



# BALOO'S BUGLE



**May Cub Scout RT**  
**Tiger Cub Big Ideas 16 & 17**  
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**T**Here have been some real happenins' this month. A few weeks back USSSP lost their host due to our host going bankrupt. We didn't go bankrupt since we aren't a business, the business hosting our server did. Dave, our president, found another TEMPORARY host, or as I call it a TEMPORARY plug. Then we lost even that! So what's a scouter to do? My advice, be patient. The good news is that you are reading it, and most likely you are reading it online. And if you can't find the latest issue of Baloo at [www.usscouts.org/bbugle/](http://www.usscouts.org/bbugle/) you can go to [www.webnme.com/usscouts](http://www.webnme.com/usscouts), and if you are still having trouble or impatient, I still have my AOL account at [cmr1954@aol.com](mailto:cmr1954@aol.com) contact me. Yes we are still waiting for DSL in our area before changing ISP's.

We have been meeting weekly, by telephone, to discuss the best option for us. Also, we all are amazed at the many kind words we have received and the offers of hosting. I, like all on the board, am truly touched by the generosity of our scouting community. We believe we will be fully operational again in a bit.

Some of you might not realize this but all of us at USSSP are volunteers. Yes, that's right, this is what we do with that hour a week, and we love it!

And now another update on my family and me. Yes I feel that my family deserves just a bit of your time.

Jim just had a birthday in March. I think it is amazing how my husband has aged, but hey I seem to be holding off that old aging process.

Neal is doing great at college and is getting so grown up. It is kind of crazy though, he must believe I miss his clothes a lot too, since he seems to bring all of them home, dirty, when he visits : ) Neal's has always held a high interest in math and in science. Hopefully, by the time you read this he will have gotten a part time pharm tech job at a hospital near his university.

Pamela is doing wonderful in high school. She is busy with her studies, and again made the varsity soccer team. She loves old movies. No, not the ones from the 60's : ) she really loves movies from the 30's and 40's and collects movie items (okay knock-offs) from that time. And she is turning into a fine young woman.

As for me, I still love doing Baloo's Bugle and my job at American Classifieds. Recently we changed our name from Thrifty Nickel to American Classifieds. I too have changed jobs within my office since I last told everyone I was now a part of the full time work force. I was in outside sales, but now am doing National Sales for us. Just briefly I need to

say if you or anyone you know has a home based business, works for a ad agency, or a corporation that has advertising needs have them call me, Chris at American Classifieds at 1-866-533-4285

Thank you for your consideration.

**Remember to check out the Webelos section, there are tons of great outdoor cooking tips and recipes.**

## **PRAYERS & POEMS FOR SCOUTERS**

### **A Cowboy's Prayer**

National Capital Area Council

Oh, Lord, I've never lived where churches grow.  
I love creation better as it stood  
That day you finished it so long ago.  
And looked upon your work and called it good.  
I know that others might find You in the light  
That's sifted down through tinted window panes,  
And yet I seem to feel You near tonight.

Let me be easy on the man that's down;  
Let me be square and generous with all.  
I'm careless sometimes, Lord, when I'm in town,  
But never let them say I'm mean or small!  
Make me as big and open as the plains,  
As honest as the hoss between my knees,  
Clean as the wind that blows behind the rains,  
Free as the hawk that circles down the breeze!

I thank you, Lord, that I am placed so well,  
That you made my freedom so complete;  
That I'm no slave to whistle, clock, or bell,  
Nor weak-eyed prisoner of wall and street.  
Just let me live my life as I've begun  
And give me work that is open to the sky;  
Make me a pardner of the wind and sun,  
And I won't ask a life that's soft or high.

Forgive me, Lord, if sometimes I forget.  
You know about the reasons that are hid.  
You understand the things that gall and fret;  
You know me better than my mother did.  
Just keep an eye on all that's done and said  
And right me, sometimes, when I turn aside,  
And guide me on the long, dim trail ahead  
That stretches upward toward the Great Divide.

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Badger Clark 1906

### A Cowboy's Prayer

as written on Roy Rogers resting place

Oh Lord, I reckon I'm not much just by myself;  
I fail to do a lot of things I ought to do, but Lord  
when trails are steep and pass is high, help me ride  
it straight the whole way through, and in the falling  
dusk I get the final call - I do not care how many flowers  
they send - above all else the happiest trail will be for  
you to say to me, "Lets Ride My Friend."

Amen.

Roy Rogers November 5, 1911 - July 6, 1998

## TRAINING TIP

Indian Nation Council

### Safety Awareness

Leaders are responsible for safety while the boys are in their care. Safety rules should be enforced at all times during den/pack meetings and activities.

1. Teach the boys the rules of safety around the home, fire safety, and water safety, using the Cub Scout achievements and electives.
2. Meeting places must be free of accident hazards. Use the Meeting Place Inspection Form, No. 6140, to check them.
3. Use a few minutes of den or pack parents' meeting to discuss the value of teaching the boys to cope with everyday hazards of living. Often parents place too much emphasis on keeping children away from hazards and not enough on teaching them what to do when they are faced with hazards such as a broken electric cord. Instead of asking boys to stay off the streets, teach them to observe proper precautions while they are in the street. Instead of keeping boys indoors in cold weather, teach them how to dress to protect themselves against the cold.
4. Invite local experts to visit with parents and Cub Scouts about such subjects as: Fire Safety, Traffic Rules or Basic First Aid

## TIGER CUBS

**Big Idea 16 Tell It Like It Is**

Indian Nation Council

### Gathering: Magic Telegram

Leader begins this game by reading any ten letters of the alphabet to the players, who write down the letters, one under the other. In a set period of time, players must come up with words that begin with each of those letters. First one done is the winner.

**Opening:** Recite the Tiger Cub Promise

**Search:** Plan a visit to a communication organization.

**Discover:** Talking feather

Materials needed: white turkey feather, beads, black dye, concho, yarn or leather, small fluff feathers. Mix the dye according to package directions, then dip the top ¼ of the

feather into the dye and let dry. Wrap yarn or leather around the quill end of the feather. Glue, leaving a few inches hanging. Thread on concho, beads, and small feathers as desired.

Legend of the Talking Feather

According to legend, the bearer of the talking feather was regarded with a special status. Holding the feather up toward the sky gave the bearer spiritual guidance when speaking. When the bearer spoke, all others were silent because great words of wisdom were to be spoken.

**Share:** Chain Word, Players sit in a circle with first player holding a beanbag. First player says a word, such as "mouse", and tosses the beanbag to a player on the other side of the circle. This player must say a word commonly used with the first word, for example "trap". He then tosses the beanbag to another player who must say a word that goes with "trap", like "door", and so on. If a player can't think of a word, he is out of the game. Last person left in the circle is the winner.

**Closing:** Recite the Law of the Pack

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

Indian Nation Council

### Gathering: Cub Scout Uniform Game

Tell the Tigers that someone will be coming to their den meeting for a Cub Scout uniform inspection. Have this person come with his uniform in disarray, for example: cap on backward, neckerchief twisted in back, belt buckle worn on one side instead of in front, shirt unbuttoned half way, rank emblem on wrong pocket. Ask the Tigers if they can pick out what is wrong with how his is wearing his uniform. Remind the boys that they should always show respect for the uniform by wearing it the correct way. **Note:** see Cub Scout/Webelos Uniform Inspection Sheet #LP 34282A for detailed information on Cub Scout uniform.

**Search:** Plan Tiger Cub Graduation

### "One Small Step"

**Cubmaster:** Only July 10, 1969, an American did something which people throughout history have wanted to do. On that date, Neil Armstrong stood on the surface of the moon. His first words were, "That's one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind." Armstrong was able to be the first man on the moon because of a series of small steps taken not only by him, but also by countless other people. Today, we are privileged to witness some boys take one of those "small steps" that make great men and events possible. Today, we are honored to witness (total number of Tigers graduating) graduate from the Tiger Cubs into Cub Scouting. Will the following boys and their parents please join me? (Cubmaster calls out the boy's names and has them come line up in front facing the Pack.) Parents, you and your boys have taken many of those small steps that Neil Armstrong spoke of in order to be here today. I

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present you with the Tiger Cub patch with great pride, Congratulations!

**Discover:** The Golden Rule Plaque

Materials needed: scrap wood, 9 ½ x 12"x12", wood file, glue, stain and varnish, candle, sandpaper, nice paper such as parchment. File scallops around all four top edges of the piece of wood (see A). Sand smooth. Outdoors, light the candle and hold scalloped edges over the flame until they become darkened (see B). Stain wood if desired. Enlarge one of the items below onto an 8 ½"x 11" piece of quality paper (parchment works well). Glue the paper to the wood, making sure the paper is as smooth and straight as possible. Let the glue dry completely, then varnish.

### **Law of the Pack**

The Cub Scout follows Akela.

The Cub Scout helps the pack go.

The pack helps the Cub Scout grow.

The Cub Scout gives goodwill.

### **Cub Scout Promise**

I promise to do my best

To do my duty

To God and my country

To help other people, and

To obey the law of the Pack.

### **Share:** Cub Scout Jeopardy

Create a series of 3"x5" cards with a simple question on the back and answer on the front of each. If you wish to use the game often, cover the cards with clear contact paper so they can be hung repeatedly with masking tape. To play, hang the cards with the answer side showing and, when the correct question is given for any answer, turn the card over. You can devise any system of teams or turns that are effective with your group. This is a fun way to reinforce any information that you would like the boys to learn. Some suggestions:

### **Bobcat**

(What is the first rank that every Cub Scout must earn?)

### **February**

(When is Scout month?)

### **Cubmaster**

(Who is the leader (Akela) of the pack?)

**Closing:** Recite the Law of the Pack

## Branding Of The Tiger Cubs

Source: The Ceremony Table: A Collection of Cub Scout Ceremonies, by Dave Manchester

**EQUIPMENT:** Fake council fire, 1/4" dowel rod cut in two (one per boy plus one), 1 Bobcat stamp, Blue cloth or paper for fake water, Certificate, pin, patch, Tiger make-up or mask, 1 Arrow head per boy, 3 feathers per boy - red, yellow, and blue, fake stepping stones for steps in water.

**ARRANGEMENTS:** Lights off. Council fire on, Semicircle sitting with Tiger Cubs on the floor and parents seated behind them. Council fire in center. At the open end, place fake water on floor and steps on top. Be sure to place steps so some difficulty is encountered while crossing water so it's a real challenge. Put stamp and rod taped together and in fire. Arrow heads, remaining rods, and feathers at waters edge. Certificate, pin, and Tiger patch at Shere Kahn position.

**CHARACTERS:** Cubmaster or Tribal Chief, Tiger or Shere Kahn, Den Chief or Ceremonial Brave.

**TRIBAL CHIEF:** (Chief is sitting at fire, when all is quiet he stands.) "Tonight, we have gathered to honor our young braves. Let us call forth...."

**SHERE KAHN:** (Interrupts loudly.) I Shere Kahn wish to test these braves before honor is given them! I call forth the man cubs called Tigers!

(Tiger Cubs and adults go to Shere Kahn and stand before him.)

What is the motto of the Tiger Cubs. Have you obeyed the Promise of the Tiger Cub? Tigers, this is the emblem of your first rank in Scouting, wear it proudly. (Patch) Adult Tiger, this is the symbol of your deeds in preparing these Tigers for their next adventure in Cubing. (Pin) So all may know that you have done well, here is the writing to prove your efforts. (certificate) Go now, I wish no more to see you. You must walk the water of evil. Be weary if its quickness and smooth appearance, for it can fool you.

**CEREMONIAL BRAVE:** (Brave is at the end of the water. he greets them. He takes them to a spot where he has the makings of the arrows and says,) The arrowhead breaks the wind. The stick, if straight, will guide the arrows path. The feathers gives balance and distance. Take these and make your arrow of life. Learn of its true nature and be a good Scout.

(He then takes the Tigers to the council fire, the adults are asked to take their seats and the boys are asked to sit on either side of the Tribal Chief.)

**TRIBAL CHIEF:** Tonight, we honor these Cub Scouts, for they have completed the challenge of the Tigers. So all may know that they are not of the tribe we will place our mark upon their foreheads. This symbol is the Bobcat, your first rank in this tribe. (Chief stamps each Tiger, as each boy is "branded" the Cub pack hisses, the Chief calls them Bobcats of Den(#), and introduces them to their Den Leader.

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### Branding of the Tiger Cub

York Adams Area Council

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## PRE-OPENING ACTIVITY

### Gymkhana

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Have different stations set up outside for the partners to test out their "riding" skills. These might include barrel racing, ribbon racing with a partner, keyhole racing, etc. For more information on what these events are (in real life), see the Gymkhana website <see in the back under web sites>. You can also add other rodeo fun ideas such as twirling a lasso, lassoing a post, etc. This can also be used as a regular game during a Pack Meeting.

### Horse of A Different Color

York Adams Area Council

Have pictures of different horse breeds tacked (pun intended!) around the room. Give out papers with the names of the different horses and clues that would help to identify the different breeds. (Decide how much of a giveaway this needs to be and build the clues around this. I wouldn't expect Cub Scouts from Valentine, Nebraska, to be given anything but a blank sheet of paper; but the Cub Scouts from downtown NYC would probably need coaching that there are different horses besides the ones the officers in Central Park ride.)

### Pre Opening

#### One Word Anagram

Indian Nations Council

Ask if anyone can rearrange the letters in the words "new door" to make one word. Give everyone a chance to try and then write on a blackboard: O-N-E W-O-R-D.

#### Go Forth

Indian Nations Council

Give everyone a pencil and paper when they arrive. Tell them to "Go forth" and get acquainted with 20 people, to ask them their names, and to write them on their paper. When all have their 20 names, ask everyone to tear them off and give each slip of paper to the person whose name is written. Check up to see how many can rid themselves of all their names.

#### Group Puzzles

Indian Nations Council

Cut pictures (magazine illustrations, advertising pictures, postcards, etc.) into a number of pieces. Pass these out as people arrive and ask everyone to complete his puzzle, thereby forming discussion groups.

#### Married Words

Indian Nations Council

Provide cards which have been written one word of common pairs such as "Jack" and "Jill," "ham" and "egg," etc. Have as many cards as needed. Ask every one to

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match up his card and introduce himself to the person holding the mate to his card. Some other combinations are: Adam and Eve, Amos and Andy, Army and Navy, Black and Blue, Bread and Butter, Over and Under, Cats and Dogs, Coat and Vest, Comb and Brush, Cup and Saucer, Day and Night, Down and Out, Fine and Dandy, Gilbert and Sullivan, Sweet and Sour, Hit and Run, Horse and Buggy, House and Lot, In and Out Up and Down, Knife and Fork, Liver and Bacon, Mutt and Jeff, North and South, East and West Pork and Beans, Salt and Pepper

### Yes or No

#### Indian Nations Council

Announce that no one is to say "yes" or "no". Then give half of the group 10 peanuts and the rest 10 beans. Allow every one a specified time in which to collect counters by obtaining one from each person who answers "yes" or "no" to any question. The one with the largest number wins.

## OPENING CEREMONY

### Opening

#### Circle 10 Council

**H H** is for Hiking—Boys love to hit the trail.  
**A A** is for Air—Boys need clean, fresh air.  
**P P** is for Parks—Parks have lots of hiking trails.  
**P P** is for Packing—Be sure you pack plenty of water.  
**Y Y** is for Yell—Boys love to sound-off while hiking.  
**T T** is for Trees—See how many you can identify while hiking.  
**R R** is for Rations—Pack plenty of "gorp" for eating on the trail.  
**A A** is for Advancement—Look for outdoors achievements on the trail.  
**I I** is for Insects—How many insects can you identify on the trail?  
**L L** is for leaves—How many can you identify on the trail?  
**S S** is for Scouting—Cub Scouting takes a boy back to nature.

### The Cub Scout Trail

#### Heart of America Council

**Personnel:** Cub, Cubmaster and Den Chief.  
**Equipment:** Teepee or tent, 2 large boxes to make store and mountain, 5 cardboard signs that read Bobcat Store, Wolf Tunnel, Bear Mountain, Webelos Bridge, and Rugged Road.  
**Setting:** A simulated trail with the teepee standing at the beginning, four signs held along the way by Cub Scouts, and Den Chief at the end with the fifth sign. Blue and gold crepe paper streamers are wound around the signs marking the trail. Akela, attired in an Indian blanket and headband, is at the teepee. The prospective Cub Scout wears an old

baggy shirt and hat over the uniform as he steps up to meet Akela.

**Akela:** Can I help you?

**Cub Scout:** I'm on my way to manhood.

**Akela:** Come! Let's follow the blue and gold trail. It's the best way. First, we'll stop at the Bobcat Store and get prepared for the journey. (Boy ducks down and removes old shirt and changes to a Cub Scout cap at sign 2.)

**Cub Scout:** (at sign 3) I hope there aren't any real wolves here.

**Cub Scout:** (at sign 4) A mountain - wow! Are you sure this is the best way?

**Akela:** You are doing fine. You're well on the way. (At sign 4) I must go to help others now. Good Luck!

**Cub Scout:** (Salutes) Thank you for your help (After crossing bridge he says) This is the end of the trail. Is this manhood?

**Den Chief:** No! You're getting close. Just follow the rugged road to Scouting.

(Cub Scout goes off stage - curtain)

### Mountain Trail

#### Heart of America Council

**Personnel:** 4 Cubs

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

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

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

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

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

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

**All:** And few of us care if it's steep if we gain the mountaintop!

## DEN DOODLES

### Happy Trails

From a small circle of fun foam or on a round piece of wood, paint a compass



## PACK/DEN ACTIVITIES

### Chuck Wagon Dinner

York Adams Area Council

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The weather is getting to that “perfect point” where no one wants to be inside. Have the boys plan and make their own chuck wagon dinners. From the little research I’ve done, seems that just about any kind of outdoor cooking qualified as chuck wagon cooking—the better the food, the happier the cowpoke, though! This event could occupy a whole den meeting—even an extra-long meeting.

### Indian Nation Council

#### Storytelling

Storytelling is a good way for den leaders to introduce the theme for the next month. Depending on the theme, this could be done with a true story from nature or an incident from the life of a famous person, a myth or an Indian legend. A story can set the scene for a special outing or trip. It can meet a special need such as a behavior problem, allowing you to get the point across without actually pointing out one particular boy or incident. One of the best reasons for telling stories is because they are fun and boys enjoy them. Here are a few tips to help you become a good storyteller:

1. TELL the story, DON'T READ IT if possible.
2. Try to imagine yourself in the story so you can really feel it.
3. Decide on a catchy line for a beginning to create interest.
4. Practice telling the story.
5. Don't make the story too long. Having it short and to the point will keep the boys interest.
6. Keep eye contact while telling your story.
7. Speak clearly. Use simple language. Don't be afraid to use different voices for the characters or to make sounds.
8. When you've finished, its time for you to start listening. Discuss the story with the boys. A few simple questions will help get them going.

### Cub Scout World Conservation Award

Cub Scouts and Webelos Scouts who have participated in either a den or pack conservation project and have completed certain requirements can earn the World Conservation Award. This is an international award, which also can be earned by Boy Scouts and Explorers who complete different requirements. The patch is a temporary patch and is worn centered on the right shirt pocket of the uniform.

**Wolf Cub Scouts** do the Wolf Conservation achievement and complete all the projects in two of the following electives: No. 13 (Birds), No. 15 (Grow Something), No. 19 (Fishing); and take part in a den or pack conservation project.

**Bear Cub Scouts** do the Bear achievement No. 5 (Sharing Your World With Wildlife) and complete all projects in the following electives: No. 2 (Weather), elective (Nature Crafts) or No. 15 (Water and Soil Conservation), and take part in a den or pack conservation project.

**Webelos Scouts** earn the Forester, Naturalist, and Outdoorsman activity badges in addition to taking part in a den or pack conservation project. Applications may be picked up at the Scout Service Center.

### Subject: Water

We all know that water is important but I've never seen it written down like this before. 75% of Americans are chronically dehydrated. (Likely applies to half world pop.) In 37% of Americans, the thirst mechanism is so weak that it is often mistaken for hunger.

Even MILD dehydration will slow down one's metabolism as much as 3%.

One glass of water shuts down midnight hunger pangs for almost 100% of the dieters studied in a U-Washington study.

Lack of water, the #1 trigger of daytime fatigue.

Preliminary research indicates that 8-10 glasses of water a day could significantly ease back and joint pain for up to 80% of sufferers.

A mere 2% drop in body water can trigger fuzzy short-term memory, trouble with basic math, and difficulty focusing on the computer screen or on a printed page.

Drinking 5 glasses of water daily decreases the risk of colon cancer by 45%, plus it can slash the risk of breast cancer by 79%, and one is 50% less likely to develop bladder cancer.

### Are you drinking the amount of water you should every day?

### Explore a Tree

Circle 10 Council

Blindfold boys, one at a time, and ask them to explore a tree. Ask them to think about how it smells, feels, etc. Is the bark rough or smooth? Are the leaves damp or dry? While one boy is doing this, the other observe by sight, things about the tree such as color, height, etc. After all have explored, let them compare the results. Help them identify the tree.

### Compass Tie Slide

Heart of America Council

#### Materials:

Toy Compass  
10" Suede Cord  
Low Temp. Hot Glue Gun  
3 Pony Beads  
4" Pipe Cleaner

1. Hot glue suede cord all around compass. Leave both ends hanging from the compass. Cut ends into a point to make stringing pony beads easier. Slide both ends into one pony bead and push it all the way to the compass. String one pony bead onto each end. Tie knot to secure. Trim.

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2. Hot glue a 4" piece of pipe cleaner on to back of compass to twist into a neckerchief slide.

### AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

#### Chief Woodskunk

York Adams Area Council

**Cowboy:** "Yippee!"

**Old Paintbrush:** (Whinny)

**Chief Woodskunk:** (Make war whoop)

**Sitting Bull:** "Hee Haw"

**Emma:** (Rattles stones in tin)

**Timber Wolf:** "Howooooo"

**Sheriff:** "Bang, bang"

**Deputy:** "He went that-a-way"

Once upon a time there was a **Cowboy** who went out into the desert, riding his horse, **Old Paintbrush**. Far off in the distance, he could hear the **Timber Wolf**. The **Cowboy** made camp and went fast asleep, first making sure **Old Paintbrush** was secure. Now, creeping through the desert was **Chief Woodskunk** riding his mule, **Sitting Bull**. He was pursued by the **Sheriff** and his **Deputy**. In his pocket, **Chief Woodskunk** had his trained rattlesnake, **Emma**, who was trained to creep up and bit the **Cowboy** and his horse. While **Chief Woodskunk** crept up, **Old Paintbrush** watched the camp, the **Timber Wolf** howled, the **Cowboy** snored, and **Sitting Bull** ate cactus.

In the meantime, the **Sheriff** and his **Deputy** sprang their trap. "Halt, you are my prisoner!" shouted the **Sheriff**. The **Cowboy** woke up and mounted his horse, **Old Paintbrush**, which frightened the **Timber Wolf** and **Emma**.

Away went old **Chief Woodskunk** on his faithful mule, **Sitting Bull**, and after them went the **Sheriff**, his **Deputy**, the **Cowboy**, and **Old Paintbrush**. But old **Chief Woodskunk** led them into a blind, and that was the last anybody ever saw of the **Cowboy**, **Old Paintbrush**, **Emma** the rattlesnake, the **Timber Wolf**, the mule **Sitting Bull**, the **Sheriff**, or his **Deputy**.

### ADVANCEMENT CEREMONIES

#### Webelos Water

Indian Nation Council

Props needed: Large tub, old tennis shoe, bucket with colored punch, enough cups for each Scout graduating, balloon, sack of dirt, innertube, rubber band, paper heart, shovel, and a ladle.

(Boys and parents gather on one side of stage. Cubmaster on other with a jar marked "Webelos Water".)

**Cubmaster:** Bears, you are now ready to begin your final area of Cub Scouting – that of Webelos. You will find it different, challenging and rewarding. To help prepare you

for this great effort, the Pack developed some Webelos Water, (looks at jar) Uh, well, it looks like it evaporated! Let's see, I guess we could make more! Now, what was that recipe? (Cubmaster appears deep in thought, then gets idea and goes to props)

**Cubmaster:** Let's see. An old tennis shoe to remind you that you still have many miles to go on the Scouting Trail, (throws shoe in tub) and coincidentally to remind you not to take your shoes off in a two-man tent. (holds his nose). Ah, a sack of dirt to remind you that Cub Scouts is now a lot of outdoor activities. An innertube to remind you that you may have a few flat tires, but they can be overcome. A shovel to remind you to keep your room clean. (winks at mom & dad). A balloon to remind you that a lot of hot air doesn't get the job done. A heart to remind you of your commitment to your parents and family. A rubber band to remind you to stretch yourself to learn new ideas and skills. OK, that's about it! Let's stir it a little! Looks good. Now, let me get you each a cup of our new Webelos Water. (Reach inside tub with ladle and scoop punch to pour in cups for everyone to see. Give cup and Webelos Colors to each Scout.) Congratulations new Webelos and parents.

#### Walking the Cub Scout Trail

Heart of America Council

**Personnel:** Cubmaster

**Setting:** If possible, this should be an outdoors ceremony. Beforehand, prepare the Cub Scouts receiving awards by explaining to them that they will be going away from the meeting area when the awards ceremony starts and then they will come forward as they are called. Also, give each the appropriate object for his award, as follows.

Bobcats get a small sheath of field grass.

Wolves get a small branch with broadleaves on it.

Bears get a twig from a pine.

Webelos get a clump of moss.

**Cubmaster:** Tonight we will take a hike, a hike along the Cub Scout Trail. We sent our Cub Scouts who will be receiving awards to travel up the Mountain of Cub Scouting and to bring back to us an object that reminds them of what they saw. (Calls up Bobcats who show Akela the grass.) You have traveled a short distance up the Cub Scout Mountain as I can tell by the field grass you have brought back. You have made it to the base of the mountain. That is good. It shows that you have mastered the basics of Cub Scouting. In the future, as you work hard and grow, you will go farther. (Hands awards to parents to give to the boys. Asks them take their seats. (Calls up Wolves who show Akela the broadleaf.) You have traveled enough to begin to climb the mountain. The trees lower on the mountain are the aspens and the maples. And while you did not reach the top, you have done well. You have been able to go beyond the base of the mountain. Earning the Wolf badge is another sign that you

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have gone farther than before. Keep up the hard work so that you will climb farther up the mountain. (Hands awards to parents to give to the boys. Asks them take their seats. (Calls up Bears who show Akela the pine branches.) Very good. You have reached the steeper levels of the mountain and have climbed high. There is still more mountain to climb but you have done well. The broadleaf cannot reach as high into the hills as the pine, so you have gone farther than the Wolf. The Bear badge symbolizes this. In earning the Bear badge you have completed requirements that you could not have done when you were a Wolf. It was harder, but you were able to make it. This shows us that you have grown stronger and wiser. In the future, as you work hard and grow, you will go even beyond where you have already reached. (Hands awards to parents to give to the boys. Asks them take their seats.

(Calls up Webelos who show Akela the moss.) You reached the heights of the mountain that can no longer support the trees. This is well done. But still there is growth on the hills and so you have a little more to climb before you reach the top. The Webelos badge is almost at the top of the Cub Scouting mountain, but there is still that last step to take, the Arrow of Light. This is your challenge. Work hard, study, and learn the steps to becoming a Boy Scout and you will surely reach the top. (Hands awards to parents to give to the boys. Asks them take their seats.)

Akela then asks everyone to offer congratulations to the Cub Scouts who received their awards.

## GAMES

### Pony Express Trail Relay Heart of America Council

The pony express is an exciting relay race for daring young men and fast horses. The course is laid out (in the backyard or park) between St. Joseph, Missouri and Sacramento, California. Along the way are many of the hazards encountered on cross-country travel in the year 1860. Divide the group into two teams and each team into two pairs of riders. (One to start and the other to relieve at South Pass, Wyoming, the half way station) Each station should be marked with a sign indicating its location and name. Since the team riding west will wear red bandanas their direction cards should be marked with a distinguishing red signal dot. Mark the west to east team's cards with green signal dots to match their green bandanas. West to east the course is run in reverse with the directions changed accordingly .

#### Equip the Stations

**St. Joseph, Missouri and Sacramento, California:** Have a supply of paper bags for the starting ceremonies . Half way between the first two and the last two stations: Hang a coat hanger on a bush, clothesline or whatever is handy.

**Rock Creek, Nebraska:** Arrange several pans of water in two parallel rows with a good supply of paper towels and a wastebasket at both ends.

**Between Julesburg, Colorado, and Ft. Laramie, Wyoming:** Lay a rope on the ground in a straight line from one station to the other.

**Ft. Laramie, Wyoming:** Suspend a tire from a tree or post.

**Ft. Bridger, Wyoming:** Place a plate of crackers at the station.

**Gait Lake City, Utah:** Have a supply of pillows at the station. To give everybody a chance to carry the mail, riders may be changed more often or run the race as many times as it is necessary to use up all the players. Like any obstacle race or treasure hunt, (and this is a little of both), the route must be laid out in advance of the race. Lay the course over as large an area as possible.

**Rules of the game:** Measure all ponies' tails before the start of the race. Since the tails shouldn't be allowed to touch the ground, it is important that all tails be exactly the same length. If they are not, a little barbering is in order. All instruction cards should be followed exactly. Of course the rules and obstacles can be varied. The important thing is to see that the mail goes through!

#### Directions for riders:

Start at St. Joseph Post Office at the sound of the cannon: On the signal, blow up a paper bag, break it. Mount horse and proceed at a trot to the ferry. Dismount. Remove vest carefully and hang it up. Hop to the next station.

**Rock Creek:** Dismount. Remove shoes and socks and hold them in your hand. Carry horse over your shoulder while you "ford the creek" by walking through the pans of water. Once across the creek, dry your feet on a paper towel. Throw towel in wastebasket. Put on socks and shoes. Mount horse and take giant steps to next station.

**Fort Kearney:** You are attacked by Indians and must circle around to avoid them. Turn around and around all the way to the next station.

**Julesburg:** You must follow a narrow mountain pass. Walk on the rope without falling off, all the way to the next station.

**Fort Laramie:** Go through narrow gorge by wriggling through the tire while on your horse. Walk to the next station.

**South Pass:** Change horses and riders. Proceed to next station at top speed.

**Fort Bridger:** Dismount. Sit down and eat a cracker. While the cracker is still in your mouth, whistle for your horse. Mount and continue at a gallop to next station.

**Salt Lake City:** Pick up a new saddle (pillow) and put it on horse. Continue on to the next station, skipping all the way.

**Ruby:** Dismount. Remove saddle (Leave pillow at station) and walk horse to next station.



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**Cold Springs:** Remount. Horse sees rattlesnake. Rear up and buck to the next station.

**Carson City:** Dismount and put on vest left by other rider. Very rough terrain between this station and the next. Take two steps forward and one step back all the way.

**Sacramento:** You made it. Dismount. Blow up your paper bag and break it to signal your safe arrival. When the riders meet on the trail, the one who reaches the station between them first has the right of way. The other rider must wait for him to pass through the obstacles to the next station before continuing.

### Straight Shooters

Heart of America Council

**Equipment:** Soda straw, toothpicks, Small pan and table. Each player is given a soda straw and five toothpicks. Place a small pan on a table about five feet from the shooting line. In turn, players put one toothpick at a time into their straw and try to blow the toothpick into the pan.

### Lasso the Steer

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**Equipment:** Cut a steer's head, complete with horns, from cardboard or plywood. Place on a stake to stick in the ground, or lash to the back of a chair so that it sticks up over the back. Have the boys form a loop in a piece of rope about 25 feet long. Mark a line about 15 feet from the steer's head to stand behind. Each boy in turn tries to throw the loop over the steer's head. Allow each Cub three turns and score as follows:

#### Points

Loop thrown over either horn 5

Loop thrown over head only 10

Loop thrown over head and one horn 15

Loop thrown over head and both horns 20

The boy with the highest total points is the winner.

### Cardboard Horseshoes

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This is something they can make and then play. Make a stencil they can trace onto heavy cardboard and then cut out. (Make sure the design is simple enough that they can cut it out of the cardboard.) If you make several tracings, then several layers of cardboard can be glued, hot glued, or taped together to give the shoes strength. Use pieces of dowel or 12-inch nails hammered in the ground for the posts.

## SONGS

### Boom Chicka Boom

Indian Nation Council

(A CHANT) Leader starts: group repeats. For first 3 verses, slap thigh & snap fingers to keep rhythm

Boom chicka boom

I say a boom chicka rocka

I say a boom chicka rocka chicka rocka

Chicka boom

### Swatting Skeeters

Indian Nation Council

(Tune: Blowing Bubbles)

I'm forever swatting skeeters

Little beast that buzz and bite.

They're always right

In earth and sky

And like dreams they come at nights.

They are always hiding

There are everywhere,

I'm forever swatting skeeters,

Little demons in the air!

### The Coming Of The Frogs

Indian Nation Council

Tune: Battle Hymn of the Republic

Mine eyes have seen the horror of the coming of the frogs.

They are sneaking through the swamps, they are lurking in the logs.

You can hear their mournful croaking through the early morning too.

The frogs keep hopping on.

#### (Chorus)

Ribet, ribet, ribet, croak, croak.

Ribet, ribet, ribet, croak, croak,

Ribet, ribet. Ribet, croak, croak.

The frogs keeping hopping on.

The frogs have grown in numbers and their croaking fills the air.

There's no place to escape to, 'cause the frogs are everywhere.

They've eaten all the flies and now they're hungry as a bear.

The frogs keep hopping on.

#### (Chorus)

I used to like the bullfrogs, like to feel their slimy skin.

Like to put them in my teacher's desk and bring them to our den.

Now they're knocking at the front door, I can't let those frogs come in.

The frogs keep hopping on.

#### (Chorus)

They have hopped into the living room and headed down the hall.

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They have trapped me in the corner and  
my backs against the wall.

And when I open up my mouth to give a  
warning call.

This was all I heard:

(Chorus)

### Twelve Days Of Summer Camp

Tune; The Twelve Days of Christmas  
Indian Nation Council

One the first day of summer camp  
My mommy sent to me  
A box of oatmeal cookies  
One the 2nd day of summer camp  
My mommy sent to me  
Two T-shirts  
And a box of oatmeal cookies  
On the 3rd day of summer camp  
My mommy sent to me  
3 pairs of socks  
2 T-shirts  
And a box of oatmeal cookies.  
4th day, 4 woolen caps  
5th day, 5 underpants  
6th day, 6 postage stamps  
7th day, 7 nose warmers  
8th day, 8 Batman comic books  
9th day, 9 bars of soap  
10th day, 10 Band-Aids  
11th day, 11 shoestrings  
12th day, 12 bottles of blood sucking insect repellent.

### Bad Weather Variation

Indian Nation Council  
Tune: If You're Happy

If you're wet and you know it  
Clap your hands (2xs)  
If you're wet and you know it  
Then your drippy clothes will show it,  
If your wet and you know it.  
Clap your hands. (2xs)  
If the mud is only knee deep,  
Stomp your feet! (2xs)  
If the mud is only knee deep  
And you wish that it were hip deep!  
If you are muddy and you know it  
Stomp your feet (2xs)  
If the wind is really blowing,

### Hiking

(Tune: Caisson Song)  
Indian Nation Council

Over hill, over dale,  
We will hit the Greenwood trail,

As the Cub Scouts go hiking along.  
In and out, all around,  
You will never see us frown,  
As the Cub Scouts go hiking along.  
And it's Hi! Hi! Hee!  
The Cub Scouts are for me,  
Shout our name and shout it strong,  
Where 'er we go, we will always know  
That the Cub Scouts go hiking along.

### Did You Ever See A Horse Fly

Tune: The More We Get Together  
Indian Nation Council

Did you ever see a horse fly, a horse fly, a horse fly,  
Did you ever see a horse fly, a horse fly, fly, fly.  
Did you ever see a board walk, a board walk, a board walk,  
Did you ever see a board walk, a board walk, walk, walk.  
Other suggestions: Shoe lace, hair pin, tooth pick, eye  
drop, neck tie, house fly, moth ball, eye lash, yard stick, hair  
brush, wrist watch, ear drum.

### The Happy Watergun

Tune: The Happy Wanderer  
Indian Nation Council

I love to shoot my watergun  
At all the kids I see.  
But when I shoot my watergun,  
They all shoot back at me.  
(Chorus)  
Wateree, Waterah, Wateree  
Waterah, ha, ha, ha, ha, ha  
Wateree, Waterah  
They all shoot back at me.  
I shoot that water everywhere  
I shoot it in the tree.  
My neighbor's cats a victim  
Of my aqua-tillery  
(Chorus)  
O, my I keep my watergun  
Until the day I die.  
And in my coffin one last squirt  
Hits someone in the eye.  
(Chorus)

### How Many Birds

Tune; Blowin' In The Wind  
Indian Nation Council

How many birds can a bird watcher see,  
Before he's bombed from the air?  
How many feathers can you pluck from a wren,  
Before you can call him bare.  
How many pigeons can fly into town,  
And roost in the old town square?

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The answer we'll share, is flying in the air,  
The answer is flying in the air.  
How many ducks can a duck hunter  
shoot,  
Before they shoot back at the man?  
How many times can two birds in the bush.  
Be worth one in the hand?  
How many times can an albatross fly,  
Before it learns how to land?  
The answer my friend, is flying on the wind,  
The answer is flying on the wind.  
How many times can you go to the sea,  
And be dive bombed by a gull?  
How many years must a boy be a scout,  
Before he becomes an Eagle?  
How many miles can my puppy dog fly,  
When I glue feathers on my beagle?  
The answer my friend, is flying on the wind,  
The answer is flying on the wind.

### Scout Marching Song

Circle 10 Council

The scouts go marching one by one.  
Hurrah, Hurrah.  
The scouts go marching one by one.  
Hurrah, Hurrah.  
The scouts go marching one by one,  
The little one stops to shoot his gun.

#### Chorus:

And they all go marching,  
Into the tent  
To get out of the rain  
Boom, boom, boom.

#### Next Verses:

Two by two to tie his shoe  
Three by three to climb a tree  
Four by four to close the door  
Five by five to peek in a hive  
Six by six to pick up sticks  
Seven by seven to look at heaven  
Eight by eight to shut the gate  
Nine by nine to tell the time  
Ten by ten to say **THE END**

### Take Me Out to the Forest

Circle 10 Council

(Tune: Take Me Out to the Ball Game)

Take me out to the forest.  
Let me hike in the wild.  
Show me a skunk and a few bear tracks.  
I won't care if I never come back.  
But it's look, look, at your compass.  
If it rains, then it pours.

And it's ouch, slap, sting and your bit  
In the great outdoors!

### To The Woods

(Tune: It's Off to Work We Go)

Circle 10 Council

Hi ho, hi ho, it's to the woods we go.  
To catch some snail on backwoods trails .  
Hi ho, hi ho, hi ho.  
Hi ho, hi ho, it's in the woods we go.  
To gaze at stars, won't hear no cars.  
Hi ho, hi ho, hi ho.  
Hi ho, hi ho, it's through the woods we go.  
To search the skies for butterflies.  
Hi ho, hi ho, hi ho.  
Hi ho, hi ho, out of the woods we go.  
We'll pitch our tent, our legs are spent.  
Hi ho, hi ho, hi ho.

### Calamine Lotion

(Tune: My Bonnie)

Circle 10 Council

My body has calamine lotion  
My body's as sore as can be  
The flowers that I picked for Granny  
Turned out to be poison ivy  
Don't touch, don't touch  
You'll get a rash from ivy, ivy  
It will itch bad, it will itch bad  
And it looks mighty worse than acne

### Happy Trails

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(Music and Lyrics by Dale Evans-Rogers)

Some trails are happy ones,  
Others are blue.  
It's the way you ride the trail that counts,  
Here's a happy one for you.  
Happy trails to you until we meet again.  
Happy trails to you, keep smilin' until then.  
Who cares about the clouds when we're together?  
Just sing a song and bring the sunny weather.  
Happy trails to you 'till we meet again.

### Cub Scout Hiking Song

(Tune: Battle Hymn of the Republic)

Heart of America Council

Oh, we can sing out loud and  
We can sing out oh so strong,  
For we're a group of Cub Scouts  
Just traveling along.  
And when you see us coming,

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You will know that we are here,  
For miles around you'll hear us,  
As we sing so loud and cheer.

#### Chorus:

Yes, we are a group of Cub Scouts,  
Yes, we are a group of Cub Scouts,  
Yes, we are a group of Cub Scouts,  
Just listen and you'll hear our shouts.

#### Home On The Range

(Cub Scout Version)

Heart of America Council

Oh give me a home  
Where the Cub Scout can roam,  
Where the Bobcats, Wolves, and Bears play.  
where Webelos all learn,  
Achievement badges to earn,  
And I'll show you one messy living room!  
Home, home on the range,  
Where the Bobcats, Wolves and Bears play.  
Where Webelos all learn,  
Achievement badges to earn,  
And there aren't enough hours in the day.

### CUB GRUB - Fun Food

#### Circle 10 Council

How long have you been throwing around the term GORP?  
Do you know what GORP means? GORP is an acronym for  
"good old raisins and peanuts." GORP is a camping trip  
essential.

For a sweet crunch, add in a handful of M&M's. Whether  
you call it gorp, birdseed or trail mix, it's the back-pack  
snack of choice for hikers when energy or spirits sag. Invite  
your child to fill a sealable plastic bag with one of our mixes  
or invent his own blend of favorite dried fruits and nuts  
(sold in bulk at grocery stores).

**Rain Forest Munch:** Mix dried pineapple, dried papaya,  
unsweetened coconut flakes, macadamia nuts, cashews  
and chocolate chips.

**Birdseed:** Combine hulled sunflower seeds, raisins,  
peanuts and dried dates (the pellet-shaped ones, rolled in  
dried milk).

**Morning Sunburst:** Mix up an all-fruit body fuel with dried  
apples, pineapples, cranberries and cherries, as well as  
banana chips. and raisins. An added bonus: eating 1 cup  
of this will fulfill two of the five daily minimum requirements  
of fruits and vegetables.

#### Easy Trail Mix

Circle 10 Council

Raisins/dried fruit  
Nuts

Carob chips

Granola

Sandwich bags or plastic containers

Before you and your scout head out for an adventure, why  
not whip up a batch of trail mix--you never know when  
you're going to need an extra burst of energy. Pay a visit to  
your local natural food store or the natural food section of  
your supermarket. Purchase raisins and other dried fruit  
(apples and apricots are great), nuts, carob (or chocolate)  
chips and granola. Provide sandwich bags or plastic  
containers and have your child sprinkle some granola into  
each bag or container to give the trail mix some bulk. Then  
let your child experiment by adding various proportions of  
the other ingredients. (You'll probably want to limit the  
supply of carob or chocolate chips.)

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1 whole coconut

1/2 bag Mini M&M's

1 8-oz. bag sliced almonds

1 10-oz. bag dried bananas

1 bag Dole cinnamon raisins

Drain coconut of juice, crack open, separate meat from  
shell, peel and shred. Place on cookie sheet and dry in the  
oven at 150 degrees. Fluff occasionally to help dry quicker.  
When dried and cooled, place in a 1-gallon baggie and add  
other ingredients. Mix thoroughly.

### STUNTS & APPLAUSES

#### Squirrels

Circle 10 Council

**Needed:** Two Scouts

**Action:**

**1st Scout** just standing there.

**2nd Scout** runs on yelling "They are after me, they are after  
me!"

**1st Scout:** "What's wrong?"

**2nd Scout:** "They are after me!"

**1st Scout** "Who's after you?"

**2nd Scout** "The squirrels are after me, they think I'm nuts!"  
and runs off.

#### Stickin'

Circle 10 Council

**Needed:** Big stick

**1st Scout** enters during break between skits, poking stick in  
ground and playing with it.

**2nd Scout** enters from other side and says "What you  
doing?"

**1st Scout** replies, "Just stickin' around"

#### Applauses

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**Six Shooter:** Point finger in the air and say, "bang, bang!" Then blow 'smoke' from the 'gun'.

**Lone Ranger:** Hi Ho Silver – away!

**Howdy:** How, how, howdy partner.

**Rawhide:** Head'em up! Move'em out!

**Cowboy Stomp:** Slap your thighs and stomp your feet and say "Jingle, jingle, jingle!"

Knock, knocks

**Knock knock**

Who's there?

**Hutch**

Hutch who?

**Did you sneeze?**

**Knock knock**

Who's there?

**Dozen**

Dozen who?

**Dozen anyone answer the door?**

**Riddles**

**What do cowboys put on their pancakes?**

Maple stirrup.

**Why do cowboys ride in rodeos?**

'Cause they like the extra bucks.

**Why did the pioneers cross the country in covered wagons ?**

Because they didn't want to wait 40 years for a train !

**Why did the Texan buy a dachshund?**

Because all the other cowboys were saying, "Get a-long little doggie!"

**What does a horse say when he's finished eating his hay?**

Well, that's the last straw!

**Why do cowboys always die with their boots on?**

So they won't stub their toes when they kick the bucket!

**Run-Ons**

**Cub 1:** What did the bug say when it hit the windshield?

**Cub 2:** I don't have the guts to do that again.

**Cub 1:** Ever since I've been riding in the rodeo, I haven't been feeling good. What do you think it could be?

**Cub 2:** Bronc-it is.

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**Western How:** Stamp feet three times, slap knees three times, whip hand around head three times, and yell "YIPPI-I-A."

**Texas How:** How! How! Howdy pardner!

**Six Shooter:** Point finger in the air and say "BANG" six times, then blow smoke from the end of the gun.

**Pony Express Yell:** Have everyone gallop in place and shout, "YIPPEEEEEEEEEEE".

**Desert Yell:** "Yucca, Yucca, Yucca !!"

**Coyote:** Have the everyone stand, cup their hands around their mouth and say: "YIP, YIP, YIPPEEEEE!!!!!" **Variation:** Add: "ARC, ARC, AROOOOOOOOO!! GEE, It's lonely out here."

**Bull Cheer:** Make bull horns with fingers while shouting "El Toro, El Toro !"

**Bull Fighter:** Hold down cape and move to in appropriate motion while shouting "OLE!"

## SKITS

### Poison Spring

York Adams Area Council

One by one the boys drag on stage crying for water. Each reaches a bucket with a ladle and takes a drink, splashing some water to show there is really water in it and dies. Ham up the dying as much as you want. More than ladle may be needed so that there is plenty of water to slosh around. The next to the last person starts to drink from the bucket, when the last person comes in sees all the dead bodies and yells for the other guy to drink from the bucket, that it is poison. The last person throws the bucket in the audience which really only contains rice or confetti; only the ladles had water.

### The Cricket

Circle 10 Council

**Equipment:** A sheet unless you are near a wall

**Action:** Have one boy stand behind the sheet or wall, unable to be seen. When he talks, he talks in a high-pitched voice. The boy behind the wall or sheet is the cricket. Two boys walk up to the cricket where they can be seen but the cricket can't. The cricket is crying. The boys start talking to him...

**Boy #1:** "What's wrong little cricket?"

**Cricket:** "Nobody loves me (still crying)"

**Boy #2:** "That's not true"

**Cricket:** "Really!"

**Boy #2:** "Yea"

**Cricket:** "Well then, who is it that loves me?"

**Boy #1:** "The angels love you"

**Cricket:** "Who are the angels?"

**Boy #1:** "Tell you what. I'll take you to the angels"

**Cricket:** "Oh, please hurry"

**Boy #2:** "OK"

The boys stomp on the ground as if smashing a bug.

### Dogs in the Wild West

Heart of America Council

**Personnel:** Cubs (Bartender, Dog and saloon customers in costumes) and Narrator.

**Setting:** Wild West Saloon. Cubs act out in pantomime the action while the narrator reads.

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One hot and dry day in the Wild West, this dog walks into a saloon and says, "Gimme a "Sasparilla".

Evidently this type of thing wasn't too rare 'round those parts because the bartender said, "I'm sorry, but we don't serve dogs here." The dog then took out a silver dollar, dropped it on the bar, and said, "Look, I got money, and I want a "Sasparilla." This scene had the potential to get ugly. The bartender, getting a little irate, said one more time, "We do not serve dogs here. Please leave." The dog growled, so the bartender pulled out a gun and shot the dog in the foot! The dog yelped, and ran out the door. The next day, the swinging bar doors were tossed open and in walks the dog that had been in the saloon the day before. He was dressed all in black. A black cowboy hat, a black vest, three black cowboy boots and one black bandage. The dog looks around, waits for the talking to quiet down, and says, "I'm lookin' fer the man who shot my paw."

### Two Buffaloes

Heart of America Council

**Personnel:** Narrator, Man & Buffaloes

**Equipment:** Costumes or signs indicating Buffaloes

**Setting:** Buffaloes stand quietly

**Narrator:** One cloudless day out on a prairie, two buffaloes grazed peacefully. Suddenly, a man ran out among them and started shouting.

**Man:** (runs out and shouts) Hey! You buffalo are big and ugly. Just look at the size of your heads! And phew, you guys smell awful.

**Narrator:** Then, just as suddenly as the man appeared he disappeared. The buffalo looked at each other.

**Buffalo 1:** Well, guess you could say that counts as our seldom heard discouraging word.

### Hiking—The Scout Way

Heart of America Council

**Personnel:** Den Chief or Leader and 4 Cubs

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

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

**Cub 1:** Yes, we're hiking up our socks, our shorts, you know.

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

**Cub 2:** Oh, OK. (Takes football from behind his back; boys line up to begin play) Hike one, hike two, hike three.

**Den Chief:** No, no, no! **Hiking! Hiking! Hiking!** Come on guys. Get with it!

**Cub 3:** (Walks by with crown on head.)

**Cub 4:** Hi, King!

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

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

### Climb that Mountain

Heart of America Council

**Personnel:** 4 to 8 persons

**Equipment:** Rope, pikes, goggles.

**Costumes:** Stocking caps, coats, boots.

**Setting:** Skit opens with boys tied together with rope as mountain climbers are. All talk about how they are going to see the whole world when they reach the top. Finally, the lead climber reaches the very top.

**Lead Climber:** We've made it! We're at the top! I see!

**Others:** Yes, yes.

**Lead Climber:** I see, I see.

**Others:** Yes, Yes!

**Lead Climber:** I see.

**Others:** What do you see?

**Lead Climber:** The other side (In disappointment).

## CLOSING CEREMONY

### Nature and the Good Visitor Closing Circle 10 Council

**Committee Chairman:** Our Pack meeting tonight brought us all together to think about nature. We can enjoy the great outdoors but we think of others who will follow us. Wherever you go in the great wide world of nature, try to be a "good" visitor who will leave the plants and the creatures for others to enjoy after you leave.

**First Cub:** The only shots I took were snapshots.

**Second Cub:** I tried to walk on pathways to keep off plants.

**Third Cub:** When I see animals or birds, I try to remember that I am a guest in their living place and I don't do anything to them but look at them.

**Fourth Cub:** The one big thing I always do when I am ready to go home is to look and see that all fires are out in nature's backyard.

**Cubmaster:** With Cubs and Webelos like you to help keep our friends on the ball, I'm sure that the beauties of nature will be around for years to come. Thanks Cubs, Good Night.

### Rope Closing

**Personnel:** Cubmaster

**Equipment:** 2 strands of cord in different colors

**Cubmaster:** (show two strands of cord in different colors like blue and yellow.) By itself, neither of these strands is very strong. I think a couple of strong Cub Scouts could break either one. (Call forward two Cub Scouts and ask them to wind cord into a single rope.) Together the two strands make a rope that is more than twice as strong as either one alone. There's a lesson in that for us: If our pack is to be strong, both boys and parents must do their part.

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### Happy Trails

Heart of America Council

**Personnel:** 4 Cubs and a narrator

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

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

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

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

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

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

### Cowboy's Philosophy

Heart of America Council

**Personnel:** 5 Cub Scouts

**Setting:** Boys up front

**Cub 1:** We, the cowboys of the western plains are bound by our desire to live free.

**Cub 2:** We must, therefore, show respect for our fellow man.

**Cub 3:** Respect for his beliefs, Respect for his belongings, Respect for his privacy, Respect for the ground he walks on and the air he breathes.

**Cub 4:** In doing so, we show respect for ourselves.

**Cub 5:** And secure freedom for all.

## WEBELOS

### Outdoorsman

Indian Nation Council

**What do most boys want to do on a campout?**

- (1) Use their knife
- (2) Start a fire

### Knife Safety

For (1) use their knife

It will be best if no boy even brings a pocketknife if they haven't earned their "whittlin chip". Before camping or on a campout teach the "whittlin chip" class, (this is in the Bear Book as an activity) so scouts have the opportunity to learn the safe way to open, close, sharpen and use their knife. Until this chip is earned, have them leave it at home or in the adult's care. Know also – any infraction of the rules of knife handling allows a corner of the chip to be removed. If & when the forth corner is lost – so is the use of the knife until he retakes the whittlin chip class & proves he can handle it responsibly. He will have to take a similar class as a Boy Scout to earn his "totem chip". The same rules apply. Boy Scout rules do not encourage sheath

knives. A small pocketknife (3 ½" or less) is very functional. The Boy should keep their whittling chip card on their person to be able to show to anyone who asks that they have earned it.

### To Open And Close A Pocket Knife

To open a pocketknife, hold in left hand, put right thumbnail into nail slot. Pull blade out while pushing against hinge with little finger of left hand. Continue to hold on to handle and blade until blade snaps into open position. To close pocketknife, hold handle with left hand with fingers safely on the sides. Push against back of blade with fingers of right hand, swinging handle up to meet blade. Let knife snap shut; "kick" at base of blade keeps edge from touching inside of handle.

### Ways to Use a Knife

For course cutting, grasp handle with whole hand. Cut at a slant. Always cut away from you. You can cut brush with a pocket knife if you bend the stem until grain is strained, then cut close to the ground with a slanting cut. Trim a branch by cutting twigs from thick end toward end. Push knife against twigs, or pull twigs against blade.

### Pocket Knife Safety Circle

To establish a safety circle, grasp a closed pocketknife in your hand, extend your arm and with the closed knife straight in front of you, rotate body to either side while continuing to extend the closed knife-arm. No one or thing should be in the imaginary circle you have created. Also check your overhead clearance as this is part of your safety circle.

### To Pass And Open Knife

The person handing should hold knife by the blade, passing the handle to the other person. In this way the handler has control of the edge of the knife.

### Whittling Chip Card

After completing Shavings and Chips Achievement #19 in the Bear Cub Scout Book and demonstrating knowledge of and skill in the use of a personal pocket knife, a Cub Scout earns a Whittling Chip Card which states he has earned the right to carry a pocketknife at Cub Scout functions.

### Care Of Your Knife

All Cub Scouts should learn that knives are valuable tools and how to take care of them.

- Knives should be kept clean, dry and sharp at all times.
- Never use it on things that will dull or break it.
- Keep it off the ground. Moisture and dirt will ruin it.
- Keep it out of fire. The heat draws the temper of the steel. The edge of the blade becomes soft and useless.
- Wipe the blade clean after using it. Then close it carefully.

### Knife Sharpening

A dull knife won't do its work. And what is more, it is dangerous. More fingers are cut by dull knives than by sharp knives. A sharp knife bites into the wood while a dull one tends to slip off. A camper should always carry a

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little sharpening stone in his pocket along with his knife. The knife and the stone are partners and where one is the other should be also. Such stones are called whetstones or carborundum stones. One measuring 3/4 of an inch by 3 inches is large enough and is a handy size to carry. A whetstone using water is more practical in camp than one requiring oil, for water is always at hand, but there never seems to be any oil when it is needed. Whetstones are made to provide a grinding surface, and come in varying degrees of coarseness. Coarse stones are used for heavy tools, like axes; fine stones for knives or for finishing the edge.

### Rules for sharpening a knife

1. Place the stones on a level surface.
2. Wet the stone with a little water or oil.
3. Place the blade of the knife flat on the stone, then raise the back edge about the width of the blade itself, keeping the cutting edge on the stone.
4. Draw the knife straight back toward you, or move it straight back and forth putting pressure on it only when you pull it toward you. This is always better than moving it in a circular fashion.
5. Turn the blade over and repeat on the other side an equal number of times.
6. Finish off on the sole of your shoe.

It will take half an hour to sharpen a dull knife, but once sharp, a minute a day will keep it in perfect shape.

### Building a Fire Outdoor Fire Safety Rules

- (1) Follow all the rules of your campsite.
- (2) Clear all burnable materials from your 10-foot fire circle. Don't build the fire under overhanging branches of trees or shrubs or near roots of trees.
- (3) Never leave your fire unattended.
- (4) Should always have two water buckets at your fire ring at all times in case sparks start a fire away from the fire circle. There should also be two water buckets near each tent.
- (5) When you are finished cooking, make sure the fire is out. Spread the coals and ashes and sprinkle them with water stir and sprinkle until the site is cold. Feel it with your hand to make sure.

The universal indicator of a dead fire is a stick stuck up in the middle of the dead fire.

A fire needs three different kinds of fire material.

#### Tinder – Kindling – Fuel

Tinder – should start to burn as soon as it is touched with a lighted match. Use thin twigs (pencil lead size), tops of dried weeds, thin wood shavings, dead or dry pine & cedar, etc. Remember to keep it tiny tinder. At least enough to make the size of an adult fist (two fists is even better). If you are in a forested area – look down – tinder is everywhere. Gently poke a small “cave” into the center of

the tinder pile for an ignition place. Now start stacking the kindling on top of the tinder.

**Kindling** – small sticks about the size of a pencil. The Webelos book says thumb size – get a good size stack of pencil size first. Stack it about as tall as a big coffee can and then start with the thumb size pieces. If you will take the time to do the tinder & kindling, this is the most work involved in fire building. Do not attempt to light it until you have a supply of fuel ready.

**Fuel** – the larger pieces of wood needed to keep the fire going. Arm size & up – a saw is usually needed to cut them to useable size. Always collect up enough in the evening so you'll have plenty for your morning fire. Keep a tarp or plastic sheet over the woodpile in case of rain. Keep a large coffee can full of tinder in a dry area – wet tinder just won't do well. You've kept the ignition cave open through the kindling – if the wind is blowing, place your back towards the wind to block it & cup your hands around the match. Place the lit match through the kindling into the tinder – gently blow to help it ignite. Once the tinder has started, the kindling burning – gently keep feeding larger fuel to it. Too much too fast could put it out. Take your time – do it right. Take all the steps & do it once. Impress your friends & relatives. If you learn this skill well – you will be one of the minorities that will always be able to start and keep a campfire going. Most good cook-fires are the coals that have just enough fuel wood added to keep the coals going. Flame cooking is a good way to ruin food.

**Campfire Safety** Keep the boys at least a legs length away from the fire. Have a designated fire guardian, otherwise they all want to feed and poke the fire. Everyone stays clear of the fire during cooking time except the cooks.

Absolutely no horseplay around the fire. **Charcoal**

**Cooking** Charcoal is a very efficient source of heat, particularly when used with cast iron pans & Dutch ovens. However, a #10 or larger tin can (large coffee can) makes a very adequate stove to use for the scouts mess kit on or even larger utensils.

**Cooking with Charcoal** To start charcoal fires, make and use fire starters or a starter can. Charcoal starts slowly. Allow at least 30 minutes before fire is ready to use. To start charcoal, use one of the following methods:

(1) Place small twigs or fire starters close together as a base. Leave an air space beneath starters. Place charcoal on top of this. Light the fire starters and gradually add a few more briquettes, one at a time.

(2) Use a starter can. Charcoal will be grey-white in the daylight and red at night when ready. Starter Can - Cut both ends from one-gallon can, or large juice can. Make vent holes with a pop can opener around one end of the large can. To use, place can inside grill or on a pan or tray, crumple three full size sheets of newspaper into balls. Place newspaper in bottom of starter can or fill it halfway with



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twigs. Cover with charcoal. Light the newspaper through the vent holes. When charcoal is glowing, remove can with a pair of pliers. One charcoal briquette equals 40 degrees of temperature.

**Charcoal Stove** You need: Tin can (#10 or larger), roll-type can opener, punch opener, wire for handle, three pieces sturdy wire screen

(1) Remove top of can with roll-type can opener. Punch air holes with punch opener around top and bottom of can.

(2) Stick ends of wire through two of the holes at top and twist to make a handle.

(3) Push wire screen halfway down into can to make a grate. This holds charcoal near top for cooking and keeps air under charcoal. To keep screen from slipping, curl second piece of screen into a coil, and put between grate screen and bottom of stove. To Use Charcoal Stove – Set the stove on cleared ground and put tinder on the grate. When tinder is burning briskly, drop charcoal into fire. Swing the stove by the handle now and then to keep the charcoal burning.

**Vagabond Stove** You need: #10 tin can, pair of tin snips, gloves, roll-type can opener, punch opener, hammer

(1) Remove lid from tin can using roll-type can opener. This open end will be the bottom of your stove.

(2) Cut door in stove. Wearing gloves, take the tin snips and cut from the open end two slits three inches apart and three inches long. Bend this piece of tin back into can and hammer it flat.

(3) Punch with the punch opener two or three small holes at the top of the can on the side opposite the door. These are your air holes and serve as a chimney. To Use Vagabond Stove – Find a level spot for the stove so food will not run over the side. If stove is not level put a twig under the low edge. Press the stove in the dirt so that it makes a ring. Then put it aside. Make a small fire of twigs in the ring. Keep fire small but steady. You can also use a sterno can or other form of “scout heat”. Put the stove over the twig fire or Buddy Burner. The stove will get very hot so do not touch it.

\*The first time you use your stove you will have to wipe the finish off the tin can after the stove has heated up. Hold stove with a potholder and wipe off with a paper towel.

### Webelos Outdoor Cooking

Cooking and eating are an adventure. Eating is fun and so is fixing food to eat. There are so many activities that offer an opportunity to cook and eat. There is just something about camp cooking that is special. Cooking outdoors requires a different set of rules and equipment. Take time to plan some activities that will include food preparation, whether it is brought in a paper sack or food that will be prepared by the boys. Even cooking a hot dog or marshmallow can be a real challenge - having it cook just right and not burnt. Cooking is a skill and cooking

outdoors with charcoal, wood or a buddy burner will take some skill. Take time to talk about what you plan to cook, discuss safety and practice fire building. It is fun to beat eggs, mix pancakes, make a milkshake or cherry cobbler. It can be lots of fun as long as you know what you are doing. Don't be too ambitious to start with, remember the age of boys you are working with. Do simple recipes and progress as their skills develop. Outdoor food does not have to be cooked. A good lunch can be part of the day without having to take time out to cook. Maybe the first venture could be an after school snack.

### Safety And Good Cooking Habits

Start out by getting yourself ready to cook.

- Protect your clothes from spills by putting on an apron; then wash your hands.
- Read the entire recipe carefully.
- Organize the bowls, spoons, pans and other equipment that you will need.
- Read and know about making fires and fire safety.
- Have all the ingredients for the recipe. Measure ingredients accurately.

Follow the recipe mixing the ingredients.

- While the product is cooking, put things away and clean up your work area.
- Stay near your food. If you forget them, they will cook too long and burn.
- Turn pot handles away from the edge so no one will bump the handle and cause pot to spill.
- Always use potholders when handling hot pans. Keep all towels, pot holders, clothes and hair away from the flames.
- Learn how to use a knife.

### Outdoor Cooking Hints

- Pack charcoal in a paper egg carton and tie shut. When ready to use, just light the carton.
- For a wood fire, use candle pieces wrapped (like candy) in wax paper. Light the paper and the wax will keep it going long enough to ignite your kindling.
- Handy fire starters (never-fail) can be made by placing one charcoal briquette in each section of an egg carton (paper kind). Cover with melted wax. Tear apart and use.
- Handy fire starter. Save lint out of lint filter in clothes dryer. Place lint under kindling and use as tinder.
- Put a burger fresh from the grill into the bun and place in a plastic bag for about a minute. The bun will be steamed warm.
- Let a pan or bucket of water heat on the fire while you eat and your dish water will be ready when you are.
- Melted paraffin, applied inside and outside a cooler leak will seal it.
- A bar of soap will stay clean on a cookout if kept in the end of an old stocking and hung in a tree.
- For safety, always keep a bucket of water nearby when cooking outside.

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- When camping, choose foods that keep well with little or no refrigeration. Check out instant and dehydrated foods.
- Cool the ice chest before you fill it. The ice will last much longer.
- Cans of frozen juice can help keep other foods cold when packing your ice chest.
- Freeze fresh meat before putting in cooler. It will last longer and also help keep other foods cold. Even make hamburger patties and freeze with double paper between each.
- Give yourself plenty of time to start a fire and wait for wood or briquettes to be ready.
- Brush grates of a grill with oil to prevent meat from sticking.
- Don't forget to rub the outside of metal pans with liquid detergent - it sure helps when it comes time to clean up.

### Cooking Tricks

You won't want to spend your whole day cooking while in camp. In the beginning, cooking will take up a lot of your time, but soon you'll learn a number of tricks that will get you out of the "kitchen" quickly. One of the most important tricks in camp cookery is to have exactly the right kind of fire ready for the job on hand when you start cooking --quick flames if you have boiling to do, low flames for stewing, a bed of glowing coals for frying and broiling. In the kitchen at home, your oven can be set for the exact temperature called for in a recipe. When camping, you can come close to determining correct temperature by learning the trick of counting seconds while holding your palm in at place where food will go. A cookbook will call for specific measurements by the teaspoon, tablespoon, or cup. In camp, your fingers and palm will do. The measurements on the next page are for the average hand. Find out how they fit your hand by testing them at home against a measuring spoon and cup. As you pick up other cooking tricks, make a note of them.

You will find that they will come in handy sooner or later.

### Foil Cookery

#### Foil Cooking Hints

Use two layers of light-weight, or one layer of heavy duty aluminum foil. Foil should be large enough to go around food and allow for crimping the edges in a tight seal. This will keep the juices and steam in. This wrap is know as the "drugstore" wrap.

#### Drugstore Wrap

Use heavy foil three times the width of the food. Fold over and roll up the leading edges. Then roll sides for a steamp roof seal. A shallow bed of glowing coals that will last the length of cooking time is necessary.

#### Cooking Times:

Hamburger 8-12 minutes

Carrots 15-20 minutes

Chicken pieces 20-30 minutes

Whole apples 20-30 minutes

Hotdogs 5-10 minutes

Sliced potatoes 10-15 minutes

#### Foil Dinner

Lay slices of potatoes, onion, and carrots on a sheet of heavy-duty foil then place hamburger patty on top. Cover with slices of potato, onion, and carrots. Season with butter, salt and pepper. Cook 20-30 minutes over hot coals, turning twice during cooking.

#### Cardboard Box Oven

A cardboard box will make an oven. Cut off the flaps so that the box has four straight sides and bottom. The bottom of the box will be the top of the oven.

Cover the box inside and out **COMPLETELY** with foil, placing shiny side out.

To use the oven, place the pan with food to be baked on a footed grill over the lit charcoal briquettes. The grill should be raised about ten inches above the charcoal.

Set the cardboard oven over the food and charcoal. Prop up one end of the oven with a pebble to provide the air charcoal needs to burn - or cut air vents along the lower edge of the oven. Control the baking temperature of the oven by the number of charcoal briquettes used. Each briquette supplies 40 degrees of heat (*a 360 degree temperature will take 9 briquettes*).

**Experiment!** Build an oven to fit your pans - or your menu:

Bake bread, brownies, roast chicken, pizza or a coffee cake. Construct a removable oven top or oven door.

Punch holes on opposite sides of the oven and run coat hanger wire through to make a grill to hold baking pans. Try the oven over the coals of a campfire.

#### Recipes

##### Aluminum Eggs (*Foil Breakfast*)

Sausage

Egg

Hash brown potatoes

Salt, pepper and spices to taste

Place potatoes, scrambled egg (*doesn't need to be cooked*) sausage patty and spices in

foil. Wrap securely. Place on coals for 15 minutes.

##### Egg On A Raft (*Vagabond Stove*)

Bread

Egg

Salt and pepper

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Grease the cooking surface of the stove. Cut two-inch hole in a slice of bread. Place

bread on burner and break egg into the hole. Season and turn over once while cooking.

### Aztec Toothpicks

Heat a white flour tortilla in skillet or top of vagabond stove. Spread cream cheese on tortilla; sprinkle on brown sugar and cinnamon. Roll up tortilla and pig out. Great breakfast, sweet roll or night time snack.

### French Toast (*Vagabond Stove*)

3 eggs

1/2 cup milk

1 tablespoon sugar

4 slices bread

Butter, syrup, jam or powdered sugar

Beat eggs, milk and sugar together with a fork. Grease the top of a hot vagabond stove with margarine. Dip both sides of a piece of bread in egg mixture, and lay it on the stove. Be careful that the fire is not too hot. When bottom browns, turn the toast over with a fork or turner. You may need more margarine. When the second side is brown, remove the toast to a plate.

### Vienna Toast

Make a jelly sandwich. Beat two eggs per person (*4 pieces of toast*). Add a little sugar, cinnamon and milk or water. Dip sandwich in egg mixture; fry the sandwich like french toast. Dip fried sandwich in (*or sprinkle on*) powdered sugar instead of syrup. Tastes like a giant jelly donut.

### Punch Donuts

Canned biscuits

Cooking oil

Cocoa

Jello

Sugar (*white, brown, powdered, w/wo cinnamon*)

Take a biscuit, punch hole through it with finger. Shape into donut shape. Drop into hot oil. Flip over when brown. Remove from oil; dip into sugar, cocoa or jello. Eat slowly, they are really hot.

### Sausage Balls

1 lb sausage

3 cups bisquick

1 8 oz jar Cheese Whiz or shredded cheese

Combine sausage (*cooked*), bisquick and cheese; shape into balls. Bake in preheated 300 degree oven for 25 minutes or until lightly browned.

### Nelson's Stew

Box of macaroni and cheese

1 can of chunky ham

Heat water to boiling. Add macaroni and cook until soft. Follow directions on box.

Crumble can of chunky ham into mixture, mix thoroughly.

This is very easy. Feeds 2

scouts per box of macaroni and cheese, 1 can of ham can be mixed with each 2 boxes of macaroni.

### Camp Stroganoff

1-1/2 to 2 pounds ground beef

Onion soup mix

2-3 tablespoons of ketchup

1 cup sour cream

1 can cream of mushroom soup

Noodles

Bring pot of water to a rolling boil and cook noodles until done. Brown meat and drain off grease. Add remaining ingredients and simmer until meat is tender. If necessary, thin sauce with a little milk. Serve over cooked noodles.

### Taco Casserole

2 pounds hamburger

6 tortillas

cheese grated

2 cloves garlic, minced

2 cans enchilada sauce

1 small can tomato sauce

Brown meat and garlic. Add enchilada sauce and tomato sauce. Simmer for 30 minutes. Tear tortillas and layer pan with tortillas, meat, cheese. Repeat with cheese on top. Bake at 350 degrees for 45 minutes.

### Don's Hawaiian Delight

In a square piece of heavy duty aluminum foil place enough of each of the following to make one serving:

Sliced ham

Sweet potatoes

Carrots

Pineapple

Surround the ham slices with the other ingredients on the foil then add 1 tablespoon of syrup or honey. Fold using "drugstore" wrap to hold in the juice. Cook package on hot coals for approximately 15 minutes on each side.

### Pasta Italiano Bake

1 lb ground beef

1/4 cup chopped onion

1/4 cup chopped green pepper

1 garlic clove, minced

1 6 oz can tomato paste

1/2 cup water

1 teaspoon salt

1/2 teaspoon oregano leaves

2 cups (*4 oz*) noodles, cooked, drained

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1/4 cup chopped parsley  
 1/2 cup Miracle Whip salad dressing  
 3/4 cup Kraft grated parmesan cheese  
 2 eggs, beaten  
 Brown meat, drain. Add onion, green pepper and garlic; cook until tender. Stir in tomato paste, water and seasonings. Cover; simmer 15 minutes. Combine noodles and parsley; toss lightly. Combine salad dressing, 1/2 cup cheese and eggs; mix well. Layer noodles and meat mixture in Dutch Oven; top with remaining cheese. Bake for approximately 40 minutes. 6 servings.

**Corn Casserole**

1 can whole corn with juice  
 1 can cream style corn  
 1/2 cup melted butter  
 1 package Jiffy corn bread mix  
 1 cup sour cream  
 2 eggs  
 1 cup cheddar cheese  
 Mix all ingredients together, except cheese. Bake at 350 degrees for 25-30 minutes. Add cheese on top and bake for 8-10 minutes more.

**Chicken Breasts**

8 chicken breasts  
 1 jar or package dried beef slices  
 8 slices bacon  
 Salt and pepper to taste  
 1 can Cream of Mushroom soup  
 1 small carton sour cream  
 Bone the chicken breasts and roll one slice bacon around each. Place dried beef slices in bottom of Dutch oven and lay bacon-wrapped chicken breasts on top. Salt and pepper to taste. Pour mushroom soup and sour cream over breasts. Bake for approximately 50-65 minutes until chicken is tender.

**Sausage-Rice Oven Dish**

2 1/2 lbs. ground sausage  
 1 medium green pepper, chopped  
 1 medium onion, chopped  
 1 cup celery, chopped  
 2 cups rice, cooked as to directions on box  
 3 packages dry chicken noodle soup mix  
 1 small can pimentos, chopped  
 1 can cream of chicken soup  
 1 package almonds, slivered  
 Brown sausage and drain. Add green pepper, onion and celery and simmer in open Dutch Oven for 15 minutes. Add cooked rice and dry soup mix. Add pimentos, cream of chicken soup and almonds and bake. (*You can also use Wild Rice*)

**BBQ Pork Chops Dutch Oven**

6 Pork chops (*You can also use chicken*)  
 1 tablespoon cooking oil  
 Salt and pepper to taste  
 3/4 cup catsup  
 1 8 oz cola drink  
 Brown meat with cooking oil in Dutch Oven. Mix catsup and cola with salt and pepper and pour into oven over meat. Bake until done. (*Should be gooey*)

**Easy Meat Loaf**

2 pounds ground beef  
 1 small can evaporated milk or 1/2 cup milk  
 2 packages dried onion soup mix  
 Mix all ingredients together and form loaf in Dutch oven. Bake approximately 50 to 60 minutes.

**Tasty Beef Roast**

1 3 lb to 5 lb beef roast  
 1 can cream of mushroom soup  
 1 package dry onion soup mix  
 Brown roast. Pour 1/2 can mushroom soup around meat. Pour onion soup mix over meat, then the remaining mushroom soup over all. Let bake to desired doneness. Approximately 30 to 45 minutes to pound.

**Dutch Oven Enchilada Casserole**

2 lbs ground beef  
 1 teaspoon salt  
 1 large onion, chopped  
 1 can tomato soup (*10 3/4 ozs*)  
 2 cans enchilada mild sauce (*10 ozs*)  
 1 can water (*10 ozs*)  
 1 package of corn tortillas  
 1/2 lb grated or sliced cheese  
 Brown together beef, salt and onion. Add tomato soup, enchilada sauce and water to beef mixture and simmer together. Place 3 or 4 corn tortillas on bottom of Dutch Oven. Remove 3/4's of the meat mixture from pan, and place over top of tortillas. Add another layer of tortillas. Add a 1/4 lb of cheese on top. Add another layer of meat mixture. Place another layer of meat mixture. Place another layer of tortillas. Sprinkle with remaining cheese. Place like over Dutch Oven and let simmer until it appears to be done. Approximately 30-40 minutes.

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#### Baked Spaghetti

1 large onion, chopped  
1 clove garlic, minced

4 tablespoons shortening  
1/2 lb ground beef  
2 cups water  
2 cans tomato soup  
2 teaspoons chili powder  
1/2 lb uncooked spaghetti  
1 cup sharp cheese (*grated*)  
Cook onion and garlic in shortening in Dutch Oven. Add beef and cook, stirring occasionally, to keep meat particles separated. Drain excess grease off. Mix in the soup, water and chili powder and cook a few minutes longer. Break spaghetti into inch pieces and stir into sauce until all covered. Bake for about 1 hour, but stir approximately every 15 minutes. Then add cheese to top. Bake another 15 minutes.

#### Hanover Brisket

4 or 5 lb brisket  
1 can of consommé  
1 (10 oz) bottle (*lite*) soy sauce  
1/4 cup lemon juice  
Garlic to taste  
1 tablespoon liquid smoke  
Combine last 5 ingredients, pour over meat and marinate overnight. Place meat and marinade in a covered pan and bake at 300 degrees for 3 hours for 3 & 4 lbs and 4 hours for 5 lbs. Baste occasionally during baking. Take out and slice. Then replace it in the pan and pour some of the marinade over brisket. Increase the temperature to 350 degrees and continue baking for another hour.

#### Cinnamon-Raisin Roll-Ups

2 cups Bisquick baking mix  
1/2 cup raisins (*can omit*)  
1/2 cup dairy sour cream  
3 tablespoons milk  
2 tablespoons margarine, softened  
1/4 cup packed brown sugar  
1/4 cup finely chopped nuts  
1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon  
2 tablespoons margarine, melted  
Granulated sugar  
Spray Pam on the inside of Dutch Oven. Mix baking mix, raisins, sour cream and milk; beat 20 strokes. Smooth into ball on floured aluminum foil or wax paper. Knead 10 times. Roll into rectangle, approximately 12 x 10 inches. Spread with softened margarine (can use squeeze margarine also). Mix brown sugar, nuts and cinnamon; sprinkle over dough. Roll up tightly, beginning at 12" side. Pinch edge into roll. Cut

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into 12 slices. Place slices, cut sides down, in the bottom of Dutch Oven. Brush melted margarine over the tops, sprinkle with granulated sugar. Bake until golden, about 13 minutes. Top with margarine if desired.

### Herb Bubble Ring

1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese  
1 tablespoon parsley flakes  
1/2 cup dried basil leaves  
1/2 teaspoon garlic powder  
1/2 teaspoon paprika  
3 cups Bisquick mix  
3/4 cup dairy sour cream  
1/4 cup milk  
1/4 cup margarine, melted  
Spray Dutch Oven with Pam, or line with aluminum foil. Mix cheese, parsley, basil, garlic powder and paprika; reserve. Mix baking mix, sour cream and milk until soft dough forms; beat vigorously 30 seconds. Gently smooth dough in ball on floured aluminum foil or wax paper. Knead 10 times. Shape into 1 inch balls. Dip each ball into melted margarine, then roll in cheese mixture to coat. Arrange balls about 1/4 inch apart in layers in oven. Sprinkle any remaining cheese mixture over top. Bake until golden brown, about 20 minutes.

### Sour Cream Onion Squares

1 large onion, sliced  
2 tablespoons margarine  
1 egg  
3/4 cup dairy sour cream  
1/4 teaspoon seasoned salt  
1 cup milk  
3 cups Bisquick baking mix  
Sauté' onion in margarine until soft. Beat egg in a small bowl; stir in sour cream until blended; add onions and seasoned salt. Stir milk into baking mix to form a soft dough; turn into a lightly sprayed (*with Pam*) or aluminum lined Dutch Oven. Bake for approximately 20 minutes or until top is set.

### Biscuits

4 cups flour  
2 tablespoons baking powder  
1 teaspoon salt  
1/2 cup shortening  
1 1/2 cups milk or water  
Combine dry ingredients. Work in shortening with a knife or fingers until evenly distributed. Add milk gradually, mixing lightly and quickly until there is no dry flour in dish. Pinch off desired amount for each biscuit and bake.

### Sopapillas

4 cups sifted all-purpose flour  
3 teaspoons baking powder  
1 teaspoon salt  
2 tablespoons sugar  
2 tablespoons vegetable shortening  
1 cup milk  
Vegetable oil for frying  
Mix flour, baking powder, salt and sugar into a large bowl. Cut in shortening until mixture resembles cornmeal. Stir in milk until mixture forms a firm dough. Knead dough on lightly floured aluminum foil or waxed paper just until smooth. Cover; let rest 20 minutes. Roll out to 1/4 inch thickness; cut into squares or diamonds. Heat oil in a Dutch Oven until hot. Fry sopapillas, a few at a time, turning often so they fry evenly until golden brown. Remove from oil with slotted spoon to paper towels to drain. Serve hot with butter & honey or sprinkled with cinnamon sugar.

### Impossible Pecan Pie

1 1/2 cups chopped pecans  
3/4 cup packed brown sugar  
3/4 cup milk  
3/4 cup light or dark corn syrup  
1/2 cup Bisquick baking mix  
1/4 cup margarine or butter, softened  
4 eggs  
1 1/2 teaspoon vanilla  
Grease pie plate. Sprinkle pecans in plate. Beat remaining ingredients until smooth. Pour into pie plate. Put into Dutch Oven and bake until knife, when inserted into center, comes out clean. Approximately 50-60 minutes.

### Pineapple Upside Down Cake

1 can pineapple (6 oz)  
1/2 cup pecans  
1/2 cup brown sugar  
1 square margarine  
2 yellow cake mixes, or 3 golden pound cake mixes  
Mix cake mixes according to directions. Line the Dutch Oven with aluminum foil, place oven onto the heat, level it and melt the margarine in the oven. When melted, add the brown sugar, then the pineapple slices, then the pecans. This will be the glaze. Pour cake on top of glaze. This dessert doesn't require much heat on the bottom, just enough to brown the glaze - about 8 briquettes should be plenty. Bake for approximately 25 minutes. Check it every 15 minutes and when golden brown, test it to

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see if it is done. If it is, take off the heat and lift the cake out of the oven by the aluminum foil. Put a pan or board on it and then turn it over quickly so that the glaze is on top. Remove the foil.

When baking in a Dutch oven with a cake pan or pie pan, put 1 inch diameter foil balls in the bottom of the oven to lift the pan off the bottom to keep the food from burning and distribute the heat more evenly.

### Impossible Pumpkin Pie

3/4 cup sugar  
1/2 cup Bisquick baking mix  
2 tablespoons margarine  
1 can (13 oz) evaporated milk  
2 eggs  
1 can (16 oz) pumpkin  
2 1/2 teaspoons pumpkin pie spice  
1 teaspoon vanilla

Grease pie plate. Beat all ingredients until smooth. Pour into pie plate. Put into Dutch Oven and bake until knife inserted in center comes out clean. Approximately 50-60 minutes.

### Easy Ice Cream

1 (14 oz) can Eagle Brand Sweetened Condensed Milk  
2/3 cup chocolate flavored syrup  
2 cups (1 pint) whipping cream  
Put into small cleaned coffee can, put lid on. Put down inside a 3 lb coffee can. Put ice and rock salt around it. Put lid on large can. Roll can, stop and drain water out, and put more ice and rock salt in. Continue until firm.

### Potatoes and Chicken Dijon

#### Ingredients:

4 medium potatoes, cut into 1/4 inch slices  
1 pound chicken breasts, boned and skinned, cut into 1/2 inch slices  
2 tablespoons vegetable oil  
1/4 cup prepared honey-Dijon barbecue sauce  
1 teaspoon dried tarragon

#### Preparation:

Place potatoes in Dutch oven and add just enough water to cover potatoes. Cook until just tender. Remove potatoes and water. Add oil, cook chicken until done. Add potatoes; toss until potatoes are lightly browned. Add barbecue sauce and tarragon; toss until heated through.

### Potatoes and Chicken rosemary

#### Ingredients:

1 1/3 pounds (4 medium) potatoes, cut into 1/4-inch slices  
1 pound chicken breasts, boned and skinned, cut into 1/2 inch slices  
2 cloves garlic, minced

2 tablespoons olive oil  
2 teaspoons dried rosemary, crumbled  
salt and pepper, to taste

#### Preparation:

Place potatoes in Dutch oven and add just enough water to cover potatoes. Cook until just tender. Remove potatoes and water. Add oil, and cook chicken and garlic until done. Add potatoes; toss until potatoes are lightly browned. Add potatoes and rosemary; toss until potatoes are lightly browned. Season with salt and pepper.

### Potatoes and Chicken Santa Fe

#### Ingredients:

1 1/3 pounds (4 medium) potatoes, cut into 1/4-inch slices  
1 pound chicken breasts, boned and skinned, cut into 1/2 inch slices  
2 tablespoons olive oil  
1 cup prepared tomato salsa  
1 8-3/4 ounce can whole kernel corn, drained

#### Preparation:

Place potatoes in Dutch oven and add just enough water to cover potatoes. Cook until just tender. Remove potatoes and water. Add oil, and cook chicken until done. Add potatoes; toss until potatoes are lightly browned. Add potatoes; toss until potatoes are lightly browned. Add salsa and corn; toss until heated through.

### Fire Starters

#### Buddy Burner

This is a fire starter, which is used with a tin-can stove. They can also be used as emergency road flares (keep one or two in your car). You'll need:

One 6-ounce tuna or cat food can  
Strip of corrugated cardboard  
Paraffin  
String

1. Cut a long strip of corrugated cardboard. The width should be slightly less than the height of the can. Remove the paper from one side. Roll the cardboard in a tight coil and place on edge in tuna can. The tighter the cardboard is rolled, the longer it will burn.
2. Insert a piece of string in the center for the wick.
3. Melt paraffin in a clean 1-pound coffee can set in a pan of water. Pour melted paraffin over cardboard in can until can is three-quarters full. Let wax harden.

#### Trench Candles

These are also called paraffin logs or "fire bugs" and are useful in building wet-weather

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fires. Tear several thickness of newspaper into 2-inch strips. Roll to make a log about 1-inch thick and tie with a string. Roll to make a log about 1-inch thick and tie with a string. Melt paraffin in a double boiler. Holding the newspaper roll with tongs, dip it into the melted paraffin. The saturated string becomes a wick. Trench candles produce a high, steady flame to help get the fire going. Another way to make "fire bugs" is to roll up four newspaper sheets, beginning at the short side. Tie strings 2 inches apart. Cut between the strings to make 2-inch "bugs."

Soak in paraffin as directed above.

To provide a little more burning area, create a candle effect with the "fire bugs" using your finger to push out some of the middle. When completed, you can use the string for a wick and also light the small "top" end of the candle.

### Egg Cup Burner

Mix  $\frac{3}{4}$  cup sawdust with enough melted paraffin to saturate it. Put in a 3-ounce paper cup or a cup cut from a cardboard egg carton. Insert a string in the center for a wick.

### Match Bundle

Tie six to eight kitchen matches together with a string and dip in paraffin.

### Ingredients of a Successful Campfire Program

Before we discuss sample campfire ceremonies, songs, stunts, and games in more detail, let's take a bird's eye look at the ingredients of a successful campfire:

**Song** - Scouting, action, quiet, novelty, special occasion songs can all be used.

**Stunts, Skits** - No campfire program is complete without stunts and skits. These are primarily for fun and entertainment, but they can also include physical or mental contests and educational stunts.

**Ceremonies** - The opening ceremony sets the tone of the whole program, so it must be good! It should be attractively staged to capture and hold the attention of the audience.

The closing ceremony should be quiet, inspirational, and challenging.

**Stories** - A story can be the high point of the campfire and make it something to remember. It could be an old-timer telling of adventure in faraway places; it could be a Boy Scout telling of his jamboree experience or tales of the Philmont trails; it could be a storyteller spinning a ghostly yarn. (But remember many younger boys are easily

frightened by "horror" stories and care must be exercised to edit out extremely "ghostly" yarns.)

**Games** - They help build enthusiasm and help the boys let off some steam so they will be ready for the more serious moments of the campfire.

### Sample Campfire Program

1. Gather the boys in a circle or semicircle around the fire with parents behind them. A denner or den chief can light the fire while the Cubmaster or other leader declares the campfire open and welcomes the group.
2. Sing one or two lively songs that everyone knows something like "She'll Be Comin' Round the Mountain" or "Row, Row, Row Your Boat." If someone plays the guitar or harmonica, they can accompany the song.
3. Play a campfire game, such as the Laughing Game.
4. Lead an audience-participation stunt such as "Story of the Moor Monster" (Group Meeting Sparklers).
5. Sing an action song such as "Head and Shoulders, Knees and Toes".
6. Play another game.
7. Tell a story such as "The Gift of Trees."
8. Lead a quiet song such as "Scout Vesper Song" or "Scout's Good-Night Song"
9. Close with the Scout benediction, with boys and adults standing around the fire.

### Outdoor Code

As an American, I will do my best to - be clean in my outdoor manners, be careful with fire, be considerate in the outdoors, and be conservation minded.

### The Conservation Pledge

I give my pledge as an American to save and faithfully to defend from waste the natural resources of my country - its soil and minerals, its forests, waters and wildlife.

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### Be A Prepared Webelos Leader

Take advantage of the Webelos Leader Outdoor training available through your district. Take as many adult partners to the outdoor training as possible.

### Objectives

- To encourage Webelos to camp with their families.
- To introduce Webelos to Boy Scout camping.
- To familiarize boys with fire safety.
- To emphasize the "outing" in Scouting.

### Where To Go And What To Do

Demonstrate how to make an improvised bedroll.



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Practice building a fire for cooking and for a campfire, and have a den cookout.

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Camporees

Contact a local Boy Scout troop and arrange to camp with them.

Take hikes at different times of the year and have boys notice the differences in their surroundings.

Have a knot-tying contest or play knot-tying games to learn and improve skills.

Make some camp gadgets.

Invite a member of the district or council camping committee to talk about low impact camping.

Study and learn fire safety rules including no flame lights in tents and no liquid starter for charcoal fires.

Learn aluminum foil cooking techniques.

Build charcoal stoves. Vent them at top and bottom with can opener. Teach boys how to build a fire in them.

Make a first aid kit.

Practice camping in the back yard.

Practice laying fires for regular wood fires or charcoal, so boys will know how to lay fires for cooking or campfires.

Have a tent-making project of a simple tarp tent, which will provide shelter for two boys.

Make lists of item needed for backyard camping and adult partner and Webelos Scout camping.

Learn the Outdoor Code.

### Planning An Overnighter

Everything must be planned ahead. The original planning session should be conducted by the Webelos leader and attended by the assistant Webelos leader(s) and several adult partners who will be going on the overnighter. At the start of the planning meeting, consider the following: Health and Safety – follow the Camping Health and Safety Rules found in Chapter 8, Cub Scout Leader Book. Fill out and submit a tour permit to the reservation desk at the council office. If camping at a council camp, a camping permit must be turned in two weeks prior to leaving to reserve your campsite.

A Big Event – Point out that the Webelos adult partner – Webelos Scout overnight campout will be a big event in the life of each boy. It should be a good experience for him. A well-run overnighter will whet his appetite for the more advanced fun of scouting. A poorly planned, poorly run campout could discourage him from becoming a Boy Scout. Have A Written Plan-Planning is simply being able to “see” with the mind’s eye the things that are going to happen. Imagine the experience and write down the things that need to be done. A written plan is essential. Make sure everyone know his responsibilities.

Location-If a privately owned campsite is selected, arrangements should be made with the owner well in advance.

Alternatives-Stress that the campout plan should be flexible and provide alternatives, such as what to do if first choice of sites is not available, what to do in case of bad weather, etc.

**Campouts Should Include** activities that boys enjoy. The following are good activities to schedule:

**1. U.S. Flag-**Explain that Boy Scouts of America camps fly the U.S. Flag. Have a ceremony as it is raised and again as it is lowered.

**2. Activity Badge Work-**The campout is a good time for boys to complete the requirements for several badges, especially the Outdoorsman.

**3. Campfire Program-**This is one of the most exciting parts of a campout. It should be planned carefully so it will be successful.

**4. Outdoor Games-**Games such as “Three-legged races,” “Tug of War,” and “Sack Races,” are good. Involve both adult partners and boys in the games.

**5. Worship Services-**Remember, Duty to God is a big part of the Boy Scout program. The campout can be planned to end early enough to have everyone back home in time for Sunday worship. If not, be sure to include an evening vesper or Sunday worship service as part of the campout program. It does not need to be a long drawn out service just sing a few songs, say a prayer, and read a short devotion. Since Scouting is non-sectarian, the worship service should be non-denominational and attendance optional but encouraged. “When Scouts Worship”, “The Scout Oath in Action”, and “The Scout Law in Action” are good resources for worship.

**6. Fishing-**If there is a lake or stream nearby; this is a good adult partner-Webelos Scout activity. Be sure dads have fishing gear and licenses. Teach good citizenship by stressing conservation-keep only the fish intended for a meal and release all others.

**7. Swimming-**If facilities are available; these are good activities, which the boys will find enjoyable. Use Safe Swim Defense when in the water. See the Webelos Scout Book for the Safe Swim Defense Plan.

### Preparing The Adult Partners

Hold a meeting with the adult partners two or three weeks prior to the outing.

**1. Attendance-**All adult partners should be invited. Often not everyone is able to meet at one time so be sure that those not in attendance get all the necessary information as soon as possible after the meeting. Communications are important. Since this meeting is for the adults, more will be accomplished if the boys do not attend.

#### **2. Particulars-**

a. Date of outing

b. Location. Give detailed directions and a map. Decide on transportation, usually car-pooling.

c. Time and place of rendezvous and estimated time or return.

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d. Schedule of event during campout. Include the boys' suggestions with the adults' ideas.

e. Menu for outing: Keep menu simple, remember each team cooks, eats and cleans up together. Suggest that similar meals be planned for all involved. This avoids some eating steak while others have hot dogs. At least two meals involving group cooking should be planned. (Often Saturday evening and Sunday morning.)

3. Equipment-Each adult partner should have a personal equipment checklist similar to the boys. Don't forget First Aid kits. Most camping equipment can be expensive, so ask you local Boy Scout troop if you can borrow tents, propane stoves, lanterns, etc.

### Preparing The Boys

Preparing the boys goes beyond informing them about the campout that has been planned. This period of preparation for the campout offers many opportunities to introduce materials, which will be helpful to the boys in their Webelos training. Some of the opportunities are:

1. Discuss and plan the campout with the boys. This is one of the requirements for the Outdoorsman Activity Badge.
2. Discuss fire safety and its need. This is another requirement for the badge. An excellent set of fire safety rules is contained in the Webelos Scout Book. A review of the Outdoor Code will help prepare the boys to be good campers and will complete one of the requirements for the Webelos Badge.
3. Teach the boys the taut-line hitch. They will need to know this to set up their tents. Practice all knots and have a knot-tying relay race.
4. Include the Den Chief in the campout planning. His experience in Scouting will be helpful. He could help teach the taut-line hitch and the basic rules of fire safety. He should go along on the campout.
5. About one week before the campout, send home an individual checklist with each boy, along with a letter giving final details as to when and where to meet, when the boys will return, etc.

### Sample Schedule For Campout

Saturday  
 Arrive at the campsite  
 Erect tents, prepare bedding, check cooking area and fuel supply  
 Raise U.S. Flag while all salute. Repeat Pledge of Allegiance.  
 Take a Nature hike  
 Fishing  
 Adult partner-Webelos Scout buddy teams prepare own lunch  
 Lunch

Clean-up and dishwashing  
 Adult partner-Webelos work on badge requirements or take tour  
 Swimming (Use Safe Swim Defense Plan)  
 Free time  
 Adult partner-Webelos Scout buddy teams assist in preparing group dinner  
 Dinner  
 Clean-up and dishwashing  
 Games  
 Lower U.S. Flag while all salute  
 Campfire program  
 Lights out and camp quite  
 Sunday  
 Reveille  
 Air bedding and clean up  
 Raise U.S. Flag while all salute. Repeat Pledge of Allegiance  
 Non-denominational worship service  
 Adult partner-Webelos Scout buddy teams prepare group breakfast  
 Breakfast  
 Clean-up and dishwashing  
 Strike camp. Leave campsite in good condition

### Your Campfire

Your campfire should be the highlight of your overnight campout. Few, if any of your Webelos Scouts have enjoyed the fellowship of a campfire. Plan it to be something more than just a casual gathering around a sputtering fire. This doesn't mean that it's necessary to have a formal program with an M.C. and a split-second schedule of snappy acts. Here is a suggested program which has variety and doesn't require hours of preparation. Assign a parent-son team or two to lay the fire an hour beforehand. A council fire lay is suggested. If there is a fire-ban on, use a lantern.

Gather the boys and their parents around **Before** the fire is lit. Ask the Denner to light it while the Den Leader formally declares the campfire open. Be dignified and ceremonious, but keep it simple. There are more elaborate fire-lighting ceremonies, which the boys will see when they become Scouts.

Sing a song familiar to most something like "Comin' Round the Mountain".

Play a campfire game  
 Ask anyone with a guitar, harmonica or other instrument for a solo. Or the musician could accompany a song.  
 Tell a story or read an audience participation tale.  
 Ask a boy to lead some action songs from the Cub Scout Songbook. Parents enjoy singing too.  
 Have the boys perform skits  
 Sing a closing song such as "Scouting We Go" or "Scout's Good Night Song" in the Cub Scout Songbook.

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End with Scout benediction with boys and parents standing around the fire: "And now may the Great Master of all Scouts be with us till we meet again".

Here is a story good for a campfire or quiet den meeting. Hone your storytelling skills or find someone who's a natural at it.

### The Gift Of Trees

The Indians believe that the secret of happiness comes from giving to others. Many, many moons ago when the Great Spirit first put man on the earth, man was frightened. "Where will I find food and water?" He asked. The trees laughed softly. "We are your brothers," they said. "We will help you." The maple tree spoke up: "I will give you sweet water to drink and make into sugar." The elm tree said, "Use my soft bark to make your baskets and tie them together with my tough muscles." The hickory tree said, "My cousins and I will fill your baskets with sweet nuts." And he called the chestnut, pecan, and walnut to help him. The great pine whispered softly, "When you get tired, little brother, I will make you a soft bed. My cousins the balsam and cedar will help me." There was sunshine in man's heart as he set out to explore his new world. But soon he came to a deep, wide river. "How will I ever cross the river?" man asked. The trees laughed and laughed. "Take my white skin," said the birch. "Sew it together with the muscles of the elm tree and you can make a boat that will carry you across the widest river." When the sun crossed the sky to his lodge in the west, man felt cold. Then the balsam fir tree whispered to him, "Little brother, there is much sun fire in my heart. Rub my branches together and you will make a fire." So man made fire. And that night he slept soundly on the branches of the great pine tree. The north wind blew cold, but there was sunshine in the heart of man. Now when Indian children ask how they can repay their friends, the trees, a wise man answers, "They do not ask for payment. But you can give them careful attention. You can give love and care to every plant and flower that makes your life beautiful.

### Good Eats

Tired of cooking hot dogs on a stick? Nothing kills a trip like bad food. Nothing saves a trip like great food. With a little imagination you can make meals nutritious, easy and entertaining, too.

How about pizza (or anything else for that matter) made in a homemade oven? Or beef-stew made by each Webelos and brought to an outing in a coffee can. Cooking is more fun when it's not too expensive and it's easy to clean up! Make "coffee-can" stew. Each Scout brings from home a 1-lb. Coffee can. Inside the can, all your ingredients for stew, meat and vegetables packed separately (you need to brown the meat). You can also prepare everything at home and just do the simmering on the campout. Dutch ovens-

Nothing beats Dutch-oven main courses, unless it's a Dutch-oven dessert. My two favorites are cobbler and pineapple upside-down cake.

Stop buying ice for your cooler. Freeze water in old soda or milk bottles at home instead. These keep your food cold longer and also prevent the dreaded soggies at the bottom of your cooler. Bring along a large zip-loc bag with ice cubes if you'll want them for drinks, but don't depend on these to keep your cooler cold.

Here's a new one: Omelets in Zip-locs. Mix your eggs and other ingredients; place them in a sealed zip-lock bag and drop in almost boiling water. It works great and there's no clean-up.

Foil packs-Complete meal in one container that can be thrown away after use. Use ¼ lb of ground beef, sliced potatoes, sliced carrots, slice of onion, one or two teaspoons of water, salt, and pepper. Use heavy foil. Fold over edges, leaving space for steam. Make sure it is sealed tightly so that the moisture and steam stays in the foil pack. Place directly in hot coals and avoid puncturing the package while handling. Use tongs or leather gloves. Turn after 15 minutes and cook another 20 minutes. Test to see if sufficiently cooked. When done, unfold pack and eat directly from the foil.

There are as many variations on this meal as there are people with imaginations. Use meats such as ham, sausage, meatballs, canned chicken, or even shrimp. When using raw meat, cut into small pieces or patted into thin layer so it will cook all the way through. Instant rice can also be used as long as the seal is tight and enough water is added to cook the rice.

### Other Fun Recipes

Stuffed Potatoes-Core small potatoes, insert a small pre-cooked sausage or wiener. Wrap in foil and set in hot ashes to bake. Takes 45-90 minutes.

Banana Boat-Slit a banana lengthwise twice, being careful not to cut lower skin. Peel back skin, cut out and remove fruit between slices, and replace with peanut butter, mini marshmallows and chocolate chips. Close by replacing skin, wrap in foil, and broil in hot coals for 8 minutes.

Hobo Popcorn-In center of 18 X 18 inch square of heavy aluminum foil, place one teaspoon cooking oil and one tablespoon popcorn. Bring foil centers together to make a pouch. Seal the edges by folding, but allow room for the popcorn to pop. Tie each pouch to a long stick with a string and hold the pouch over hot coals. Shake constantly until all corn has popped. Season with margarine and salt.

Baked Apples-core an apple and place it on a square of aluminum foil. Fill the core with raisins, brown sugar and a dash of cinnamon. Or fill with cinnamon candies. Wrap and bake for 10 minutes in hot coals.

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Hot Dog Plus-slit side of wiener, insert wedge of cheese, and wrap with bacon. Broil over coals until cheese melts and bacon is crisp. Serve in a toasted wiener bun.

Fruit Cobbler- Place three cans of fruit pie filling in the bottom of a foil lined Dutch oven. Pour in one box cake mix, distribute evenly but do not stir into fruit. Add some cinnamon and small amount of butter. Place coals under Dutch oven and some on the lid for about 45 minutes until done.

### Tent Camping

Tent Hints:

Each tent should have its own bag and should be labeled. Never pull a stake out by pulling on the grommet or canvas. Never leave a stake in the ground without a rope.

If tents must be packed away wet, be sure to set them up to dry out as soon as possible.

Loosen ropes when canvas is wet so the canvas won't tear while drying.

Waterproofing solutions are available through Sears, Wal-Mart, and other distributors of tents.

Use a ground cloth under your tent, but be sure to tuck in the edges under the tent's floor.

### Outdoorsman

(Tune: Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star)

Webelos are outdoorsmen,  
Up the hill and down the glen,  
Through the trees and in the stream.  
Always working as a team.  
We love being outdoorsmen  
And would do it all again!

### HANDYMAN

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Scouts learn how to make minor repairs around the house and garage. They also learn how to take care of tools and their proper use. Remember that though these activities may seem simple to you, it may be the first time one of your Webelos has been exposed to changing a tire or learning about tools and how to use them. Be careful not to criticize and lose patience if the boys seem clumsy with a screwdriver or wrench. They will learn greatly from your patience and will be so proud of what they've accomplished in earning this badge. Handyman is part of the Technology group of Activity Badges.

#### OBJECTIVES

To acquaint Webelos with odd jobs that they could do to help out around their homes. To help Webelos learn the proper care and storage of tools.

To make Webelos aware of the importance of the proper storage of household chemicals.

#### Where To Go And What To Do

Have a clinic on the care and repair of bicycles. Set it up like a shop and have each boy bring his bike and do repairs. Etc.

Demonstrate different ways to mark tools for ownership identification.

Hold a nail-hammering contest. See who can hammer a nail in the fewest number of strokes.

Visit a good home workshop and have the owner explain the use, storage and care of tools.

Arrange a visit to a service/repair station. Have a mechanic explain the use of different types of equipment. He may show how to check oil levels, fluids and belts, tire pressure, and change light bulbs in a car.

Organize a pack car wash.

Organize a pack bike rodeo.

Show safety measures for lawn mowing.

Build sawhorses show their use.

Build a small step stool (see Webelos Book).

What a great way to help around the home and make life easier for Mom and Dad. This activity badge will provide new opportunities to gain new skills, which will last them a lifetime.

#### Tie Slide – Miniature Tool Set

Materials needed: Miniature tools Leather tool kit 1 - .5" x .5" PVC pipe

Leather pieces Lacing

1. Stitch or lash two pieces of leather together with the tools between the two.

2. Attach the PVC pipe to the back to form the loop.

#### Tool Holder

An empty soft drink handy pack carton makes a useful tool holder. Paint the carton or cover with paper. Insert painted small frozen juice cans in carton sections and use to hold and carry pliers, paper punch, screwdriver, scissors and so on.

#### Handy Punch

You will find this homemade awl very useful for many projects. You will need a nail about 3-inches long, plus two strips of wood about 1-inch wide, 4-inches long and 3/8-inches thick. Place the nail lengthwise on one wood strip, with the head about 1/2-inch from the end and point of nail extending beyond the wood. Hammer edge of nail head embedding it in the wood. Apply glue to other wood strip and place it on top of first strip. Hammer nail end together until nail head is embedded in top strip. Let dry. The wood handle is convenient when heating nail for punching heavy plastic.

#### Bicycle Rodeo

If handyman is worked on during the spring or fall, it would be a great idea to tie in a bicycle rodeo or a bicycle safety program. The death toll in bicycle accidents is about 1,000 a year. Boys between the ages of 5 and 14 are involved in the majority of serious bicycle accidents. Many people on bicycles do not realize that they are a driver in the same

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sense as being an automobile driver. Webelos Scouts need to learn that when they are on bicycles, they are drivers and must obey the same traffic rules as other drivers.

At your bike rodeo, train the boys in how to keep their bicycles in good working order, how to drive them safely, and teach them of the rules of the road.

You could set up an "obstacle" course and have the boys safely maneuver their bikes along the course. A special neckerchief slide could be made up and given to all participants, or make up a certificate to hand out.

### **Handyman Scavenger Hunt**

In a boy's home or meeting place, hunt for the following items or create your own list. Boys should be accompanied by a leader or parent. They should not gather the items but instead, have the boys write down the location of each.

#### **Here is a sample:**

Pruning shears, Edge trimmer, Lawn mower, Gasoline can, Oil can, File, Pliers, Hammer, Nails, Screwdriver, Air pump, Tire tube, Old rags, Old newspapers, Window cleaning solution, Aluminum cans, Tire pressure, gauge, Crescent wrench, Tire changing tools, Auto jack and stand.

After the locations for these tools are recorded, go over the list and see if any of the items are not stored in the proper locations. For example, are the old rags stored on top or next to the gas can in a closed cabinet? Are the pruning shears lying on the floor where young children may be able to "play" with them? Also check the tools for cleanliness and sharpness. These factors influence their serviceability.

### Web Sites

#### **Pre Opening**

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

#### **Leslie's Great Site**

<http://dns.advnet.net/chuckh/skits/audience.htm>

#### **Outdoor Cooking**

<http://dmoz.org/Recreation/Outdoors/Camping/Cooking/>on the Internet>