



BALOO'S BUGLE



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"Make no small plans. They have no magic to stir men's blood and probably will not themselves be realized." D. Burnham

March 2011 Cub Scout Roundtable

April 2011 Activities

FAITH

April Ideas for Leaders, Pack Meetings, & Activities

CORE VALUES

Cub Scout Roundtable Leaders' Guide

The core value highlighted this month is:

- ✓ **Faith:** Having inner strength or confidence based on our trust in a higher power. Cub Scouts will learn that it is important to look for the good in all situations. With their family guiding them, Cub Scouts will grow stronger in their faith

COMMISSIONER'S CORNER

Be a player on God's team.

Lord Robert Baden-Powell, Rovering to Success, 1922

TOUR PLANNING WORKSHEET			
<small>For Office Use</small>	Tour plan No. _____	Date received _____	Date reviewed _____
Date _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Pack <input type="checkbox"/> Troop/team <input type="checkbox"/> Crew <input type="checkbox"/> Contingent unit/crew Unit No. _____ Chartered organization _____		
Council name/No. _____	District _____		
Purpose of this trip is _____			

Pow Wow Books needed (REALLY NEEDED)

I need ideas for Baloo for the Core Values. This month is mainly Pinewood Derby not Positive Attitude. Please help. Thanks to Jim, Pat and Bill, I have Great Salt Lake, Baltimore and Cascade Pacific.

I am looking for different ways to present achievements. So if you have come up with ideas for den meetings centered on the achievements & electives, please email them to davethecommish@gmail.com so we can include them in Baloo. And if you have good ideas for Character Connections, please email those, too.

**PRELIMINARY ISSUE.
A FEW MORE TWEAKS
ARE STILL NEEDED**

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THOUGHTFUL ITEMS FOR SCOUTERS

Thanks to Scouter Jim from Bountiful, Utah, who prepares this section of Baloo for us each month. You can reach him at bobwhitejonz@juno.com or through the link to write Baloo on www.ussscouts.org. CD

Roundtable Prayer
Scouter Jim, Bountiful UT

THE FOUNDER'S PRAYER

Written by Baden-Powell for use in international events.

Father of us all, We meet before Thee here today, numerous in the lands we come from and in the races we represent, but one in our Brotherhood under Thy Divine Fatherhood.

We come before Thee with hearts grateful and gladdened by the many blessings Thou hast granted us and thankful that our Movement has prospered as acceptable in Thy sight. In return we would lay on Thine Altar, as our humble thank-offering, such sacrifice as we can make of self in service to others. We ask that during our communion here together we may, under Thy Divine Inspiration, gain a widened outlook, a clearer vision of all that lies open before us and of our opportunity. Thus we may then go forth with strengthened faith to carry on our mission of heightening the ideals and powers of manhood, and of helping through closer understanding to bring about Thy happier Rule of Peace and Goodwill upon Earth.

Lords Prayer

From the King James Version of the Bible in honor of the 400th Anniversary of the KJV

Matthew Chapter 6:Verses 9 - 15

9. After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.
10. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.
11. Give us this day our daily bread.
12. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
13. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.
14. For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you:
15. But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

Faith and Scouting

Scouter Jim, Bountiful UT

The history of the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) begins with a legend. It is said that Chicago newspaperman William Boyce was traveling in London and had become lost in a thick fog when a boy appeared and helped Boyce find his way. Boyce attempted to give a tip, but the boy refused because he was doing his duty as a Boy Scout. Soon after, Boyce sought the Scouting for Boys handbook and, upon returning to the States, formed the Boy Scouts of America in 1910.

As Baden-Powell’s model of Scouting became more popular, groups across Europe and the United States sprang up and began using the title “Scouts.” The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints noticed the movement as well and, using the structure of the YMMIA, Anthony W. Ivins, general superintendent, organized the MIA. Scouts in 1911. The Church organized patrols and developed lessons for boys similar to those in official Scouting.

In 1913, the Boy Scouts of America invited the Church to be an official part of their program. Bryant S. Hinckley — father of Gordon B. Hinckley — and Oscar A. Kirkham traveled to New York City and, after hearing about BSA’s focus on honor, service, and duty to God, returned with a favorable opinion. At a meeting with the YMMIA committee, Hinckley moved to officially adopt the BSA program. The First Presidency and Quorum of the Twelve approved the decision.

The Boy Scouts issued a charter on May 21, 1913, to the MIA Scouts, and The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints became the first institution to be officially affiliated with the Boy Scouts of America program.

From that first charter, faith based groups hold a large number of the Charters for the Boy Scouts of America. Four of the top five charter holders are faith based groups. Scouting and faith based groups are closely affiliated to train young men and boys in America.

Top BSA Chartered Organizations

As of 12/31/2009

2010 Number not yet available

Overview of Chartered Organizations

- ★ Civic, faith-based, and educational organizations operate Scouting units to deliver the programs to their youth members, as well as the community at large.
- ★ Approximately 120,000 Scouting units are owned and operated by chartered organizations. Of these:
 - ✓ 66.9 percent of all units are chartered to faith-based organizations
 - ✓ 24.4 percent of all units are chartered to civic organizations
 - ✓ 8.7 percent of all units are chartered to educational organizations

Responsibilities of chartered organizations include:

- ★ Providing adequate meeting facilities.
- ★ Providing quality leadership for the Scouting unit.
- ★ Appointing a chartered organization representative to coordinate all Scouting unit operations within the organization.

Top 25 Charter Organizations

#	Organization	Total Units	Total Youth
1	Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints	37,682	405,676
2	United Methodist Church	11,391	369,733
3	Catholic Church	9,022	288,779
4	Parent-Teacher Groups Non PTA	4,415	170,581
5	Presbyterian Church	3,767	125,683
6	Groups of Citizens	4,356	123,864
7	Lutheran Church	4,120	120,913
8	Baptist Churches	4,343	107,060
9	Private Schools	3,160	99,831
10	Business/Industry	3,286	71,404
11	American Legion and Auxiliary	2,710	71,016
12	Parent Teacher Associations	1,920	74,678
13	Lions International	2,522	70,284
14	Other Community Organizations	2,121	54,503
15	Rotary International	1,461	44,888
16	Episcopal Church	1,262	41,739
17	United Church of Christ, Congregational Church	1,296	39,154
18	Christian Churches (Disciples of Christ)	1,261	34,229
19	Fire Departments	1352	33,982
20	Kiwanis International	1023	32,240
21	VFW, Auxiliary, Cootie	1,116	31,497
22	Community Churches	1,107	30,774
23	Community Centers, Settlement Houses	1,282	28,452
24	Boys and Girls Clubs	775	27,697
25	Other Churches	975	23,837
Faith Based Total		76,226	1,585,532

Faith based group, Boy Scout Web links:

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

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints BSA
Relations Office

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

Presbyterian Church

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

National Lutheran Association on Scouting

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

Jewish Boy Scouts

<http://nycatholicscouts.com/>

New York Catholic Scouts

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

National Association of United Methodist Scouters

Quotations

Quotations contain the wisdom of the ages, and are a great source of inspiration for Cubmaster's minutes, material for an advancement ceremony or an insightful addition to a Pack Meeting program cover

Be a player in God's team.

[Lord Robert Baden-Powell, Rovering to Success, 1922](#)

No man is much good unless he believes in God and obeys His laws. So every Scout should have a religion Religion seems a very simple thing: First: Love and serve God. Second: Love and serve your neighbour.

[Lord Robert Baden-Powell, Scouting for Boys, 1908](#)

In doing your duty to God always be grateful to Him. Whenever you enjoy a pleasure or a good game, or succeed in doing a good thing, thank Him for it, if only with a word or two, just as you say grace at a meal.

[Lord Robert Baden-Powell, Scouting for Boys, 1908](#)

I don't mean by this the mere soldiering and sailing services; we have no military aim or practice in our movement; but I mean the ideals of service for their fellow-men. In other words, we aim for the practice of Christianity in their everyday life and dealings, and not merely the profession of its theology on Sundays The co-operation of tiny sea insects has brought about the formation of coral islands. No enterprise is too big where there is goodwill and co-operation carrying it out. Every day we are turning away boys anxious to join the Movement, because we have no men or women to take them in hand. There is a vast reserve of loyal patriotism and Christian spirit lying dormant in our nation today, mainly because it sees no direct opportunity for expressing itself. Here in this joyous brotherhood there is vast opportunity open to all in a happy work that shows results under your hands and a work that is worth while because it gives every man his chance of service for his fellow-men and for God. [Lord Robert Baden-Powell, Scouting for Boys, Canadian Edition, 1908](#)

Religion can only be 'caught', not 'taught'. It is not a dressing donned from outside, put on for Sunday wear. It is a true part of a boy's character, a development of soul and not a veneer that may peel off. It is a matter of personality, of inner conviction, not of instruction. The actions of a very large proportion of our men are, at present, very little guided by religious conviction. This may be attributed to a great extent to the fact that often instruction instead of education has been employed in the religious training of the boy.

[Lord Robert Baden-Powell, Aids to Scoutmastership and Headquarters' Gazette, 1918](#)

Development of outlook naturally begins with a respect for God, which we may best term Reverence. Reverence to God and reverence for one's neighbour and reverence for oneself as a servant of God, is the basis of every form of religion. The method of expression of reverence to God varies with every sect and denomination. What sect or denomination a boy belongs to depends, as a rule, on his parents' wishes. It is they who decide. It is our business to respect their wishes and to second their efforts to inculcate reverence, whatever form of religion the boy professes. There may be many difficulties relating to the definition of the religious training in our Movement where so many different denominations exist, and the details of the expression of duty to God have, therefore, to be left largely in the hands of the local authority. But there is no difficulty at all in suggesting the line to take on the human side, since direct duty to one's neighbour is implied in almost every form of belief.

[Lord Robert Baden-Powell, Aids to Scoutmastership, 1919](#)

Scout Activities are the means by which you can lead the most accomplished street urchin to nobler feelings, and have the faith in God start in him.

[Lord Robert Baden-Powell, Aids to Scoutmastership, 1919](#)

There is no religious side to the [Scout] Movement. The whole of it is based on religion, that is on becoming aware of God and His Service.

[Lord Robert Baden-Powell, Headquarter's Gazette - November 1920](#)

By Religion I mean not just a formal homage tributed to a Divinity, but a deeper acknowledgment of God as a Being perpetually inside and around us, and the consequent higher level of thought and action in His service. [Lord Robert Baden-Powell, Headquarter's Gazette - November 1920](#)

God is not some narrow-minded personage, as some people would seem to image, but a vast Spirit of Love that overlooks the minor differences of form and creed and denomination and which blesses every man who really tries to do his best, according to his lights, in His service.

[Lord Robert Baden-Powell, Rovering to Success, 1922](#)

If you really wish to find the way towards success, i.e. your happiness, you must give a religious base to your life. It's not simply attending church or knowing history or comprehend theology. Many men are sincerely religious almost without knowing it or having studied these things. Religion, briefly explained, means: First: know who God is; Second: use to the best the life He gave us, and do what He expects from us. This means mostly doing something for the

others.

[Lord Robert Baden-Powell, Rovering to Success, 1922](#)

I have been asked to describe in more detail what I had in my mind regarding religion when I founded Scouting and Guiding. I have been asked 'Why must religion enter in it?' My answer has been that religion needn't enter, because it's already inside. It is already the fundamental factor pervading Scouting and Guiding. [Religion in the Boy Scout and Girl Guide Movement, an address by the Chief Scout to the Joint Conference of Commissioners of both Movements at High Leigh, 2 July 1926](#)

Thus we can teach them that to do Duty to God means not merely to lean on his kindness but to do his will by practising love towards one's neighbour ... much on the line of the Sermon on the Mount. [Religion in the Boy Scout and Girl Guide Movement, an address by the Chief Scout to the Joint Conference of Commissioners of both Movements at High Leigh, 2 July 1926](#)

... As in nationalism, so it is in religion. Support of one's own form of belief is a right and proper thing, but it becomes narrow sectarianism when it does not recognise and appreciate the good points in other denominations; if it fails to look with broadened and sympathetic view on the efforts of others to serve God it fails to help in bringing about God's Kingdom upon earth. [Religion in the Boy Scout and Girl Guide Movement, an address by the Chief Scout to the Joint Conference of Commissioners of both Movements at High Leigh, 2 July 1926](#)

By the term 'God's Kingdom' I mean the prevailing of love in the world in the place of dominance of selfish interest and rivalry such as at present exists." [Religion in the Boy Scout and Girl Guide Movement, an address by the Chief Scout to the Joint Conference of Commissioners of both Movements at High Leigh, 2 July 1926](#)

The atheists ... maintain that a religion that has to be learnt from books written by men cannot be a true one. But they don't seem to see that besides printed books ... God has given us as one step the great Book of Nature to read; and they cannot say that there is untruth there – the facts stand before them... I do not suggest Nature Study as a form of worship or as a substitute for religion, but I advocate the understanding of Nature as a step, in certain cases, towards gaining religion. [Lord Robert Baden-Powell, Rovering to Success, revised edition, 1930](#)

Christ gave His life to show us that example, namely, to "Be Prepared" - no matter what it costs to ourselves - to do the right thing for others."

[Lord Robert Baden-Powell, Adventuring to Manhood, 1936](#)

It is curious to me that men who profess to be good Christians often forget, in a difficulty, to ask themselves the simple question: "What would Christ have done under the circumstances?" and be guided accordingly. Try it the next time you are in any difficulty or doubt as to how to proceed. [Lord Robert Baden-Powell, Adventuring to Manhood, 1936](#)

Gray skies are just clouds passing over. [Duke Ellington](#)

Quoting Baden-Powell on Faith*Alice, Golden Empire Council*

"No man can be really good, if he doesn't believe in God and he doesn't follow His laws. This is why all Scouts must have a religion". (*Scouting for Boys, 1908*)

"Scouting has been described as "a new religion". It's not, of course, a new religion: it's just the application to religious formation of the principle now accepted in non-religious formation, i.e. to point out a precise aim to the boy and give him the way to learn and practice by himself" [*Quoted in Taccuino, a collection of B-P's writings and essays published in Italy. Dated January 1912*]

From Aids to Scoutmastership, 1919:

"Love of God, love of your neighbour and respect of oneself as God's servant are the basis for any form of religion"

"Many difficulties may arise while defining religious formation in a Movement such as ours, where many religions coexist; so, the details of the various forms of expressing the duty to God must be left to those responsible of each single association. We insist however on observance and practice of that form of religion the boys profess"

"Nowadays the actions of a large part of youths are guided just in a small part by religious convictions. That can be attributed for the most to the fact that in the boy's religious formation the worry was on teaching instead of educating".

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TRAINING TOPICS**Self Esteem***Bill Smith, the Roundtable Guy*

"The greatest gift you can give your child is good self esteem!"

This theme comes up again and again in books about raising children. It caught my eye in the opening chapter of the *Cub Scout Leader Book* some years ago and has been an important part of my Scouting life ever since.

Just how do we give this gift? How do we make it or get it? How do we gift-wrap it?

Self esteem is a boy's attitude or belief about himself. If he has good self esteem, he respects himself. He has confidence and expects success from life. He is less likely to misbehave or – as he matures – less likely to rely on alcohol or drugs. It starts with being accepted, feeling welcome and becoming part of a group. Cub Scouting should do this, not only with ritual and ceremony, but also with our genuine and heartfelt love and respect.

It grows with wearing the uniform, the wearing the badges of rank and achievement. We affect a boy's image about himself at every stage in our advancement process. When a parent takes the time to work with him on a requirement or elective, when it is signed off in his book, when the book is checked off at the den meeting and another icon is filled in on the advancement chart or another bauble strung on the den doodle. In each of these acts, we are telling him that he is a super neat person and we are all glad that he is here with us.

The biggest boost however, is when he and his personal Akela are called up at the pack extravaganza and are presented the badge in a typical *Sean Scott* ceremony replete with all the flashing lights, explosions, cheers, pomp and panoply that such an event deserves.

What? You aren't familiar with a Sean Scott Ceremony? You must go to: <http://scouting.argentive.com/index.shtml> And check out his presentations and handouts.

Scouting, at every level, works strictly on positive feedback. Positive feedback builds self esteem. Be generous with recognition and praise for any accomplishment. In his book *How To Behave So Your Children Will, Too*, psychologist Sal Severe makes the point that children believe what adults tell them about themselves. If you tell them they are competent, that they can do things and are helpful, then they become motivated to live up to your expectations. If you continually criticize and berate a child, you give him the excuse to fail and misbehave.

Involving the parents is essential for Cub Scouting to work. As a Cubmaster, my contact with each Cub Scout lasted only seconds each month. A den leader or den chief can devote more time to each boy but it still is measures only a few minutes a week. Parents, on the other hand, spend a lot of time with him and have the opportunity to either build a boy's self confidence or to totally undermine everything we are trying to do with continual criticism, put downs and faultfinding. Unless the parents are on your side, it will be up hill all the way for you and your fellow leaders. And that's a drag.

The Cub Scout Advancement program follows the school grade levels to build self-esteem, self-awareness and a sense of citizenship and good sportsmanship. Parental involvement is crucial to achieve the advancement of the Scouts and responsibility for advancement in rank rests with the parents; verification and assistance of the Den Leader is secondary. *Atlanta Area Council website*

There is a wonderful little reminder about that in *Parent's Little Book of Wisdom* by Buck Tilton and Melissa Gray:

There are lots of other ways we can build a boy's sense of how competent and valuable he is. Just recognizing him and greeting him by name helps. His name on the den chart, den doodle and the pack advancement ladder shows that we love him and respect him. Participating in pack meeting presentations, skits and ceremonies all help build confidence and self worth. Getting *Boy's Life* mailed to him is a big deal.

Nothing tells your child you care more than choosing to be with him.

It takes a bit of concentration and discipline on our part to remember this in the midst of putting on good pack and den meetings. I know that most of you are much better leaders than I was, but I would guess that even the best Cubmaster or den leader will sometimes be distracted in heat of battle. I particularly like the rule of balancing each negative remark like: *DON'T; THAT'S WRONG; NOW-WHAT DID YOU DO?* with at least **four** positive statements like: *I KNEW YOU COULD DO IT; THAT'S REALLY GOOD; YOU ARE THE BEST!*

Competition

Boys seem to be naturally competitive. They like to test themselves and others in a variety of ways. Whether it's a game of tag, a race like *last-one-in-the-pool*, a game of chess or the latest Nintendo, boys I have observed enjoy the challenge of a good contest. Letting boys compete is a natural way for them to try to do their best. When left to their own devices, a group of boys will spontaneously start into some game that often tests some physical or mental ability. Their rules are often ritualized and are applied surprisingly fairly.

We adults often mess things up by making a big fuss about who wins. Generally the boys don't make a big thing about who wins or who loses. Once the contest is over, it's over. A new game is started, a different skill or knowledge tested, a new chance to do his best. On the other hand, we adults like to recognize the winners with some prize or hullabaloo. Each time we exalt a winner, we also stigmatize the losers. This does nothing to raise the self esteem of those boys. The only thing worse than losing is having your nose rubbed in it.

It is best we Cub Scout leaders remember that in our games, contests and especially our derbies that we build self esteem by recognizing individual achievement and not who did it better than someone else. Probably the best reference on how to handle such activities is in Bernie DeKoven's book *The Well-Played Game*, or on his website: <http://deepfun.com/>

What are YOU going to do now?

*The best gift for a Cub Scout.....
.....get his parents involved!
The greatest gift you can give your child
..... good self esteem!*

- ✓ **Be sure to visit Bill Smith's website**
<http://rt492.org/>
to finds more ideas on everything Cub Scouting.
Reach Bill Smith at wt492@wtsmith.com.

DEN MEETING TOPICS

Wendy, Chief Seattle Council

MONTH/ CORE VALUE	MEETING #	MARCH: COMPASSION		APRIL: FAITH		MAY: HEALTH & FITNESS
		13	14	15	16	
TIGERS	E#26 Phone Manners E#27 Emergency E#15 Colors E#12 Card	E#31 Animals Veterinarian field trip	E#10 American Indians	E#3 Board Game or Puzzle	E#33 Clean up Treasure Hunt E#23 Milk E#25 Snack	Do optional meetings (they have letters instead of numbers in the Resource Guide) of your choice. Remember Boys want to be outside. Food & Physical Fitness (Health & Fitness)
WOLVES	E#14 Pets	E#6 Take Care of Your Planet	E4b,e Marbles	E18a Picnic Fishing		
BEARS	Ach. #5 Sharing Your World with Wildlife	Craftsman	Ach. #21 Models	Ach. #21 Models		
WEBELOS	Craftsman	Sportsman	Scholar	Showman		
ARROW OF LIGHT	Communicator	Sportsman	Sportsman	Sportsman		
PACK NIGHT THEME VALUE		Disabilities Awareness (Compassion)	Campfire (Faith)			

ROUNDTABLES

From Bob Scott at National in answer to my question on the role of Roundtables with the new delivery system -

Dave, you have it right.

No changes to roundtable's role, how it's executed, etc.

Bob Scott , Innovation Coordinator - CS 2010

Beverly, Capital Area Council

Beverly is one of the nice ladies behind the counter at her council service center (No one says Headquarters anymore) that greet people as they arrive.

(That is her description not mine)

Spring Training

“ Spring Training” – spring isn't here yet (and isn't even on the radar for some parts of the country) but it is time to do a little “housekeeping”. With a look ahead to warmer weather and lots of units going on camp outs or outings, we can take a few minutes at Roundtable to help them have a fun and “legal” experience, not only with program ideas but also a gentle reminder of the BSA requirements for outings.

- 1) Please remind your participants to check the status of their on-line training, particularly Weather Hazards. That training became mandatory in January 2009 (every unit going on an outing must have at least one person trained in Planning and Preparing for Hazardous Weather). The expiration for this training is 2 years and, as the person who processes Tour Plans for my council, I have had to kick back several in the last month because of expired Weather Hazard training. (You might want to pass this along to the Boy Scout Roundtable commissioner so he can remind his participants too)
- 2) Day Camps and Cub and Webelos Resident camps are not far off and Youth Protection must be taken by staff and parents alike. Advise your folks to get a jump on the mid-May rush and strain on the My Scouting website and update their YPT now. And remind them to always print out the card/certificate offered at the end of the training.
- 3) Encourage attendance at B.A.L.O.O. – each pack must have at least one B.A.L.O.O. -trained person present on any overnight activity. Ideally, each pack should have more than one person that is B.A.L.O.O. trained, in case that person cannot make the overnight activity.

If you take “outing” out of scouting, you are not left with very much. Weather permitting, we need to get the boys outside and away from the television and Play Station as much as we can. There is a wonderful world out there for them to discover. Let us make sure we at Roundtable help the units learn and follow the BSA guidelines for outdoor activities for Cub Scouts.

PACK ADMIN HELPS -

Tour Plans to Replace Tour Permits

N. Clark, District Director, Southern NJ Council (334)

M. Walton, www.USScouts.org

Effective March 1, 2011, what are currently known as local and national tour permits will be superseded by what will be called the tour plan. The online tour permit system will be suspended. This update is the accumulation of work by a cross-functional team of volunteers and staff including the Health and Safety Support Committee, Council Solutions, Outdoor Program Group, and Risk Management Advisory Panels.

TOUR PLANNING WORKSHEET

For office use		Date received		Date reviewed	
Tour plan No. _____					
Date	<input type="checkbox"/> Pack	<input type="checkbox"/> Troop/team	<input type="checkbox"/> Crew	<input type="checkbox"/> Contingent unit/crew	Unit No. _____
Council name/No. _____			Chartered organization _____		
Purpose of this trip is _____			District _____		

Here is the definition of the tour plan in the Language of Scouting: "Units complete this form when planning for local, national, or international adventure. The plan helps ensure the unit is properly prepared, that qualified and trained leadership is in place, and that the right equipment is available for the adventure."

A sample Tour Plan as an Adobe.pdf fillable form with which you can familiarize yourself and be ready for March 1, 2001 is available at this link:

http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/680-014_fillable.pdf

An Introduction to the Scouts Own

With Pack Family Camping strongly encouraged and promoted, Packs should be holding a Scout's Own Service every camping trip, whether it on a traditional day of worship or not. I am sure some are doing very well, some are not, and some are simply ignoring a Scout's Duty to God and getting home earlier. Here is a brief presentation by Kyna Hendra, "Mrs. MacScouter," clearing up what is and is not a Scout's Own Service. Her book that you can see on www.macscouter.com is over a 100 pages of excellent tip s and ideas for building your own Scout's Own. CD

From the MacScouter's "A Scout is Reverent" Book

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

The founder of Scouting, Robert Baden-Powell, believed that Reverence and Duty to God should be an important part of the Scout Movement and of every Scout and Scouter. He originated the notion of Scout's Own ... "a gathering the Scouts for the worship of God and to promote fuller realization of the Scout Law and Promise, but supplementary to, and not in substitution for, regular religious observances." (Aids to Scoutmastership, p.38)

Let us first consider what Scouts' Owns are not.

- They are not Church Services, nor are they meant to be a substitute for them.
- They are not a structured liturgy like the Book of Common Order, etc.
- They are not a good opportunity for the Leader to bang home some truths with a little bit of God added for effect.
- They are not necessarily the Chaplains or Leaders' department or duty.

Given those guidelines, let's define what Scouts' Owns are. This is not what they ought to be - this is what they are; and if they do not fulfill one or more of these categories, they are not Scouts' Owns.

- They are an acknowledgment of God and his creation and ourselves as part of it, expressed in a way that all the faiths that Scouting embraces can share together.
- They are a pause in our activity to discover something deeper and more permanent in the things we are trying to achieve or learn or enjoy.
- They are a response to the Creator for the gift of life.

Which means, of course, they can be almost everything from a time of silence through a single sentence right up to a kind of service of worship that might include music and singing and stories and readings and prayers. In other words, although the next few paragraphs and pages suggest some material that could be useful for a Scouts' Own and end with a couple of outlines that might be useful for a colony/pack/troop/unit evening or in camp, there really is no "proper form."

For example, a group of Venture Scouts [older Scouts or high adventure group] may get to the summit of a mountain after a difficult or challenging rock climb and as they stand or sit down to recover and enjoy the view, one of them says, with feeling, "Thank God we made it!" and the others respond "Too right" (in context, another word for "Amen"), conscious or not, they have experienced a Scouts' Own, because they have recognized both their achievement and their growing because of it. The glory of a sunset and the breaking of the dawn; the sky at night, the hills by day and the flickering friendship round a camp-fire are absolutely natural settings for thinking -- sometimes silently, sometimes aloud -- about the power that is the beginning and end of everything and our human place in the complex order of the universe. And that's a Scouts' Own, without the need, even, for a mention of God by name -- only by implication. You see the point? A Scout's Own is really a spiritual experience that happens.

But sometimes, especially at the younger ages, it has to be underlined. So a game or an activity that has demanded effort in body or mind or in tolerance and team-work can, on the spot, be turned into a Scouts' Own with a thought and a "thank-you" for God -- no necessity for hymns or uniforms or readings. Of course, there is a place for a Scouts' Own with songs and readings -- when a time is set aside for God. Then it can be good to tell a story of adventure or challenge, where the people have relied on their faith -- whatever their faith -- in the Creator God to achieve their goal; and sing a

campfire song or two about sharing and caring and serving. The song "Allelu, alleluia, praise ye the Lord" can be fun, because, divided into two groups, one does the 'Alleluias' and the other the 'Praise ye the Lord' and whenever they are singing they stand and when not they sit. This is praise that is ordered chaos and fun. Maybe that's a good description of a true Scouts' Own.

And prayers. A lot of young folk today find prayer difficult, yet the best prayers come from them. The young Cub Scout who prays "Thank you God for making me" has hit the nail on the head that's a Scouts' Own in a sentence. So it is far better to let the young people make up their own prayers - maybe creating a Group book of prayers and use it, updating it year by year. As a Leader you will never quite match, for them, the depth of their own thinking.

Finally, having, hopefully, done away with the mystique surrounding and the necessity of formality or a formal structure for Scouts' Owns, we suggest you go and get on with them - and enjoy them!

Some Ideas on Scouts' Owns

By Baden Powell

Printed in "The Scouter", November 1928

For an open Troop, or for Troops in camp, I think the Scouts' Own should be open to all denominations, and carried on in such manner as to offend none. There should not be any special form, but it should abound in the right spirit, and should be conducted not from any ecclesiastical point of view, but from that of the boy. Everything likely to make an artificial atmosphere should be avoided. We do not want a kind of imposed Church Parade, but a voluntary uplifting of their hearts by the boys in thanksgiving for the joys of life, and a desire on their part to seek inspiration and strength for greater love and service for others.

A Scouts' Own should have as big an effect on the boys as any service in Church, if in conducting the Scouts' Own we remember that boys are not grown men, and if we go by the pace of the youngest and most uneducated of those present. Boredom is not reverence, nor will it breed religion.

To interest the boys, the Scouts' Own must be a cheery and varied function. Short hymns (three verses are as a rule quite enough-never more than four); understandable prayers; a good address from a man who really understands boys (a homely "talk" rather than an address), which grips the boys, and in which they may laugh or applaud as the spirit moves them, so that they take a real interest in what is said. If a man cannot make his point to keen boys in ten minutes he ought to be shot! If he has not got them keen, it would be better not to hold a Scouts' Own at all.

LEADER RECOGNITION & INSTALLATION

Scouting is a Candle

Sam Houston Area Council

Scouting is a candle that will light you on your way.
 It's trying on your honor, and helping every day.
 Exploring worlds around you and looking wider still.
 Pitching tents out in the woods and hiking up a hill.
 Music and voices blended under God's majestic sky,
 Helping those around you, kindness in great supply.
 The meaning in a moment, in a smile, or in a tear,
 Makes you a little taller with each new Scouting year.
 A promise to your God and to your country, too,
 Makes you a part of your world, and your world a part of you.
 It's something that you carry wherever you may go,
 A secret deep inside you that only Scouts would know.
 But it's the kind of secret that you want the world to know,
 You can't hide all the happiness; you can't hide all the glow.
 A candle glows together, it shines externally.
 Make it shine on everyone, that's the way the world should be.

Materials – candles (longer tapers, OR take a small birthday cake candle and mount it on a piece of wood/plywood – write in black marker – thank you for shining your light in our pack.)

Cubmaster – Tonight we would like to say thank you to some leaders and parents who have lit up our pack meeting with their helping hands. (Call adults forward and give them thanks and the memento.)

SPECIAL OPPORTUNITIES

Pat Hamilton, Baltimore Area Council

*Let's welcome Pat to the Baloo's Bugle staff!!
 He did a fine job with month's opportunities.*

The plan from now on is to always have an Academics loop & pin, a Sports loop & pin and another award

Heritages Loop and Pin

In keeping with the Core Value of Faith, a good way to help the boys learn about their own family's faith is through the Heritages Academics Pin.

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Webelos Scouts that earn the Heritages Belt Loop while a Webelos Scout also satisfy requirement 12 for the Family Member Activity Badge.

Tiger Cubs, Cub Scouts, and Webelos Scouts may complete requirements in a family, den, pack, school, or community environment. Tiger Cubs must work with their parents or adult partners. Parents and partners do not earn loops or pins.

Heritages Belt Loop



Complete these three requirements:

1. Talk with members of your family about your family heritage: its history, traditions, and culture.
2. Make a poster that shows the origins of your ancestors. Share it with your den or other group.
3. Draw a family tree showing members of your family for three generations.

Heritages Academics Pin



Earn the Heritages belt loop, and complete five of the following requirements:

1. Participate in a pack heritage celebration in which Cub Scouts give presentations about their family heritage.
2. Attend a family reunion.
3. With your parent's or adult partner's permission, find and correspond with a pen pal from another country. Find out how his or her heritage is different from yours.
4. Learn 20 words in a language other than your native language.
5. Interview a grandparent or other family elder about what it was like when he or she was growing up.
6. Work with a parent or adult partner to organize family photographs in a photo album.
7. Visit a genealogy library and talk with the librarian about how to trace family records. *Variation:* Access a genealogy Web site and learn how to use it to find out information about ancestors.
8. Make an article of clothing, a toy, or a tool that your ancestors used. Show it to your den.
9. Help your parent or adult partner prepare one of your family's traditional food dishes.
10. Learn about the origin of your first, middle, or last name. Tell your den or an adult family member about what you learned.

Bicycling Loop and Pin

Finishing up the Handyman Activity Badge and heading into the Sportsman Activity Badge is a great time to focus on bicycles. While working on Handyman, they boys focused on bicycle repair and safety. It's a great time to follow up with the Sportsman Activity Badge and earn the Bicycling Belt Loop.

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Webelos Scouts that earn the Bicycling Belt Loop while a Webelos Scout also satisfy part of requirement 3 for the Sportsman Activity Badge.

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Bicycling Belt Loop

Complete these three requirements:

1. Explain the rules of safe bicycling to your den leader or adult partner.
2. Demonstrate how to wear the proper safety equipment for bicycling.
3. Show how to ride a bike safely. Ride for at least half an hour with an adult partner, your family, or den.



Bicycling Sports Pin

Earn the Bicycling belt loop, and complete requirement 1 below, and do four more of the following requirements:

1. Make a chart to record at least 10 hours of bicycling. (Required)
2. Participate in a pack, den, or community bike rodeo.
3. Demonstrate how to repair a flat tire on a bicycle.
4. Make a poster illustrating different types of early bikes and show it to your den.
5. Give a demonstration to your den or pack on the proper use of safety equipment and gear.
6. With the help of a parent or adult partner, register or reregister your bicycle.
7. Go on a "bicycle hike" with your family or den. Obey traffic rules related to bicycling.
8. Repair or restore a nonfunctioning bicycle to a safe condition. Include the installation of all proper safety devices.
9. Visit a bicycle race or exhibition.
10. Help set up a bike rodeo or bike competition for your pack.

For worksheets to help with earning these awards got to <http://usscouts.org/advance/cubscout/sports/bicycling.asp>

Emergency Preparedness BSA

This award is a great follow-up to last month's Core Value of Compassion with its emphasis on first aid. Pat



The United States Department of Homeland Security (DHS) is pleased to partner with the Boy Scouts of America to increase the level of citizen preparedness across the country. DHS has asked the Boy Scouts of America to build upon the foundation of the Ready campaign and to help citizens across the country prepare for emergencies of all kinds.

Emergency management, emergency preparedness, and disaster services are common throughout the United States—we take care of each other. By whatever name, these activities encompass mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery related to any kind of disaster, whether natural, technological, or national security. Emergency preparedness means being prepared for all kinds of emergencies, able to respond in time of crisis to save lives and property, and to help a community—or even a nation—return to normal life after a disaster occurs.

It is a challenge to be prepared for emergencies in our world of man-made and natural phenomena. The Emergency Preparedness BSA program is planned to inspire the desire and foster the skills to meet this challenge in our youth and adult members so that they can participate effectively in this crucial service to their families, communities, and nation.

The emergencies of today's world demand more than ever that our young people and adults be trained as individuals and as units to meet emergency situations. The importance of this training is not new to the Boy Scouts of America, as Scouting has always taught youth to be prepared for all types of emergencies. Since Scouting began in the United States, Scouts have responded to the needs of their communities and nation in time of crisis.

From its beginning, the Scouting movement has taught youth to do their best, to do their duty to God and country, to help others, and to prepare themselves physically, mentally, and morally to meet these goals. The basic aims of Scouting include teaching youth to take care of themselves, to be helpful to others, and to develop courage, self-reliance, and the will to be ready to serve in an emergency.

In addition to the millions of youth and adults who are active members of the Boy Scouts of America, millions of former members were trained in Scouting skills that prepare them for meeting emergencies. They are a built-in source of help to meet the challenge of readiness for any emergency situation. As Scouting units across the country begin planning an emphasis on emergency preparedness, this foundation of former members can be a resource for support—a trained group to help assure a response that will benefit the homes and communities of our nation.

When an emergency occurs, it affects every youth and adult member of BSA in the immediate area, creating the responsibility to respond first, as an individual; second, as a member of a family; and third, as a member of a Scouting unit serving the neighborhood and community. Because of these multiple levels of responsibility, the Emergency Preparedness BSA plan includes training for individual, family, and unit preparedness. Special training in all three areas is a prerequisite for BSA members conducting any type of emergency service in their communities.

Individual Preparedness

The primary emphasis of this initial step in the program is to train members to be mentally and emotionally prepared to act promptly and to develop in them the ability to take care of themselves. Teaching young people to know and be able to use practical survival skills when needed is an important part of individual preparedness.

Family Preparedness

Since family groups will be involved in most emergency situations, this part of the plan includes basic instructions to help every Scouting family prepare for emergencies. Families will work together to learn basic emergency skills and how to react when faced with fires, floods, hurricanes, tornadoes, explosions, warning signals, fallout protection, terrorism attacks, and other emergency situations.

Community Preparedness

The program fosters the desire to help others and teaches members how to serve their communities in age-appropriate ways. By taking the age-appropriate First Aid for Children course (Tiger Cubs) and Basic Aid Training (Wolf and Bear Cub Scouts), these boys help ease the burden on the family and community resources. Through all Scouting ranks and for adult members, the responsibilities and skills for community service increase with the members' maturity.

The Award



When a member has fulfilled the requirements, a completed application is submitted to the council. Upon approval, an Emergency Preparedness pin is awarded. The pin may be worn on civilian clothing or on the uniform, centered on the left pocket flap. The award may be earned more than once; for instance, as a young person advances through the ranks **and is capable of more complex preparedness activities, but** only one pin may be worn.

All emergency activities carried out by Scouting units must be appropriate for the ages and abilities of the young people involved. Units should participate only under the supervision of their own leaders, and plans for unit help must be coordinated with community agencies responsible for disaster preparedness.

Tiger Cub Requirements

1. Complete Tiger Cub Achievement 3—Keeping Myself Healthy and Safe. This achievement covers a family fire

plan and drill and what to do if separated from the family.

2. Complete Tiger Cub Elective 27—Emergency! This elective helps a Tiger Cub be ready for emergencies and dangerous situations and has him discuss a family emergency plan with his family.
3. With your parent or guardian's help, complete one of these three activities.
4. Take the American Red Cross *First Aid for Children Today* (FACT) course.
5. Join a safe kids program such as McGruff Child Identification, Internet Safety, or Safety at Home.
6. Show and tell your family household what you have learned about preparing for emergencies.

Wolf Cub Scout Requirements

1. Complete Wolf Cub Scout Achievement 9*—Be Safe at Home and on the Street. This is a check of your home to keep it safe.
2. Complete Wolf Cub Scout Elective 16*—Family Alert. This elective is about designing a plan for your home and family in case an emergency takes place.
3. With your parent or guardian's help, complete one of the following activities that you have not already completed for this award as a Tiger Cub:
 4. Take American Red Cross *Basic Aid Training* (BAT) to learn emergency skills and care for choking, wounds, nose bleeds, falls, and animal bites. This course includes responses for fire safety, poisoning, water accidents, substance abuse, and more.
 5. Make a presentation to your family on what you have learned about preparing for emergencies.
 6. Join a Safe Kids program such as McGruff Child Identification program. Put on a training program for your family or den on stranger awareness, Internet safety, or safety at home.

*** Achievement and elective numbers could change; the achievement or elective title determines what the requirement is.**

Bear Cub Scout Requirements

1. Complete Bear Cub Scout Achievement 11*—Be Ready. The focus of this achievement is the best way to handle emergencies.
2. Make a small display or give a presentation for your family or den on what you have learned about preparing for emergencies.
3. With your parent or guardian's help, complete one of the following activities that you have not already completed for this award as a Tiger Cub or Wolf Cub Scout:
 4. Take American Red Cross *Basic Aid Training* (BAT) to learn emergency skills and care for choking, wounds, nose bleeds, falls, and animal bites. This course includes responses for fire safety, poisoning, water accidents, substance abuse, and more..

5. Put together a family emergency kit for use in the home.
6. Organize a safe kids program such as McGruff Child Identification program. Put on a training program for your family or den on stranger awareness, Internet safety, or safety at home.

** Achievement and elective numbers could change; the achievement or elective title determines what the requirement is.*

Webelos Scout Requirements

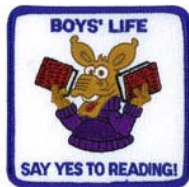
1. Earn the Readyman activity badge from the community badge group.
2. Build a family emergency kit, with an adult family member participating in the project.
3. With your parent or guardian's help, complete one of the following that you have not already completed for this award as a Tiger Cub or Wolf or Bear Cub Scout:
 4. Take a first aid course conducted by your local American Red Cross chapter.
 5. Give a presentation to your den on preparing for emergencies.
 6. Organize a training program for your Webelos den on stranger awareness, Internet safety, or safety at home.

For more information and award applications got to:

<http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/media/publications/emergencypreparedness.aspx>

Boys' Life Reading Contest for 2011

<http://boyslife.org/>



SAY 'YES' TO READING

Enter the 2011 Boys' Life Reading Contest

Write a one-page report titled "The Best Book I Read This Year" and enter it in the Boys' Life 2011 "Say Yes to Reading!" contest.

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

- * 8 years old and younger
- * 9 and 10 years old
- * 11 years old and older

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

Everyone who enters will get a free patch like the one on this page. (*And, yes, the patch is a temporary insignia, so it can be worn on the Boy Scout uniform shirt, on the right pocket. Proudly display it there or anywhere!*) In coming years, you'll have the opportunity to earn different patches.

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

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

Boys' Life Reading Contest
S306

P.O. Box 152079
Irving, TX 75015-2079

Entries must be postmarked by Dec. 31, 2011 and must include entry information and a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

For more details go to <http://boyslife.org/>

Knot of the Month

Pack Trainer



The pack trainer's main objective is to have 100 percent of the pack leadership trained in their position responsibilities. New leaders and adult family members should receive orientation within one week of joining the pack. Leaders should receive position-specific training as soon as the training becomes available.

Position Qualifications

The pack trainer must:

- Meet BSA membership requirements and be at least 21 years of age
- Be registered with the Boy Scouts of America as a pack trainer. It is recommended that the pack trainer have at least one year of experience in a leadership position in Cub Scouting. Pack trainers should participate in a Trainer Development Conference.

For new packs and those lacking experienced leaders, an experienced leader may be appointed as pack trainer until the new leaders gain experience.

Responsibilities

The pack trainer is responsible for:

- Remaining current with training material and program updates
- Conducting orientation of new families
- Providing Fast Start Training to new leaders. (Fast Start Training can be used as a recruiting tool.
- The pack trainer should contact the new leader within two or three days to review the information and answer questions. Fast Start Training can be completed by viewing the Fast Start video or DVD or by completing the training on your council's Web site.)
- Conducting monthly Unit Leadership Enhancements
- Encouraging pack leaders to attend:
 - a. Cub Scout Leader Basic Training, which includes New Leader Essentials Training and Cub Scout Leader Specific Training
 - b. Youth Protection Training
 - c. Roundtable

- d. Pow Wow (if conducted in your council)
- e. BALOO
- f. Outdoor Leader Skills for Webelos Leaders
- g. Wood Badge
- Encouraging den chiefs to attend Den Chief Training
- Maintaining pack training records

Position Summary

Under the direction of the pack committee chairman, the pack trainer helps leaders and parents understand purposes, policies, and procedures of the Cub Scouting program.

The pack trainer conducts, or facilitates, the training of leaders and parents in the pack. The pack trainer promotes training to help leaders learn to plan and conduct pack and den meetings and activities. The pack trainer orients parents and leaders and guides pack leaders in carrying out their specific position responsibilities.

Pack trainer is a registered pack position and is a voting member of the pack committee. Regardless of the size of the pack committee, every pack should have one of its committee members registered as a pack trainer.

From: <http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/13-152.pdf>

Award Requirements

from www.usscouts.org

TENURE:

1. Complete 2 years as a registered Pack Trainer

TRAINING:

1. Fast Start training for the Pack Committee
2. Complete New Leader Essentials and be familiar with and able to explain the key elements of Leader Specific Training for all volunteer positions in the pack.
3. Complete Youth Protection Training
4. Participate in a TDC.

PERFORMANCE:

1. Participate in a Cub Scout leader Pow Wow or University of Scouting during each year of tenure for this award.
2. Have Cub Scout Roundtable staff certify your attendance for at least 30% of the roundtables during each year of your tenure for this award.
3. Attain 100% trained leadership within the pack for the committee chairman, Cubmaster and all the den leaders.
4. Have a working plan in place for delivering Fast Start training to new leaders within 48 hours of their joining your pack.
5. Have a working plan in place for helping leaders who have not taken basic training to attend New Leader Essentials and leader specific training.
6. Keep and update training records of all leaders in your pack.
7. During the pack annual program planning meeting, be available to answer questions about training courses.
8. Review ongoing pack leadership training status and provide leaders with updates on any available supplemental training.

Note: You may see a variation of this knot on some uniforms. When the position was first established, the knot had a different design.



PACK NIGHT IDEAS

Here are some themes that should have good material for

Compassion

Wendy, Chief Seattle Council

“Walk in my Shoes,” March 2004

Baloo's Bugle

<http://usscouts.org/usscouts/bbugle/bb0402.pdf>,

“Seeds of Kindness,” November 2008

Baloo's Bugle

<http://usscouts.org/usscouts/bbugle/bb0810.pdf>.

CS Program Helps

<http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/2008-11.pdf>

GATHERING ACTIVITIES

"Gathering Activities" for large groups and getting groups to know each other are in this edition. Those good for dens (e.g. word searches, puzzles, mazes) are in the Den edition. Dave

Note on Word Searches, Word Games, Mazes and such – In order to make these items fit in the two column format of Baloo's Bugle they are shrunk to a width of about 3 inches. Your Cubs probably need bigger pictures. You can get these by copying and pasting the picture from the Word version or clipping the picture in the Adobe (.pdf) version and then enlarging to page width. CD

Search for Faith

Alice, Golden Empire Council

Words in this search all pertain to Faith – words may be in any direction.

D O G O H D M O F F Z C P A
 N P N W B H B R C B S E L F
 N O V L Z P I S O S C R U W
 U E I Y U E I P N W Z T D V
 S C J G N J J R F Q L A H B
 Q N J D I Q F O I V F I S P
 B A S L E L Z O D F H N V R
 Y I E L V P E F E H U T T I
 E L K B O F O R N H K R F N
 R E N E R Y Y H C X U Z A C
 U R V L N F A Z E S G L C I
 S B V I W B B L T O U S M P
 Z G C E R O K N T O L P X L
 F H P F O L W O U Y R Z R E

Here are the words:

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| Belief | Principle | Certain |
| Proof | Confidence | Reliance |
| Friends | Religion | God |
| Self | Hope | Sure |
| Loyalty | Trust | |

Faith Bingo

Commissioner Dave

Give each person a Board. They are to go around and meet people. After meeting someone and learning their name, they are to ask them to sign a box. Each person can only sign one box!!! This is not a speed contest; there should be discussion and introduction before signing!! Here is a sample board- boxes may be changed to suit your group

EARNED A RELIGIOUS AWARD AS A YOUTH	SERVES AS AN USHER IN CHURCH	HAS BEEN ON A MISSION TRIP A TO HELP OTHERS	VOLUNTEERS WITH A GROUP AT CHURCH	ATTENDED A CHURCH CAMP AS A YOUTH
READ FROM THE BIBLE OR OTHER RELIGIOUS BOOK THIS WEEK	EARNED RELIGIOUS AWARD \$ AT SEVERAL LEVELS OF SCOUTING AS A YOUTH	IS AN OFFICER IN YOUR CHURCH	KNOWS PRAYER IS POWERFUL	HAS MENTORED A SCOUT ON HIS RELIGIOUS AWARD
HAS HELPED AT A YBS OR CHURCH CAMP	HAS THANKED GOD FOR THE BEAUTY OF THE EARTH	FREE !!! SIGN YOUR NAME	HAS ATTENDED A SCOUT SERVICE WHILE CAMPING	HAS BROUGHT A VISITOR TO CHURCH
HAS TOURED A CHURCH OR SANCTUARY	HAS BEEN A CHAPLAIN OR CHAPLAIN'S AIDE FOR A UNIT	KNOWS AT LEAST ONE TIME GOD HELPED SOLVE A PROBLEM	WAS PRESENTED THE ADULT RELIGIOUS RECOGNITION OF YOUR FAITH	HAS TRAVELED TO A SACRED PLACE IN ANOTHER COUNTRY
SAYS GRACE AT MEALS	HAS TAUGHT SUNDAY SCHOOL OR OTHER YOUTH CLASS	FAMILY PRAYS TOGETHER	WENT TO CHURCH LAST SUNDAY	THANKS GOD WHEN THINGS GO WELL

Be sure to enlarge the BINGO Board to fill a sheet of paper and put some directions on the sheet, too.

Emblems of Faith Puzzles

Commissioner Dave

- Materials:** Pictures of Religious Awards printed on card stock or pasted to thin cardboard.
- ✓ Cut the pictures into puzzle pieces - 4 or 6 per card.
 - ✓ Give each participant a piece of a puzzle.
 - ✓ Have them try and complete the puzzle by talking with others and finding the others pieces.
 - ✓ During Icebreaker have them show the completed puzzle and read the back. *(Have tape available)*

OPENING CEREMONIES

FAITH

Commissioner Dave

Materials: Five cards each with one letter from the word FAITH on front and the appropriate text on back. A picture on front would be good, too. Perhaps, symbols of five different religions. Perhaps a picture appropriate to the text.

- Cub #1: F FOLLOW.** We follow the beliefs of our faith and practice them with our family.
- Cub #2: A ACT.** We act in ways that show our love and faith
- Cub #3: I INVOLVED.** We are involved. Helping in service projects for others and learning about our faith.
- Cub #4: T THANKFUL.** We are Thankful for our faith, our family, and all that God has given us.
- Cub #5: H HOPE.** We hope that your faith leads you to do these things, too. *(Or, We hope for a better world as people practice their Faith.)*

Where Faith is Found Opening*Alice, Golden Empire Council*

Materials: Have each boy make a sign to hold with the letter he has been assigned. Alternately, you can simply download images or make letter signs. Write each boy's part on the back of the sign in large letters.

Narrator: This month we have been learning all about Faith – see if you recognize these examples of where Faith is Found.

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Cub #1: (*holding up letter or posting on the wall*) Follow the example of your religious leaders, your grandparents, or others who have great faith – it will help you find your own Faith.



Cub #2: (*holding up letter or posting on the wall*) Always look for examples of faith as you enjoy the outdoors – like the breeze, faith cannot be seen – but you can feel its presence.



Cub #3: (*holding up letter or posting on the wall*) If you want to have faith, learn to serve others – without complaining.

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Cub #4: (*holding up letter or posting on the wall*) Trust in your God, your Country and Yourself – And always be a person that can BE trusted if you want to find Faith.



Cub #5: (*holding up letter or posting on the wall*) How you ACT will show what you really believe.

(All boys return and hold up their letters)

All: SHOW YOUR FAITH!

Narrator: As you can see, the boys have learned some important ways to really SHOW their faith. And we'd like you to join us in Showing how we feel about our Country – where every person can follow their own faith, and worship as they please.....

(Lead into the Flag Ceremony..)

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATIONS & STORIES

Faith Based Stories

http://scouts.org.uk/documents/Magazine/decjan_09/beavdecjan09.pdf

There are many stories that relate to the Beaver *Scout (US - Cub Scout)* Promise, and which come from the many faiths that make up our nation's identity. Here is a snapshot:

- The Good Samaritan (Christianity). The classic tale of the man from Samaria who, unlike the others who passed by, helped a man in desperate need. www.tinyurl.com/l9rdd8
- The snake in the wall (Judaism). A tale about a girl who was especially kind and helpful and who was rewarded with her life. www.tinyurl.com/l3oqju
- A brother like that (Islam). A modern parable about thinking of others and being kind. www.tinyurl.com/lofm36
- Six blind men and the elephant (Hinduism) A great poem about how you shouldn't make decisions based on one piece of evidence. www.tinyurl.com/ly89f5

Read some of these stories to the Beaver Scouts (*US - Cub Scouts*) and they can then act them out in small groups or draw the story for themselves in cartoon form.

WOULD LIKE TO ADD ANOTHER ONE HERE

ADVANCEMENT CEREMONIES

Faith Advancement

Alice, Golden Empire Council

Gather gardening, fire building, cooking materials to use as props. You could either use just one type of material, or you could use gardening materials for the Tigers and Wolf den boys, Cooking materials for Bears and Fire Building materials for Webelos/Arrow of Light boys.

Each boy's advancement items should be placed under (or in) an item, then brought out as the boys and their parents are called up. For example:

Cubmaster: (*pointing to gardening equipment*) The boys in the Tiger den have been learning all about Faith this month - They planted some seeds - and watched them grow. I'd like to call up _____ and his parents. (*holds up seed packet and removes advancements - gives parent pin to boy to present, and advancement to parents to present to boy*)

Continue calling up and presenting awards -

For Gardening Equipment, you could also use refer to the planting directions (scriptures), trowel (to prepare the soil), watering can (need to nourish faith), etc.

If using Cooking materials, use Recipe as Scriptures, Baking Powder or yeast as the way to raise the dough, mixing or kneading as the way to practice faith, etc.

With Fire Building materials, Shovel to prepare the area, tinder as first stirrings of faith, then kindling and fuel; you could also include a match as the "spark" that activates, and the need for air to keep fire going.

WEBELOS Knighting

WEBELOS Badge Ceremony:

Sean Casey, Pack 1154, Ashburn, VA

Characters: King Arthur (CM), Jester(CA) , Webelos (Name or #).

Props: King Costume, Jester (Clown Costume) Webelos badges

(Can be used for any rank)

King Arthur: I am King Arthur, head of the Webelos Round Table. I understand that there are (Webelos Patrol Name) here that have earned their Webelos Badge. Jester is that true... Jester... Jester where are you?"

Jester: (Coming from behind stage) "Sire here I am, what did you need?"

King Arthur: I wanted to know if the (Webelos Patrol Name) are ready to receive their Webelos Badge and be knighted into the Webelos Round Table.

Jester: Well I am not sure, let me look. (Stumbles over to Tigers)...
No just Tigers over here (Stumbles to Bears, sniffs)
No these are bears, no (Webelos Patrol Name)

here. ...

(next over to Wolves, hand to ear listens carefully)...

Just Wolves here, sorry Your Highness I do not see any (Webelos Patrol Name) here."

King Arthur: Jester what about that group over there, they look like (Webelos Patrol Name) to me."

Jester: Oh yes that does look like are group of (Webelos Patrol Name)!

King Arthur: Are they ready to be Knighted into The Webelos Round Table?

Jester: Let me check. Have you (Webelos Patrol Name) Earned the Fitness and Citizenship Badges.

Webelos: YES!

Jester: Have you been active in your Webelos den for 3 months?

Webelos: YES!

Jester: Have you lead or participated in a Flag Ceremony?

Webelos: YES!

King Arthur: Jester Bring them up to me for further inspection.

(Jester leads the scouts up front, then steps off to right)

King Arthur: Yes Jester I think they may be ready. Let me see...Do you know the meaning of WEBELOS?

Webelos: We'll Be Loyal Scouts.

King Arthur: Have you learned the Outdoor Code and will you follow it?

Webelos: YES!

King Arthur: I think we are almost ready. (Webelos Patrol Name), show me the Boy Scout salute..... Now show me the Boy Scout sign.... and your final test.... demonstrate the Boy Scout handshake.

Jester, you are right. These young (Webelos Patrol Name) are ready to be Knighted and welcomed into the Webelos Round Table!"

(King Arthur walks down the line announcing each scout and Knighting them with the sword, Jester Follows and hands them the Webelos Badge.)

-After badges are handed out.

Jester: Would the parents of the newly knighted Webelos please come join their Scouts.

King Arthur: Parents you should be proud of your scouts. They have come a long way in scouting. But the could not have gotten this far without your help. So the King and his court thank you as well. How about a big round of applause for the Webelos and their parents!

(After applause everyone returns to their seats.)

SONGS

WOULD LIKE TO ADD ANOTHER ONE HERE

Also, going to add list of faith songs from CS Songbook (e.g. Father Abraham, Three Jolly Fishermen, Green Grow the Rushes Ho)

Cub Scout Garden Commissioner Dave

Tune: She'll Be Coming Round the Mountain.

It is Spring time and planting gardens is appropriate. This ties in faith with the season. I wrote this one a few years ago. It has many more verses. (Too many for Cub Scout attention spans!!)

Be sure to create some really good motions for the verses!

We will plant our Cub Scout Garden in the spring
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We will plant our Cub Scout Garden in the spring
We will pray to God to watch our crop each day
We will pray to God to watch our crop each day
We will pray to God to watch
We will pray to God to watch
We will pray to God to watch our crop each day
We will reap our harvest early in the fall
We will reap our harvest early in the fall
We will reap our harvest early
We will reap our harvest early
We will reap our harvest early in the fall
Then we'll Thank God for his help with our garden
Then we'll Thank God for his help with our garden
Then we'll Thank God for his help
Then we'll Thank God for his help
Then we'll Thank God for his help with our garden

Faith Is....

Alice, Golden Empire Council (Tune: Row, Row, Row Your Boat)

Each day the Sun will Rise,
Each night will bring the Moon,
The seasons too will come and go,
As Midnight follows Noon

Each seed can also grow,
When planted in the soil,

With water, sun and fertile earth,
And a gardener to toil

Winds blow upon the earth,
Unseen by human eyes
But on my cheek I feel the breeze
And that's a solid prize

Just like the tiny seed
Your faith can also grow,
With every kind and trusting deed
By actions you can show....

Faith, too cannot be held,
Its color does not show,
But when you walk in humble faith,
There is no doubt, you KNOW.

For The Beauty Of The Earth

Alice, Golden Empire Council

For the beauty of the earth,
For the glory of the skies,
For the love which from our birth
Over and around us lies:
Lord of all, to Thee we raise
This our hymn of grateful praise.

For the beauty of each hour
Of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale, and tree and flower,
Sun and moon and stars of light:
Lord of all, to Thee we raise
This our hymn of grateful praise.

STUNTS AND APPLAUSES

APPLAUSES & CHEERS

Alice, Golden Empire Council

Gardener's Faith: Each person digs a hole with their "trowel", drops in a seed, covers the hole and then makes the motion of using a watering can. Then everyone puts their hands on their hips and says "It's BOUND to GROW!"

Faith Is Applause: (This is a repeat after me applause)

The Sun will rise (Audience repeats)

The Seed will grow (Audience Repeats)

The Wind will blow (Audience Repeats)

I KNOW! (Audience Repeats Three Times)

Take a Hike Applause:

(Leader says each item, audience says "Check!")

Water.....Check!

Snack.....Check!

Map.....Check!

Hat.....Check!

Jacket.....Check!

ALL: Let's Take a Hike!

RUN-ONS

Texting Along

Alice, Golden Empire Council

Have Scout walk in pretending to write a note. As he walks and writes he says the following as if that is what he is writing. (*Or maybe update this - have Scout pretending to TEXT to God*) -

"Dear God, I didn't think orange went very good with purple until I saw the sunset you made on Tue. That was cool. *Scout's Name.*"

Love Me, Love Me Not

Alice, Golden Empire Council

Two Cubs (Or one Cub and a Leader) are walking along across the stage, one is crying (or very upset)

The first Cub asks the crying Cub, "What's wrong?"

"God doesn't love me," he sobs.

"Of course, God loves you," the other declares. "How did you ever come to get such an idea?"

"No," he persists, "He doesn't love me. I know--I tried Him with a daisy." (Holds up plant stem with no more petals.)

Not Necessarily....

Alice, Golden Empire Council

Patient: So Doctor, you say if I believe I'm well, I'll be well. Is that the idea?

Doctor: That's Right.

Patient: Then, if you believe you are paid, I suppose you'll be paid."

Doctor: Not necessarily.

Patient: But why shouldn't faith work as well in one case as in the other?

Doctor: There's a big difference between having faith in God and having faith in you

JOKES & RIDDLES

Things that make you go Hmm:

Sam Houston Area Council

- ♣ Do Stars clean themselves with meteor showers?
- ♣ If athletes get athlete's foot, do astronauts get mistletoe?
- ♣ If outer space is a vacuum, who changes the bags?
- ♣ Why do tourists go to the tops of tall building and then pay money to use telescopes to look at things on the ground?
- ♣ Did you know that all the planets in our solar system rotate counter-clockwise, except Venus? It is the only planet that rotates clockwise.
- ♣ Did you know that it is impossible for most people to lick their own elbow?
- ♣ Did you know that odds are that 75% of you just tried to lick your elbow? (The rest wanted to)

SKITS

Baden-Powell & Good Deeds

Alice, Golden Empire Council

Setting:

- An adult dressed as Baden Powell, and standing off to the side of the stage (or a large picture of him, with the sound of his voice coming from off-stage.)
- A group of Cub Scouts are sitting in the middle, looking like they are talking. (moving their mouths and hands, but not saying anything) If possible, it would be great to have stars on the wall behind the boys, with small white Christmas lights, not turned on, but able to be turned on at the end.

GAMES

Runaround

Commissioner Dave

This is a takeoff of the classic "Four Corners" game

Materials:

- ★ Four (or more) signs. Each sign to have an emblem of a different Faith - Cross (Christian), Star of David (Jewish), ...
- ★ Label the four corners of the hall a different faith (eg Christianity, Judaism, Hinduism and Islam.)
- ★ Have a stack of cards, each with a word or saying related to one of the four faiths you posted in the corners
- ★ Take the top card and call out the fact written on it.
- ★ Tell the Scouts to go to the corner with the emblem of the faith to which the fact relates.
- ★ The Scouts then run to the corner of the room they think is correct. Scouts that do not pick the correct corner are eliminated. Last person left is the winner.

Note:

After writing your cards, you may wish to review some things before beginning the game to make sure everyone has a fair chance at the game

Ideas for cards - Such as:

- **Religious Leaders** - Brahmins (Hindu), Imams (Islam), Rabbis (Jewish), Pastors, Priests, vicars (Christianity)
- **Clothing** - Kacch, white shorts (Sikhs), Yarmulkes, a little cap that covers the crown of the head, as a mark of respect for God (Jewish).
- **Festivals** - Pesach or Passover, a festival held in March or April (Jewish), Pentecost (Christian), Ramadan (Islam), Eid Al-Adha (Muslim)
- **Places of Worship** - Mosques (Muslims), Temples (Jewish), Churches (Christian)
- **Important Cities** - Jerusalem (Jewish, Christian, Islam, Muslim). Mecca (Islam), Rome (Catholic)

CLOSING CEREMONIES

Beatitudes for Cubs *Commissioner Dave*

Materials: Make sure everyone has a copy of the Closing.
Explain the leader will say the first part and the audience will respond.

- Leader:** Blessed are the Scouts, who are taught to see beauty in all things around them,
Scouts: For their world will be a place of grace and wonder.
Leader: Blessed are the Scouts, who are led with patience understanding,
Scouts: For they will learn the strength of endurance and the gift of tolerance.
Leader: Blessed are the Scouts, who are provided a home where family members dwell in harmony and close communication,
Scouts: For they shall become the peacemakers of the world.
Leader: Blessed are the Scouts, who are taught the value and power of truth,
Scouts: **For they search for knowledge and use it with wisdom and discernment.**
Leader: Blessed are the Scouts, who are loved and know that they are loved,
Scouts: For they shall sow seeds of love in the world and reap joy for themselves and others.
All Amen

Baden-Powell and Religion *Alice, Golden Empire Council*

Cubmaster: As we prepare to close this meeting, I'd like to quote something Baden-Powell had to say about religion and faith.

"Religion, briefly explained, means: First: know who God is; Second: use to the best the life He gave us, and do what He expects from us. This means mostly doing something for the others."

- Cub #1:** In our families we should spend time learning to know who God is.
Cub #2: And in Scouting, we need to "Do Our Best" with what God gave each of us.
Cub #3: We need to spend most of our time doing something for others.
Cub #4: Our flag is a symbol of men and women who have sacrificed for others – and some who have given their lives.
Cub #5: Will the audience please rise....(*Go into the flag retrieval ceremony*)

Cubmaster's Minutes

Thank you for Our Faith *Commissioner Dave*

An Opening or Closing Prayer

Lord, thank you for leading us to faith and showing us your way. Help us to help our Cub Scouts develop in their faiths. And remain true to their faith continuing in your way.
AMEN.

Have Faith

Commissioner Dave

Mohammad Ali (Give some background on him) said, "It's lack of faith that makes people afraid of meeting challenges." And he overcame all the obstacles.

Cubs I need you to have Faith in God and through that Faith know that he will give you the strength to do succeed. You are the only thing in your way to success.

Baden-Powell and Faith

Alice, Golden Empire Council

Baden-Powell was totally unembarrassed about the role of faith in character-building. At the heart of the Scouting and Guiding promises was their 'duty to God'. When dealing with conflicts in the Scouting movement, B.P. recommended that people "...ask themselves the simple question, 'What would Christ have done under the circumstances?' and be guided accordingly." Baden-Powell saw a danger in Scouting that the recreational might overwhelm the spiritual side. So he wrote them... "Don't let the technical outweigh the moral. Field efficiency, backwoodsmanship, camping, hiking, good turns, Jamboree comradeships are all means, not the end. The end is CHARACTER --character with a purpose...the active service of Love and Duty to God and neighbour."

CORE VALUE RELATED STUFF

Connecting Faith with Outdoor Activities

Wendy, Chief Seattle Council
(Adapted from B.A.L.O.O. Appendix E)

- ★ **Hikes** - Conduct an Interfaith hike. Hike to a place of worship. Participate in a "Ten Commandments Hike" (Google "Ten Commandments Hike" to get ideas for this).
- ★ **Nature Activities** - Identify divinity in the big (mountains, rivers, horses) and small things (insects, birds, tree leaves, snowflakes) in nature
- ★ **Service Projects** - Help clean up a local place of worship or help with one of their activities (e.g. feeding the homeless or conducting a blanket drive).
- ★ **Games & Sports** - Remind boys that their physical abilities are a gift from God and reinforce that they should be thankful that they are so wondrously created.
- ★ **Ceremonies** - Hold a trail devotion. Hold recognition ceremonies and pack celebrations outdoors in the beauty of nature.
- ★ **Campfires** - Include an item related to Duty to God. Sing a song for the closing ceremony that incorporates faith, applicable to all members' faiths. Tell a story that incorporates the concept of faith.
- ★ **Den Trips** - Take a field trip to a place of worship. Visit a nearby church or mission and learn about the history and faith of people who lived in your area earlier in history.
- ★ **Pack Overnighter** - Conduct an interfaith service (even if the overnighter does not take place on a traditional day of worship) An after dark or sunrise service could also be planned.

April – A Month For Faith

Alice, Golden Empire Council

April 1 – April Fool's Day – Remember, God has a sense of humor! And plan to serve one of the fun recipes from Cub Grub or Family Fun Magazine!

April 3 – Find a Rainbow Day – and even if you don't have one in the sky – remember that Faith means always having hope and seeing the glass half full – so go find some rainbows!

April 5 – Read a Road Map Day – Every scout should learn to read a map – it's a skill that will put a positive outlook on any trip – and count towards requirements for the boys!

April 8 – Ponce de Leon Day – Born in 1460, this explorer discovered Florida and searched for the Fountain of Youth. We can teach the boys that Faith can be a real Fountain of Youth – service keeps you young!

April 9 – First public library opened in 1833 in Peterborough, New Hampshire. Information about any religion can be found in your local library!

April 10 – Encourage a Young Writer Day. Check out the various Achievements, Electives and Activity Pins where writing is required.

April 11 – Jackie Robinson Day – On this day in 1947, he became the first African American to play in modern major league baseball – and he relied on his own strength of character and Faith to face his many challenges.

April 13 – Thomas Jefferson's Birthday in 1743 – he included references to Faith and God in the Constitution.

April 15 – Leonardo Da Vinci Birthday in 1452 – with his great mind and imagination, he's a great example of having faith in yourself and **your own ideas!**

April 16 – Slavery abolished in Washington D.C. by Abraham Lincoln in 1862

April 18 – Passover begins at sundown

April 20 – National Pineapple Upside-Down Cake Day – try the recipe in Cub Grub!

April 22 – Earth Day 2011 – Take on a project to **help make the earth a better place!**

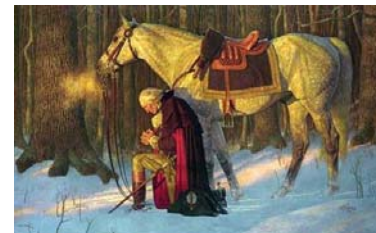
April 23 – Home Run Day – Hank Aaron hit his first home run in 1954 – and he was a Scout, too! He never forgot to "Do Your Best!"

April 24 – Easter – Not just a Fun, Hide the Eggs and Find Them Day – it's a religious holiday about Faith for many people.

April 26 – Hug a Friend Day – Don't forget what Baden-Powell said: "The most worth-while thing is to try to put happiness into the lives of others."

April 27 – Tell a Story Day – Tell someone a personal story about Faith, or find one about Faith to share with someone else.

April 30 – National Honesty Day – In 1789, George Washington was inaugurated as the first US president – and he was known for his honesty and faith, even though he really didn't chop down that cherry tree!



State Arbor Days

Alice, Golden Empire Council

If you want to celebrate Arbor Day, (and the beauty of our natural world), by observing Arbor Day, check this list:

- Alabama - Last full week in February (Longleaf Pine)
- Alaska - Third Monday in May (Sitka Spruce)
- Arizona - Last Friday in April (Palo Verde)
- Arkansas - Third Monday in March (Pine)
- California - March 7-14 (California Redwood)
- Colorado - Third Friday in April (Blue Spruce)
- Connecticut - April 30 (White Oak)
- Delaware - Last Friday in April (American Holly)

- District of Columbia - Last Friday in April (Scarlet Oak)
- Florida - Third Friday in January (Cabbage Palmetto)
- Georgia - Third Friday in February (Live Oak)
- Hawaii - First Friday in November (Kukui)
- Idaho - Last Friday in April (Western White Pine)
- Illinois - Last Friday in April (White Oak)
- Indiana - Last Friday in April (Tulip Tree)
- Iowa - Last Friday in April (Oak)
- Kansas - Last Friday in March (Cottonwood)
- Kentucky - First Friday in April (Tulip Poplar)
- Louisiana - Third Friday in January (Bald Cypress)
- Maine - Third full week in May (Eastern White Pine)
- Maryland - First Wednesday in April (White Oak)
- Massachusetts - April 28-May 5 (American Elm)
- Michigan - Last Friday in April (Eastern White Pine)
- Minnesota - Last Friday in April (Red Pine)
- Mississippi - Second Friday in February (Southern Magnolia)
- Missouri - First Friday in April (Flowering Dogwood)
- Montana - Last Friday in April (Ponderosa Pine)
- Nebraska - Last Friday in April (Cottonwood)
- Nevada - Southern: February 28; Northern: April 23 (Single leaf Pinyon)
- New Hampshire - Last Friday in April (Paper Birch)
- New Jersey - Last Friday in April (Northern Red Oak)
- New Mexico - Second Friday in March (Pinyon)
- New York - Last Friday in April (Sugar Maple)
- North Carolina - First Friday following March 15 (Pine)
- North Dakota - First Friday in May (American Elm)
- Ohio - Last Friday in April (Ohio Buckeye)
- Oklahoma - Last full week in March (Eastern Redbud)
- Oregon - First full week in April (Douglas Fir)
- Pennsylvania - Last Friday in April (Eastern Hemlock)
- Rhode Island - Last Friday in April (Red Maple)
- South Carolina - First Friday in December (Cabbage Palmetto)
- South Dakota - Last Friday in April (White Spruce)
- Tennessee - First Friday in March (Yellow Poplar)
- Texas - Last Friday in April (Pecan)
- Utah - Last Friday in April (Blue Spruce)
- Vermont - First Friday in May (Sugar Maple)
- Virginia - Second Friday in April (Flowering Dogwood)
- Washington - Second Wednesday in April (Western Hemlock)
- West Virginia - Second Friday in April (Sugar Maple)
- Wisconsin - Last Friday in April (Sugar Maple)
- Wyoming - Last Monday in April (Cottonwood)

PACK ACTIVITIES

Visits.

Commissioner Dave

All faiths have at their heart the desire to be good citizens and to help others in the community. This spirituality lies at the heart of Scouting and is what sets us apart from youth clubs and many other organizations. Demonstrate this by visiting senior citizens and planting bulbs in their gardens. Alternatively, decorate flowerpots at a meeting, plant bulbs in these and then take them to the Senior Citizens.

- ✓ **Visit two places from different religions such as a church and a mosque.** Make a poster to show the differences and similarities of the places visited, using drawings, words, photos (Get permission to take photos before you go) and pictures cut from magazines. Perhaps you could pair up elements of each faith you look at. For example:

	Christianity	Judaism	Islam
Book	Bible	Tenakh	Qu'ran
Leader	Pastor, Vicar	Rabbi	Imam
Place of Worship	Church	Temple	Mosque

Before you visit with your Den, have someone go to the places of worship and take some photographs of details in and around each building. Print these off and create a visual treasure hunt for the boys to do during the visit. Have each Cub (or pair (Buddy System)) find each item pictured and then answer a simple question. For example, a photograph of the font asking what date is carved into it.

- ✓ **Take part in a 10 Commandment Hike or plan one just for your group.** Ten Commandment Hikes are interfaith and cross-cultural events. Hikers visit ten different houses of worship to hear a brief talk about that faith, its worship space, and an explanation of one of the Ten Commandments. Participants gain greater understanding of other religions and are introduced to the religious awards programs. If your community is interested in sponsoring a "Ten Commandment Hike", resources and ideas are available at <http://www.praypub.org/10commhike.htm> Another format is to set up ten stations (or maybe 5) around camp and have the boys hike to each. Someone at the station explains a commandment (or two). Then the boys play a game or do an activity that reflects on what was taught before moving on to the next station.

MORE GAMES AND ACTIVITIES

Wendy, Chief Seattle Council



- ✓ Other useful items from the How-To Book are referenced throughout Baloo's Bugle.

Want to check something in the "How To Book," and your copy is not available?? Want to copy something quick to use at a meeting?? You can find the "How To Book" at this address on **National's Web Site** - http://www.scouting.org/filestore/hispanic/english/33832_WEB.pdf

CUB GRUB

"Cub Grub" recipes are in the Den edition. Dave

POW WOW EXTRAVAGANZAS

Southern NJ Council

Improving Your 'Scoutability'

Postponed - University of Scouting under development

WEB SITES

And Other Resources

**Faith Activity Badge
for British Scouts**
Commissioner Dave



Beaver Magazine is published by the Scouting in England for Leaders of their youngest boys. This edition has an article on how to earn their Faith Award. It has lots of good ideas.

http://scouts.org.uk/documents/Magazine/decjan_09/beavdecjan09.pdf

Great Scout Sites

Great Salt Lake Council

<http://www.scouting.org/scoutsources/CubScouts.aspx>

<http://www.boyscoutstrail.com/cub-scouts/cub-scouts.asp>

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

<http://usscouts.org/bbugle.asp>

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

http://meritbadge.org/wiki/index.php/Cub_Scout_Leader_Portal

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

http://www.makingfriends.com/scouts/scouts_boys.htm

<http://crafts.kaboose.com/cub-scout/>

<http://www.boyscouttrail.com/cub-scouts/tiger-scout-activities.asp>

<http://www.google.com/imghp?hl=en&tab=wi> -
Search for "cub scout coloring pages"

<http://www.activity-sheets.com/scout/camp-coloring/index.htm>

<http://coloringbookfun.com/scouts/>

<http://coloringpages.nick-magic.com/boyscouts.html>

<http://www.artistshelpingchildren.org/popsiclestickscraftsideascraftstickskids.html>

<http://www.etowahcreek.com/slides.htm>

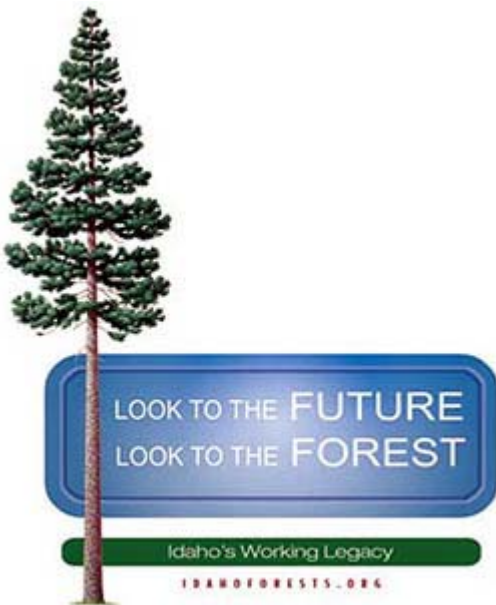
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<http://scienceshareware.com/lilivw/cub-scout-neckerchief-slides.htm>

<http://cubclub.tripod.com/>

<http://cubclub.tripod.com/craft.html>

ONE LAST THING



Why does an old man plant a tree?

by Robert H Mealey

My friends quite often ask of me,
Why does an old man plant a tree?

It grows so slow it will not pay,
A profit for you anyway.

Then why in storm and winter cold,
Do you plant when you are so old?

The answer seems hard to define,
When muscles ache and they are mine.

But I just cannot stand to see,
A space where there should be a tree.
So that in part as years unfold,
Is why I plant when I'm so old.

I know that animals, bugs and things,
Love trees, and so do such as go on wings.

So creatures wild that benefit,
Is one more reason I can't quit
From planting trees while I can hold,
My planting hoe, though I'm so old.

They say that those retired from labor,
Should fish and play and talk to neighbor.

They say also that folks in leisure,
Should do the things which give them pleasure.
And so the thought on which I'm sold,
I'll plant some trees though I'm so old.

As time goes on my trees will grow.
So tall and clean and row on row.
The furry folk will have a home,
The birds can nest, and kids can roam.

And all of this as I have told,
I planted trees though I'm so old.

And then there is my family,
Young folks who will follow me.
I'd like to leave them with some land,
Stocked with trees and looking grand.
These gifts I value more than gold,
So I plant some trees though I'm so old.

And taxes too for schools and roads,
With jobs and lumber for abodes.
I won't see these things, I won't be here.
But to my mind it's very clear.
The words of some who could be polled,
Might thank a man who is so old.

Man should be proud of what's his own,
And how he's managed what he's grown.
But management must be begun,
By planting seedlings one by one.
And so my pride I shall uphold,
I'll plant some trees though I'm so old.

So when my friends ask of me,
Why does an old man plant a tree?
Perhaps the lines above explain,
How aching back and limbs in pain,
May by commitment be controlled,
To plant my trees though I'm so old.

Trees

by: Joyce Kilmer (1886-1918)

I THINK that I shall never see
 A poem lovely as a tree.
 A tree whose hungry mouth is prest
 Against the earth's sweet flowing breast;
 A tree that looks at God all day,
 And lifts her leafy arms to pray;
 A tree that may in Summer wear
 A nest of robins in her hair;
 Upon whose bosom snow has lain;
 Who intimately lives with rain.
 Poems are made by fools like me,
 But only God can make a tree.



Alfred Joyce Kilmer (1886-1918), the noted American poet killed in action during World War I, was born in New Brunswick, New Jersey, on 6 December 1886.

Educated first at Rutgers College in 1904 and then at Columbia University, Kilmer worked from 1909-12 - after a brief stint as a salesman - for Funk and Wagnall, helping to edit their *Standard Dictionary*.

Although Kilmer exhibited early signs of radicalism and was indeed something of a socialist, he nevertheless retained a deep religious sense throughout his life. A one-time Literary Editor of *The Churchman* newspaper, an Anglican journal, Kilmer himself converted to Catholicism in 1913.

In June 1908 Kilmer married Aline; they had five children. In 1911 Kilmer's first volume of poetry, entitled *A Summer of Love*, was published to acclaim. In 1913 he joined *The New York Times*, also writing for *The Nation* and *The New York Times Sunday Magazine*. The fame his writings brought him earned him an entry in *Who's Who*.

Although married and with children Kilmer volunteered for service in 1917 following [America's entry into World War I](#). Enlisting as a private with the 7th Regiment, National Guard in New York, he sought and received a transfer shortly afterwards to 165th Infantry (part of the famed Rainbow Division).

While in training at Camp Mills Kilmer was appointed Senior Regimental Statistician and, once on the Western Front in France, he earned promotion to Sergeant and was posted to the Regimental Intelligence Staff as an observer. In this post he would spend many dangerous nights out in [No Man's Land](#) gathering tactical information.

It was while out scouting for enemy [machine guns](#) near Ourcq that Kilmer was shot through the brain on 30 July 1918. He was aged 31. He was posthumously awarded the French [Croix de Guerre](#).

Kilmer's best-known poem today is *Trees* (reproduced below), written in 1913. In it he demonstrated his deeply-held affinity for nature and for God. Although he intended to write a book based on his experiences on the Western Front his early death denied him the opportunity; he nevertheless wrote numerous war poems, one of which is *Prayer of a Soldier in France*

And my favorite Trivia Question while transporting Scouts on the NJ Turnpike and we get to the Joyce Kilmer Rest Stop is, "Who was Joyce Kilmer?" I invariably get, "I don't know who **she** was." To which I reply, "You are wrong already!!" CD