relay etc.

Participate in your community's Memorial Day, Flag Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day activity or parade.

Bicycle derby/rodeo

Participate in your Council/District Cub Day Camp

Pack weenie roast/watermelon feed

Go to the zoo, ball game, aquarium, local historic site, state park

Two important points. Make it something that can compete with the other stuff going on i.e. fun, and make it something that can involve parents. Hope this helps, and have fun

YiS,

Roy Fisher

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In June, we go to our local baseball stadium for a game. They actually have this set up as Scout Night! We also have a Bike Rodeo where we ask our local police dept. to run it.

In July, we have a fun family night at our local FunScape (an indoor amusement center). We also count our summer camp program as one of our Pack summertime activities. In August, we have a fun family night at a local putt-putt course and then we have a family picnic combined with our Raingutter Regatta.

So, we plan two activities per month so that each Cub has an opportunity > to attend at least one each month and therefore earn their Summertime Award.

Just be sure you have other parents out there willing to help organize these events.

Our events don't take much organizing with the exception of our Raingutter Regatta. Basically you just need a parent to keep track of attendance, someone to arrange dates and group rates, someone to maybe make certificates (for the rodeo and regatta), someone to organize the food for a picnic, etc.

Hope this all helps and good luck! It's important to have a summertime program to keep kids interested and willing to continue in Scouting!

Mary, Committee Chair, Pack 180, North Syracuse NY

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- 1) Go to a minor/major league ball game (check for discount group rates)
- 2) Go to a museum, any kind
- 3) Have a fishing derby

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4) Have a sports fitness day (we've done this several times and usually get all the fitness requirements for the ranks done w/exception of Webelos where you need to keep track for thirty days)

5) Go bowling

6) Go to miniature golf

7) Have a picnic

8) Go swimming

9) Have a flying day...balloons, airplanes, kites, frisbees

10) Most importantly...go to summer camp

Some of these things cost money, some are free...try to give people more than one activity each month to allow every scout the opportunity to earn the summertime pin. This way he doesn't miss out because of family vacations. We have also held belt loop classes. We focused on one or two belt loops and got a parent to volunteer to lead the activity. Many boys earned the pin, not just the loop. And, we had a great end of summer activity award. The belt loops, especially the academic ones are fine activities for the summer. They keep the boys busy, and keep their brains stimulated.

Deirdre LaRock, Scouting is like Love; the more you share, the more you have.

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### FUN FACTS

#### **Have you ever heard of?**

Greater St. Louis Area Council

Tarzan, Texas

Chicken Head, Florida

Scarface, California

Latex, Louisiana

The first paper money the United States issued on March 10, 1862. The denominations were \$5., \$10 and \$20.

The Irish wolfhound is the tallest of all dogs, standing about 32 inches high.

The earth's atmosphere is only about 21 percent oxygen. Seventy-seven percent is nitrogen.

To reduce pollution, don't let your car idle for more than a minute at a drive-through window or for a drawbridge to come down.

At 870 degrees Fahrenheit, Venus has the hottest average surface temperature of any planet in the solar system. The coldest average temperature is that of Pluto (-370 degrees Fahrenheit).

## BOOK(s) OF THE MONTH

Cub Scout Leader book--at your scout shop  
Cub Scout Leader HOW-TO BOOK--at your scout shop.

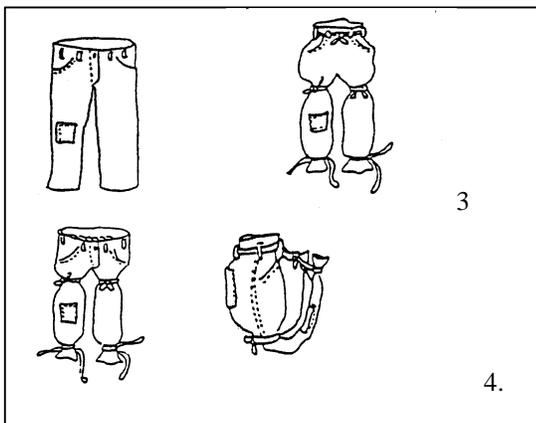
## CRAFTS

### **Handy Backpack**

Sam Houston Area Council

Turn a pair of jeans into a backpack for a day hike with your den.

1. Start with a pair of old jeans.
2. Fill trunk portion with supplies. Tie off legs leaving extra rope hanging.
3. Pull top closed with rope through belt loops.
4. Tie leg bottoms to belt loops. Use as arm straps.



## DEN ACTIVITIES

### **How Long Until Sundown?**

Northeast Georgia Council



Early sailors used this technique to estimate how long it would be until sunset. Hold your hands out at arms length so that your palms are facing you and your fingers are parallel to the horizon. Keeping your fingers close together, let the sun rest on your index finger. Each finger between the sun and the horizon equals about fifteen minutes.

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### **Pinecone Weather Forecaster**

Northeast Georgia Council

Did you know that pinecones can help you to forecast weather?

When the weather is going to be dry the cone will open so that seeds inside will be blown away. When it is going to be wet, the cone closes to stop seeds from getting wet. Hang a pinecone outside your window and see.

## SONGS

### **Up the Cub Scout Mountain**

(Tune: Clementine)

Heart of America Council

Rocky Mountains, Appalachians,  
And Sierra reaching high.  
Cub Scouts climbing up the mountain,  
Striving hard to reach the sky.

First the Tigers, with their parents,  
Learning as they climb along.  
Then the Wolf den hits the Cub trail,  
Hear them as they sing their song.

Now the Bears are climbing upward,  
Heading up the trail they chose.  
As they climb their hearts are set on  
The next hike as Webelos.

Webelos set their mark higher  
Follow the Arrow of Light.  
Now they dream of Scouting's Eagle,  
As they sleep at camp tonight.

### **Take Me Out To The Forest**

Heart of America Council

Take me out to the forest.  
Let me hike in the wild.  
Show me a skunk and a few bear tracks.  
I won't care if I never come back.

But it's look look, look at your compass.  
If it rains, then it pours.  
And it's ouch, slap, sting and your bit  
In the great outdoors.

### **The Happy Wanderer**

(Traditional)

I love to go a-wandering  
Along the mountain track.  
And as I go, I love to sing  
My knapsack on my back.

(chorus)  
Valdereee,  
Valderaaa,  
Valdereee,

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Valdeaaa-ha-ha-ha-ha,  
(repeat last line of verse)

I love to wander by the stream  
That dances in the sun.  
So joyously it calls to me,  
"Come, join my happy song."

(chorus)

"I wave my hat to all I meet  
And they wave back to me,  
And blackbirds call so loud and sweet,  
From every greenwood tree."

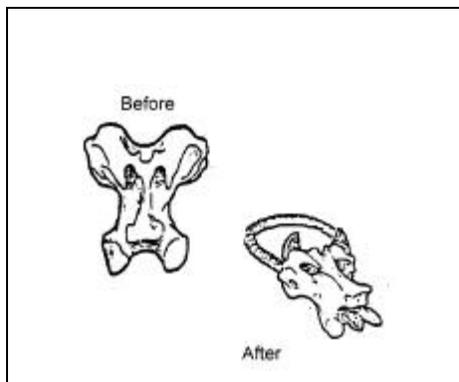
(chorus)

"High overhead the skylarks wing,  
They never rest at home,  
But just like me they love to sing  
As o'er the world we roam."

(chorus)

Oh, may I go a-wandering  
Until the day I die.  
And may I always laugh and sing  
Beneath the clear blue sky.

## SLIDES



**Wolf Head Neckerchief Slide**  
Sam Houston Area Council

This neckerchief slide requires a section of turkey neck bone. A turkey's neck has 6 - 8 sections that looks remarkably like a wolf's head. Boil the neck and remove the meat and cartilage. Let dry for a day or two in a warm place. When dry, paint black. Cut ears from black felt, tongue from red felt. Eyes are small beads threaded onto a wire, which also forms the loop in the back for boy's neckerchief.

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### CEREMONIES FOR UNIT LEADERS

A request came in for ceremonies for Unit Leaders. I have come across a few ceremonies dealing with recognition for Unit Leaders.

**Den/Webelos Leader**  
Heart of America Council

**Personnel:** Cubmaster or committee chairman to act as a narrator

**Equipment:** Table with recognitions

**Setting:** Narrator is in front of the room facing audience

**Narrator:** Den/Webelos leaders are not very special people. They're really just like you and me. Oh, just like the rest of us, some may have some special little talents. One may be a whiz at racquetball and another may bake the best bread, but for the most part, Den/Webelos Leaders are just plain folks.

These people have however, given a very special gift to our children. The gift is of our most valuable commodity, time. They give of their time to attend training, plan den meetings, look for and try new ideas, plan picnics and banquets, call parents and play with boys. Their time well spent with our sons helped to mold Cub Scouts into the type of men we wish them to become strong in mind and character, responsible, and giving.

We all want the best for our children. Tonight we wish to thank those who have given their best. Would the following people please come forward?

(Call the names of the Den/Webelos leaders and present them with appropriate items of recognition. Den Chiefs could lead the audience with an appropriate applause. At this time, their assistants can be called forward and recognized.)

**Cubmaster**  
Heart of America Council

This ceremony was written using a male as an example. We recognize women are and can be Cubmasters. Please change proper nouns when appropriate)

**Personnel:** Committee chairman

**Equipment:** Table with appropriate recognition

**Setting:** The committee chairman is in front of room facing the audience

**CC:** Cub Scouts are taught that Akela means a good leader. They are instructed to honor Akela by listening to him and following him. Our Akela is our Cubmaster and much can be learned by listening to this man's ideas and following his example of service. He is enthusiastic but tempers his enthusiasm by using as his guideline the thought, "What is best for the boys?" He is idealistic, believing in reverence and patriotism, and tries to set the example for these ideals with the Cubs in our pack. He

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gives much of his time and of his energy to ensure the pack's program appeals to young boys, satisfies their needs and follows the policies of the Boy Scouts of America.

We want to honor our Akela tonight and thank him for his guidance and inspiration. (Call Cubmaster forward and present him with appropriate item of recognition. At this time, his assistants can be called forward and recognized.)

### **Committee Chairman** Heart of America Council

**Personnel:** Cubmaster, unit commissioner, or the chartered organization representative could act as narrator

**Equipment:** Table with appropriate recognition for each

**Setting:** Narrator is in front of the room facing audience

**Narrator:** By now most of you know the den leaders and Cubmaster of our pack, but there is a very special group of people responsible for the pack's program and activities you may not know. These people are the members of our pack committee. These men and women are constantly working behind the scenes to plan and organize a lot of the fun things we do as a pack. They are a special group, full of ideas and eager to say, "I'll help." We would like to thank them tonight for the gift of their time and enthusiasm.

(Call forward the members and present them with appropriate items of recognition. At this time, the committee chairman could be recognized for leading this group.)

## **ADVANCEMENT CEREMONY**

### **Tracks Advancement Ceremony** National Capital Area Council

**Set-up:** Have various "animal tracks" available as each of the following are discussed.

**Cubmaster:** (In a secretive manner) We are gathered tonight to study the animal tracks that were discovered outside our meeting place. The first animal we need to identify has the following characteristics: It is striped, orange and black, stalks prey, belongs to the cat family. From all of these details, I believe we are describing the Tiger Family.

The next animal track we found was a fairly fresh one. We know that this animal is red in color, spotted, has a short stubby tail, and belongs to the Lynx family. Could it be a Bobcat that was spotted hanging around here: Let's have our new Bobcats come forward and see if they match the description. (Calls forward those boys receiving the Bobcat badge.)

### **Awards Ceremony** Circle 10 Council

**Preparation:** On large poster boards, have bike trails or hiking trails drawn or painted. These could include

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rivers, bridges, forest, a park, etc. Attach awards to the backs of bicycles or backpacks cut from construction paper or cardboard. Place awards on the poster. On another large board, have word strips with the names of various trails written with a short description of each trail. Have the boys choose a trail and place it on a large map of the United States as they each receive their awards.

### **APPALACHIAN Trail**

Daniel Boone and some of his friends helped establish this route through the mountains

### **OREGON TRAIL**

From St. Louis to Oregon

### **MORMON TRAIL**

The original Mormon route to Salt Lake City

### **GILA RIVER TRAIL**

From Santa Fe to San Diego, California

### **OLD SPANISH TRAIL**

From Santa Fe to Los Angeles

### **CALIFORNIA TRAIL**

Follows the Oregon trail as far as South Pass, then on to Sutters Fort (Sacramento, California)

### **CATTLE TRAILS**

Most of the cattle trails originated in Texas; more information is available at your local library (Potter Bacon Trail, Western Trail, Shawnee Trail, Goodnight-Loving Trail)

### **Trails, Treks, And Tracks Advancement** Simon Kenton Council

**Equipment:** Air horn, boat, wood airplane (to fly), model train or a picture of a train. Ship captain's hat, train conductor's hat, pilot's hat and or pilot's glasses. In addition to the awards, for each Bobcat recipient an inexpensive toy boat; for each Wolf recipient a small inexpensive airplane, one they assemble and fly; for each Bear recipient a train item such as a picture, track piece, or something like that; and for each Webelos recipient a piece of rope.

**Cubmaster:** This month our Cub Scouts traveled around in a variety of vehicles. (Sound ship's horn and put on Captain's hat.) The Bobcats took a boat trip to a far away place. While on the boat they worked on the 7 steps to complete this rank. (Call Bobcats and parents forward. Present the badge to the parents and the boat to the Cub.)

(Throw the airplane. Put on pilot's gear and weird glasses. The Wolf Cub Scouts piloted a plane to an exotic place where they completed the requirements to earn the Wolf Badge. (Call Scouts and parents forward and present badge as before. Give the Scouts an airplane.)

(Make some sort of a train noise and put on conductor's hat.) The following Cub Scouts took a ride on a train to some unexplored areas. Will (names) and their parents come forward? These Scouts completed 12 achievements that demanded more time and effort. These Scouts have

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completed the third rank in Cub Scouting, the Bear badge. (Present badge to parents. Give Scouts train item.)

Sound ship's horn, toss airplane. Make train noise while exchanging hats.) The Webelos Scouts took a boat to the airport and then took the train to a destination unknown. They completed the activity requirements to earn the Webelos Badge and will now start working on the Arrow of Light. The following Scouts are preparing themselves for the wonderful world of Boy Scouting. (Call Scouts and parents forward. Present badges to parents.)

(Present Webelos Scouts with a piece of rope and tell them that they are on the final stage of Cub Scouting and to continue working to attain the highest honor a Cub Scout can earn - the Arrow of Light.

### **Magic Neckerchief Graduation**

Graduation/Crossover  
Heart of America Council

**In order for this to be effective, practice this ceremony several times. Some Cubs might treasure their neckerchiefs so as it suggest in this ceremony, use a master neckerchief--Baloo**

**Personnel:** Cubmaster (CM), assistant, one person for lights

**Equipment:** Candle, holder, (or advancement log) matches, 2 coat hangers with safety pins secured to one end of each hanger, a large mouth peanut butter jar with exactly 40% acetone and 60% water, a fire extinguished/baking soda for safety. (To save time have a set of wire hangers and safety pin or use one master neckerchief.)

**Setting:** Dim the lights while calling the graduating Cub and their parents to the front. Leave only the lights in front on while telling the story.

**CM:** Tonight our \_\_\_\_ Cub Scouts are graduating to \_\_\_\_ Will these boys and their parents come forward. These young men have reached the \_\_\_\_ grade and have completed the requirements for \_\_\_\_\_. There remains one test before they become \_\_\_\_\_ Scouts. A test to find out if they have done "their best". This ceremony begins with a story passed on to me from other Scouts leaders. And I share it with you tonight.

Deep in the heart of the mountains and deserts of New Mexico, there is an Indian village beside a small stream. The village and the area around it are very green and lush. This is very unusual for the village is in the middle of very harsh desert land. While hiking in the area, I came across this village and stopped by a nearby stream for a rest. There was an old chief sitting in the sun by the stream and I asked him: "Why is this area so green and your people so healthy?" The old chief replied, "The waters of this stream are magical. They assist all who come by telling them if they have done everything they need to be prepared. By hard work and with the assistance of these

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magical waters, my people have done the things needed to be prepared and prosper in life." I thought for a while, then said: "I too, could use these magical waters for I know of young men who are working hard to be prepared for life and to do their best. Could I take some of this magical water with me?" The old Chief smiled and nodded. "It is for the young that these waters are most effective", he said. "Take something special from each young man who is to be tested and dip it in the water. Pass the special item over a flame and, if the special item burns, but is not consumed, then they have done their best." (Turn out all the lights.)

From the Cub Scouts before us tonight, we take their neckerchief, (Pin the neckerchief to the wire hangers at the corners. Be careful not to twist or fold the fabric. It must be smooth.) and dip it in the magic water. (Have assistant dip the neckerchief while you hold the wire hangers, squeeze out excess liquid, quickly take the neckerchief from the jar, and spread it tightly between the wire hangers. Your assistant covers the jar before you put the neckerchief over the flame, but you cannot wait too long. This part must be done quickly.) Then pass it over the flame of the Spirit of Scouting. (Make certain the neckerchief is spread between wire hangers. Shake gently when just the edges remain burning.) Cub Scout (name), you have passed the test of doing your best. May the Great Spirit of Akela go with you throughout your Scouting days. (Repeat the neckerchief removal and burning for each Cub Scout graduating.)

### **AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

#### **Climbing the Mountain**

Simon Kenton Council

Divide the group into three smaller groups and assign each group one of the words listed below. Read the story. After each of the words is read, pause for the group to make the appropriate response.

<b>BOY</b>	I'll get this right!
<b>CHIEF</b>	(hits thighs rhythmically)
<b>MOUNTAIN</b>	Poof, pooff!

Far away in our dry southwestern country is an Indian village, set in front of a high **MOUNTAIN**, towering up out of the desert. It is considered a great feat to climb this **MOUNTAIN**, so that all the **BOYS** of the village were eager to attempt it. One day the **CHIEF** said, "Now **BOYS**, you may all go today and try to climb the **MOUNTAIN**. Start right after breakfast, and go each of you as far as you can. Then when you are tired, come back; but let each **BOY** bring a twig from the place where he turned.

Away the **BOYS** went full of hope, each feeling that he surely could reach the top. But soon a small **BOY** came back, and in his hand he held a leaf of cactus and gave it

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to the **CHIEF**. The **CHIEF** smiled and said, "My **BOY**, you did not reach the foot of the **MOUNTAIN**; you did not even get across the desert," Later a second boy returned. He carried a twig of sagebrush. "Well," said the **CHIEF**, "You got as far as the **MOUNTAIN** springs." Another came later with some bucks horn. The **CHIEF** smiled when he saw it and spoke thus, "You were climbing: you were up to the first slide rock."

Later in the afternoon, one **BOY** arrived with a cedar spray, and the old **CHIEF** said, "Well done, you went halfway up." An hour afterward, a **BOY** came with a switch of pine. To him the **CHIEF** said, "Good, you went to the third belt, you made three quarters of the climb.

The sun was low when the last **BOY** returned. He was a tall, splendid **BOY** of noble character. His hand was empty as he approached the **CHIEF** but his face was radiant. He said, "My father, there were no trees where I turned back. I saw no twigs, but I saw the shining sea." Now the old **CHIEF'S** face glowed too as he said aloud and almost sang. "I knew it! When I looked on your face, I knew it. You have been to the top. You need no twigs for token. It is written in your eyes and it rings in your voice. My **BOY**, you have felt the uplift; you have seen the glory of the **MOUNTAIN**."

Oh, ye Scouters, keep this in mind, then; the badges we offer for attainment are not prizes. Prizes are things of value taken from another. Scout badges, though are merely tokens of what you have done, or where you have been.. There are mere twigs from the trail to show how far you have gotten in climbing the **MOUNTAIN**.

## GAMES

### Air Routes

Heart of America Council

Players are seated in a circle. Each one is given the name of some city or airport. One player has no chair. He stands inside the circle and calls "All aboard for the plane from Kansas City to Boston". The two players representing these cities must change seats. The caller tries to get a seat during the scramble. The player left without a seat becomes the caller.

### Compass Points

From "Scouting Games", Sir Robert Baden-Powell  
Simon Kenton Council

With a piece of chalk, draw eight lines, intersecting in "star" fashion, all radiating from the center, to indicate the points of the compass. One line should point due north. One Scout now takes up his position at the outer end of each line and represents one of the eight principal points of the compass. The leader now calls out any two points, such as SE and N. and the two Scouts at those points must immediately change places. Anyone moving

out of place without his point being named, or moving to a wrong place, should lose a point. When changing places, Scouts must not cross the lines, but must go outside the circle of players. When a Scout loses three points, he is out of the game.

### Stay At The Head Of The Line

Simon Kenton Council

This is a good hiking game. The first person in line asks the next person to identify the object at which he is pointing. If he answers correctly, he goes to the head of the line. If he misses, he goes to the end. This continues until all boys have had a turn.

## FUN FOOD

### Trail Foods

Simon Kenton Council

Trail foods are simple to make and carry, do not spoil easily, and provide energy without a lot of empty calories. **Apple Sandwiches**- Slices of apples with slices of cheese between them. Dip the apple slices in lemon juice to keep them fresh looking.

**GORP "Good Old Raisins and Peanuts"** Mix - Equal handfuls of raisins, nuts, and other bite -sized ingredients - small crackers, non-sugary cereal, other dried fruits, coconut chunks, etc. Avoid chocolate, sugars, and excess salt.

**Hikers Nosebag** - Sort of a sack lunch for the trail. In a plastic bag put an apple, 1/2-cup raisins, and 1/4lb. chunk of cheese, 1/2 cup of M&M's or other chocolate. Nibble as you go. Use dried apples for more portability.

**Honey Bars** - Made ahead of the hike and worth every second of it! Try this as a den activity: combine 1/2 cup each of raisins, figs, dried apricots, and peanuts or almonds. Grind/chop/blend them together. Add 1/2-teaspoon lemon juice and just enough honey to bind it all together. Form into bars and wrap in aluminum foil. Carry in plastic bags (these are quite sticky if they leak, so double wrap them!) Substitute ingredients at will.

**Birdseed (Sweet version of GORP)**. Mix equal amounts of sugary cereal, chocolate candies (M&M's do not easily melt on a hike!), and roasted or honey-roasted nuts. Add graham cracker bits for more crunchiness.

**Healthy Snacks** - Look in your grocery or health food store for dried fruits (banana chips, papayas, etc.), yogurt-covered nuts or fruit, and other treats. Some carry bags of mixed treats perfect for trails.

**Trail Lunches** - Not as cheap as other options, but a fun meal. Combine at least one thing from several categories: Meat/cheese - meat jerky, hard sausages, pepperoni, hard cheese, protein bars (health food stores); Breads - Melba toast, pilot biscuits, granola bars with lots of grains, hardtack, other hard/dried breads (not the ones that would mold or go stale); Fruit candy, fruit leather or snacks

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(make sure they have lots of real fruit in them); Dairy - yogurt - coated nuts or fruit, hard cheese; Sweets - M&M's or tropical chocolate, hard candy, most granola or fruit snacks, etc.

## STUNTS & APPLAUSES

### **Stopped Watch**

Greater St. Louis Area Council

#1: My watch stopped.

#2: What happened?

#1: I was putting on insect repellent when it stopped suddenly.

#2: That's the problem. The insect repellent killed the ticks.

**Earl Bateman** sent the following cheers.

### **BOUNCING BALL**

Using a golf ball (preferably) Have the group yell 'Pow' every time the ball hits the floor when dropped initially from an outstretched hand above the head, or thrown up.

### **BIRD WATCHER CHEER**

Stand. Tuck hands under armpits, flap 3 times while doing the sound of your favorite bird.

### **MOSQUITO**

Z-z-z-z-z-z-z-z-z-z

(Trace flight of mosquito with finger) Clap hands once for the swat saying 'Gotcha'.

### **RAIN CLAP**

Everyone starts by tapping their right thumbs on the palms of their left hands to represent the first few drops of rain. Then use two fingers, three fingers, four, five and the palms of hands. Increase volume of clapping from soft to loud. Then in reverse sequence back to thumbs on palms, as the rain passes.

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Fred from Atlanta sent this, and we thought they would make perfect run-ons. These could be set up with a narrator and a Cub Scout walking across the stage with a hand-lettered sign.

### **"Signs, Signs, Everywhere Signs"**

In a Non-smoking area: "If we see you smoking we will assume you are on fire and take appropriate action."

On Maternity Room door: "Push, Push, Push."

On a Front Door: "Everyone on the premises is a vegetarian except the dog."

At an Optometrist's Office: "If you don't see what you're looking for, you've come to the right place."

On a Scientist's door: "Gone Fission"

On a Taxidermist's window: "We really know our stuff."

In a Podiatrist's window: "Time wounds all heels."

On a Butcher's window: "Pleased to meat you."

At a Used Car Lot: "Second Hand cars in first crash condition."

On a fence: "Salesmen welcome. Dog food is expensive."

At a Car Dealership: "The best way to get back on your feet - miss a car payment."

Outside a Muffler Shop: "No appointment necessary. We'll hear you coming."

Outside a Hotel: "Help! We need inn-experienced people."

At an Auto Body Shop: "May we have the next dents?"

In a Dry Cleaner's Emporium: "Drop your pants here."

On a desk in a Reception Room: "We shoot every 3rd salesman, and the 2<sup>nd</sup> one just left."

In a Veterinarian's waiting room: "Be back in 5 minutes. Sit! Stay!"

On a Music Teacher's door: "Out Chopin."

At the Electric Company: "We would be delighted if you send in your bill. However, if you don't, you will be."

In a Beauty Shop: "Dye now!"

On the side of a Garbage Truck: "We've got what it takes to take what you've got." (Burglars please copy.)

Also on a Garbage Truck: "Double Your Rubbish Back if Not Satisfied."

On the door of a Computer Store: "Out for a quick byte."

In a Restaurant window: "Don't stand there and be hungry, come in and get fed up."

In a Seafood Restaurant window: "We Serve Shrimps and Crabs - We Also Serve Tall People and Nice People."

Inside a Bowling Alley: "Please be quiet. We need to hear a pin drop."

On the door of a Music Library: "Bach in a minuet."

In the front yard of a Funeral Home: "Drive carefully, we'll wait."

On an Electrician's truck: "Let us remove your shorts."

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### SKITS

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#### Trails, Treks, and Tracks

by Russell Butler  
Simon Kenton Council

**Cub 1:** We are suppose to be learning how to do tracking today. Do you guys know how to track?

**Cub 2:** I have never done any tracking.

**Cub 3:** Me neither.

**Cub 4:** I have. I once tracked a wild slimer for six hours.

**Cub 1:** What happened?

**Cub 4:** I tracked the slimer north for two hours.

**Cub 2:** Then what happened?

**Cub 4:** Then he turned west and I tracked him for another hour.

**Cub 3:** What happened next?

**Cub 4:** For the next three hours the slimer back tracked on himself, circled around and finally ended up going south.

**Cub 1:** Wow, how far did you end up tracking the wild slimer.

**Cub 4:** About three feet, snails get really tired after that.

#### The Train

Greater St. Louis Area Council

Two boys walking across stage, shining their flashlights down.

**#1:** Look, bear tracks!

**#2:** There aren't any bears around here. Those are raccoon tracks.

**#1:** Those are BEAR TRACKS.

**#2:** They can't be.

**#1:** I know what bear tracks look like. And those are bear tracks.

**#2:** Raccoon tracks!

**#1:** Bear tracks!

**#2:** Raccoon tracks!

(Boys start arguing and wrestling, as other boys forming train start across the stage. The first boy of the train carries a flashlight to simulate the headlight of the train.)

**#1:** TRAIN TRACKS.

#### Wash Day

credit to Jack Gallagher 2nd Cole harbour E Colony  
Beavers Atlantic View Area Dartmouth NS  
sent by Dale Kelly (Mommy to 3 and Nanny to 1) 1st Cole  
Harbour Pack, 2nd Bel Ayr Brownies & AAC Colony  
JOTT Co Hike Chief  
<http://www.csclub.uwaterloo.ca/u/lkmorlan/JOTT/>

This skit is appropriate for all ranks

**Leader and Youth repeat together:**

dip dip dip in the bright blue cheer (kids dip hands up and down in front of them)

rinse rinse rinse in the water so cleer (kids hold up invisible clothes)

Put it to your nose (smell it big intake)

Smells like a rose (kids ahhhhh, fold up article add to invisible pile)

Leader: ok beavers now that our uniform is done, lets do our socks

repeat above

Leader great job lets do our pants, etc... 2 or more articles repeat

Leader now that our laundry is done for the week, Akela (or other sucker, I mean leader at the campfire!) could maybe use some help, he is soooo busy..

Lets start with his socks. (Prentent to reach over for leaders socks)

Ready?!!

OK here goes

dip dip etc.. (see above)

put it to your nose (YUCK!!!!)

dip dip dip in the bright blue cheer, repeat 2 or 3 times till audience finished laughing

#### Hiking--The Scout Way

Sam Houston Area Council

**Den Chief:** Okay, guys. Is everybody ready to go hiking? (Boys start hiking up their socks..)

**Den Chief:** What are you doing? I said HIKING! Are you ready to go HIKING?

**Boys:** Yes, we're hiking up our socks, our shorts, you know.

**Den Chief:** No, no, no. Hiking. Hiking, don't you know - HIKING!

**Boys:** Oh, year!

**Boy #1:** (takes football from behind his back; boys line up to begin play) Hike one, hike two, hike three.

**Den Chief:** No, no, no! HI-KING, HI-KING, HI-KING. Come on guys. Get with it!

**Boy #2:** (Walks by with crown on head.)

**Boys:** Hi, King!

**Den Chief:** No, no, no! Hiking, walking, Scout stuff. You know --hiking!

**Boys:** Oh, why didn't you say so? (Walk off stage hiking with den leader.

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### CLOSING CEREMONY

#### Closing

Circle 10 Council

Our pioneer forefathers found and followed many trails.  
The Native Americans explored the country first.  
European settlers followed. With each new person came  
new experiences and new challenges.

**Cub 1:** Our trail is the Cubbing trail!

**Cub 2:** Our experience is the fun and adventure of Cub  
Scouting.

**Cub 3:** Our challenge is to be good Scouts, friends and  
neighbors.

**Cub 4:** Our future is to explore the world around us,  
moving up the trail from Cubs to Webelos and then to Boy  
Scouts!

**Cubmaster:** Let's join together in singing "Happy Trails  
to You."

The melody can be found at the following web page where  
I found the words:

<http://www.fiftiesweb.com/lyrics/royroger.htm>

#### **The Roy Rogers Show (Happy Trails)**

Words and Music by Dale Evans

Some trails are happy ones, others are blue  
It's the way you ride the trail that counts  
Here's a happy one for you...

Happy trails to you  
Until we meet again  
Happy trails to you  
Keep smilin' until then  
Happy trails to you

Who cares about the clouds when we're together  
Just sing a song and bring the sunny weather  
Happy trails to you, til we meet again

#### **Extend Thy Hand**

National Capital Area Council

During a hike in the woods, a troop of Boy Scouts came  
across an abandoned section of railroad track. Each, in  
turn, tried walking the rails but eventually lost his balance  
and tumbled off.

Suddenly, two of the boys, after considerable whispering,  
offered to bet they could both walk the entire length of the  
track without falling off. Challenged to make good their  
boasts, the two boys jumped up on opposite rails, extended  
a hand to balance each other, and walked the entire  
section of track with no difficulty whatever.

There, in a nutshell, is a principle of modern business and  
community living. The day of the hermit and the lone  
wolf is gone forever. We do things better, we produce  
more, and we live better by helping each other.

Those who lend a helping hand benefit themselves at the  
same time they help others.

The reverse is also true. When we don't help each other,  
when we don't cooperate, the whole system starts to rattle  
and shake. When there's no cooperation -- no spirit of the  
helping hand freely given -- what might have been  
pleasant jobs become grudging chores.

#### **Cubmaster's Minute - A Tree is a Good Scout**

Northeast Georgia Council

Did you ever pause to think about how helpful a tree is? It  
provides a nesting place for birds, shade from the sun, and  
protection from the rain. It discards its dead branches,  
thus providing wood for fires and cooking food. A tree  
adds beauty to the countryside and to camping areas. We  
must admit that a tree gives a lot more than it receives.  
We can learn a lesson from the tree by doing our best to  
always be helpful to others and by putting our fellow  
Scouts first and ourselves second. Remember the lesson  
we learn from the tree- - - to give to others more than we  
receive.

### **WEBELOS**

#### **Naturalist**

North Florida Council

No matter where you live, there is a world of undiscovered  
secrets of nature still waiting to be explored. A naturalist  
is a student of natural history, which includes the many  
things, found in nature. The naturalist activity badge is  
concerned mainly with plants or animals. This badge  
helps the Webelos Scouts learn about the world of nature  
and develop an appreciation for it.

A naturalist stands like Columbus on the prow of his ship  
with a vast continent before him; except that the  
naturalist's world can be at his feet, a world to be  
discovered. It could be in the boy's back yard, a nearby  
park, the woods, fields or even a country roadside. It is  
inhabited with many kinds of insects, birds, plants,  
animals, trees, and other forms of life.

A boy's interest in the badge may lead him into a hobby or  
vocation. It will help him prepare for the new adventures  
in the world of nature, which he will find in the Scout  
troop.

#### **Den Activities**

North Florida Council

- ☆ Make an ant farm
- ☆ Make an insect laboratory
- ☆ Make bird feeders
- ☆ Make terrariums
- ☆ Start a nature collection
- ☆ Invite a conservationist to visit den meetings and talk  
about some phase of nature
- ☆ Make a leaf collection, and leaf prints

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- ☆ Take a bird's watchers hike. Identify birds, make notes about location, species, etc.
- ☆ Collect tadpoles; keep in aquarium and watch them grow
- ☆ Make bird migration maps
- ☆ Study wildlife homes
- ☆ Make a list of all plants in a given area
- ☆ Take a nature hike and look for animal tracks
- ☆ Make a plaster casts of the tracks.

### Take a Hike Survey Circle 10 Council

**Preparation:** Make a copy of the survey sheet for each boy and bring along a tape measure and some crayons.

**How big is nature? Can you hear it: How does it feel?**  
You'll need to use all of your senses to complete this hike survey.

#### AROUND, WIDE, AND LONG

Use a tape measure to find each of the measurements.

1. Circumference (distance around) of the biggest tree

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2. Circumference of the smallest tree

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3. Distance between any two trees

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4. Length of a leaf close to the length of your nose

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5. Width of something more narrow than your thumb

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6. Length of a friend's shadow

#### USING YOUR SENSES

Use your eyes, ears, nose and fingers to find something that fits each description.

1. Smells good

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2. Makes a noise

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3. Feels bumpy

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4. Looks wrinkled

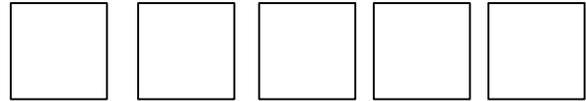
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5. Likely to change the way it looks

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#### HOW DOES IT FEEL?

Look for objects that fit the descriptive words by the boxes below. Place this paper over each object, one object to a box. Use a crayon or pencil to make a rubbing of each object.



#### Under each box put one of the following words

1. Smooth 2. Gritty 3. Ridged 4. Grooved 5. Patterned

#### Forester

Circle 10 Council

#### Pine Cone Battle

Have twice as many pinecones as players. Divide boys into equal teams, each about 20 yards from a dividing line and facing each other across the line. At signal, the battle starts with each player throwing cones as close to the 20-yard marker as possible, but staying on their side of the line. Those closest to the 20-yard mark score two points. Team with the most point's win.

#### Arbor Day Treasures

Circle 10 Council

Find tree name hidden in the following sentences:

1. The ranger's map led us safely through the woods.
2. Will owls hoot in daylight?
3. It's fun to hike and tramp in every direction.
4. Forest rangers wear white helmets.
5. We saw a honey bee checking clover blossoms for honey.
6. Many forest fires are caused by human carelessness.
7. We got soaked when we were caught in a cloudburst.
8. The boy's face darkened when she kissed him on the cheek.

**Answers:** 1. Maple 2. Willow 3. Pine 4. Elm 5. Beech 6. Fir 7. Oak 8. Cedar

#### One Leaf Trail

Circle 10 Council

Lay a trail using one kind of leaf as a marker, letting the stem point in the direction to be followed.

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**Do Trees Drink?**  
Circle 10 Council

A simple demonstration can be done with celery. Use a piece of celery with leaves for each boy. Place three drops of red food coloring in a glass of water and place celery in the water. Over a couple of days, the veins on the outside of the celery will start changing color, showing how the liquid goes up the stalk. The same type of activity takes place inside a tree.

**Tree Planting**  
Circle 10 Council

Collect acorns or other tree seeds and plant in small Styrofoam cups filled with dirt. Keep watered. After the seeds sprout and are a fair size, plant in a suitable place like the property of your charter organization. Get permission first.

**Flag Forestry**  
Circle 10 Council

Which tree is on the flag of:

- 1. Florida \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. Maine \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. Canada \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. South Carolina \_\_\_\_\_
- 5. Vermont \_\_\_\_\_

Answers: 1. A Cabbage Palmetto Tree 2. Pine Tree 3. Maple Leaf 4. Palmetto Tree 5. Pine Tree

**How Old Is That Tree?**  
Sam Houston Area Council

The only way to tell the age of a tree exactly is to cut it down and count its annual rings of growth. However, we can estimate the age of a standing tree using this method?

- ☺ Measure in inches the circumference of the tree (distance around) about 4 1/2 feet above the ground.
- ☺ Divide the circumference by 3 to find the diameter
- ☺ To find the tree's age, multiply the diameter (in inches) by the correct factor listed in the table below

**These factors vary because of the differences in the growth rate of trees.** (Note: If the tree gets more water and nutrients than average, it will be younger than it looks. If it lives in stressful conditions -- poor soil, less than average water, drainage, or disease -- it will be older than it looks.

American Beech	6	Shagbark Hickory	7.5
Ash	5	Sycamore	4
Basswood	3	Red Oak	4
Norway Maple	4.5	White Oak	5
Sugar Maple	5.5	White Birch	5
Norway Spruce	5	White Pine	5

**Forester Neckerchief**  
Sam Houston Area Council

Make a neckerchief for each boy out of inexpensive cotton fabric. When a boy can identify a particular forest tree leaf, print the leaf on his neckerchief. Eventually each boy will have a permanent record of the six forest trees he has identified.

**Leaf Prints** -- Spread neckerchief fabric on a sheet of newspaper. Place a leaf, vein side up, on another sheet of newspaper and paint the leaf with fabric paint. Be sure to cover the entire leaf, but try not to put paint on too thick or your finished product may look smudgy. When the leaf is covered, turn it paint side down onto the neckerchief. Cover the leaf with a single piece of clean newspaper and gently move a roller back and forth over the leaf two or three times. Pick up the newspaper and discard it, then gently remove the leaf. Green leaves work just as well as dried ones and often can be used for repeat images. To make the image permanent, press the neckerchief with a warm iron after the paint has dried.

**Webelos Ceremony**

At USSSP we had a question about the Arrow of Light ceremony and when is the best time to do an AOL ceremony. Mike Bowman at USSSP suggested the following.

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In general I highly recommend two separate ceremonies for the Arrow of Light presentation and crossing-over from Webelos to Boy Scouts. This is not hard to do and something that has worked well for me in similar situations. What I would do runs like this:  
Conduct your advancement ceremony near the middle of the Pack Meeting and top it off with a very special Arrow of Light Ceremony. When you are done

close the advancement ceremony. At this point break the action with a few items to finish your Pack Meeting. By now you should be nearing the end of the meeting. At this point you might announce that the Pack's business for the night is nearly closed except for a very special event that commemorates x number of Webelos Scouts that are this night graduating from the Cub Scouting program and

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becoming Boy Scouts at Troop(s) xxx and yyy. Introduce the Scout leaders (adult and youth) from the Troop. Call the graduating Webelos forward as a group to stand on one side of the front of the room.

Have the Scout leaders on the other side. Call out each name. As the boy crosses to the other side he is welcomed by a Boy Scout leader and perhaps presented with a Troop Neckerchief and red tabs for his shirt or a Boy Scout handbook. If you have time, you could rig up a bridge for the boys to walk across to signify bridging over to Webelos.

A popular ceremony using a very simple bridge follows: Try this simple cross-over idea with some great symbology. Needed: four 4"x4"x5' posts and five 12"x2"x5' planks. Paint one plank blue, one gold, one red, and one BSA green. Leave one unpainted. Paint the posts brown. Ask the Webelos Den Leaders to place one of the posts on the ground in a N-S direction. Then ask the Scoutmaster to place a second post on the ground about four feet away and parallel in a N-S direction. Announce that this is symbolic of the foundations of Scouting that these leaders have laid through outings represented by the natural brown color. Then ask each set of leaders to place an E-W post over the N-S posts about three to four feet apart, pointing out that by building on Scouting's foundations these leaders have set the stage for bridging the boys from Cub Scouting to Boy Scouting. Have Webelos #1 and his parents bring the unpainted plank forward and place it across the E-W posts. State that this represents the boys as they arrived in Cub Scouting full of potential but unfinished.

(If they were in Tigers use a plank painted orange and make a statement about how they were on fire to learn about Scouting). Ask Webelos #2 and parents to bring the blue plank forward and place it snugly against the unfinished plank. State that this represents the Wolf and Bear years where with the help of their parents the Scouts became true blue and loyal friends. Next Webelos #3 comes forward with his parents and places the gold plank next to the blue to represent their golden years in Cubbing as Webelos learning important skills through activity badges culminating in the Arrow of Light. Webelos #4 comes forward with his parents and the green plank. Announce that this represents their new beginning as Boy Scouts who will soon be green Tenderfoot Scouts, anxious to begin the Boy Scout trail to Eagle. Finally, Webelos #5 and parents put down the red plank. Comment that this plank is red like the predominant color in the Eagle badge and represents the beginning of their journey to become Eagles. Webelos are assembled at the unfinished board side of the now completed bridge and presented graduation certificates and a patch board of their Cub Scout badges and awards (many use a large piece of plywood cut in the shape of a Scout emblem and covered

with blue felt on which are mounted the badges earned by the Scout).

When these presentations are over, the Scoutmaster invites each boy in turn to cross the bridge. Once over, he is welcomed into the Troop. His Webelos neckerchief is replaced by the Troop neckerchief in a presentation. Same thing for each boy. Say some personal words about how proud you are of their accomplishments and how you know they will work hard and succeed in whatever they try in Boy Scouting (Positive expectations = positive results). End of ceremony. Go home and cry tears of pride and joy at seeing them grow up so fast and well.

Mike



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#### **Tracking & Stalking North American Wildlife**

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<http://www.geocities.com/Yosemite/9152/wildlife.html>

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<http://www.vpservices.com/vps/nwf/games/match/matchgam.cgi>

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<http://www.lkwdpl.org/schools/garfield/Tracks1.htm>

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<http://www.refugenet.com/link.htm>

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LA Times Learning and Education (Birds Migration)

<http://www.latimes.com/HOME/LEARNING/LAUNCH/week39.htm>

### FREE TREES

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<http://www.lnt.org/TeachingLNT/TeachingLNTHome.html>

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<http://www.icss.com/usflag/flag.holidays.html>

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### Fire Starting

<http://www.geocities.com/CollegePark/4201/fire.html>

Philmont Scout Ranch My kids were here in '94, truly a remarkable place and experience

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

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

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<http://www.macscouter.com/Songs/index.html>

<http://www.macscouter.com/ScoutsOwn/Graces.html>

### A Scout SongBook

<http://usscouts.org/songs/songbook.html>

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<http://www.achilles.net/~cco/dir-cam.htm>

<http://www.michcampgrounds.com/songs.html>

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