



BALOO'S BUGLE



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"Make no little plans; they have no magic to stir men's blood and probably themselves will not be realized. Make big plans; aim high in hope and work." — Daniel Hudson Burnham (1846-1912)

May 2014 Cub Scout Roundtable

June 2014 Core Value & Pack Meeting Ideas

Perseverance / Over the Horizon

Tiger Cub, Wolf, Bear, Webelos, & Arrow of Light Activities

CORE VALUES

Cub Scout Roundtable Leaders' Guide

The core value highlighted this month is:

- ✓ **Courage:** Doing what is right regardless of how hard it is or what the consequences are. Cub Scouts will learn that courage means to be brave and do what is right, no matter what their friends are doing.
- ✓ **Why Over the Horizon for Perseverance.** It is easy for a Cub Scout to become tired and want to quit while out on a hike, but looking forward to seeing what is over the horizon is a goal that may keep him from giving up. Perseverance is sticking with something and not giving up, even if it is difficult. Through participation in activities such as hiking, Cub Scouts learn the importance of perseverance. This month we encourage every Cub Scout to look "Over the Horizon" to his goal as he hikes along the Cub Scout trail.
- ✓ **Scout Law equivalent to Perseverance is Thrifty** A Scout works to pay his own way and to help others. He saves for the future. He protects and conserves natural resources. He carefully uses time and property.

And speaking of Training

PHILMONT TRAINING CENTER 2013



June 15-21 is Commissioner's Week at PTC

Commissioner Conferences being offered include
The Council Commissioner
District Commissioner and Asst Dist Comm Training
District Committee

Effective Roundtables

How to Conduct a Commissioner College
The Unit Commissioner

Did you notice **Effective Roundtables** on the list??

Well, I received a very humbling call this month - Tim Acree, the Training Person on Tico's National Commissioner Staff called to ask me if I wanted to work with George Costigan of National Cap Council as the "Philmont Phaculty" members facilitating the **Roundtable** conference!! He said I had to talk with my wife, before I could tell him YES!!!

So, if you are a RT Commissioner, an Asst RT Commissioner (formerly called Staff), an assistant Council/District Commissioner - Roundtables, or just interested in RTs - for a great experience, go to <http://philmontscoutranch.org> learn about the Philmont Training Center and sign up for **Effective Roundtables** and then come on out and meet George and I and learn a lot about Roundtables. *We will have the 2014-2015 CS and BS RT Planning Guides for you!!* Write PTC (or me) if you have questions on the National Training Center - *This will be my 14th trip there - the second on "Phil Phaculty!!!"* More Info Next Month!!! And we will be -

Cooking' UP Great Roundtables



See You at



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DEN MEETING TOPICS

When a Den Meeting occurs depends on when you start your year and how often you meet. A Den that starts in August will be doing meetings 1 & 2 then, and 3 & 4 in September. A den that meets three times a month will do 1, 2, and 3 in September. *The pace is up to you!!*

You will see Lettered Meetings as the Den Meeting focus for each of the three months highlighted below. Lettered Meetings are call **Supplemental Den Meetings**.

Supplemental Den Meeting Plans are provided for dens that meet more than twice per month during the school year or for dens that meet year-round. These may also be used after rank advancement is achieved to continue working toward electives, Academics and Sports belt loops/pins, and other individual and group awards.

MONTH CORE VALUE ALTERATE PACK INTO THEME	MAY: HEALTH & FITNESS		JUNE: PERSEVERANCE		JULY: COURAGE	
	DESTINATION: PARKS		OVER THE HORIZON		SPACE - THE NEW FRONTIER	
MEETING #	LETTERS MEETING OF YOUR CHOICE	LETTERS MEETING OF YOUR CHOICE	LETTERS MEETING OF YOUR CHOICE	LETTERS MEETING OF YOUR CHOICE	LETTERS MEETING OF YOUR CHOICE	LETTERS MEETING OF YOUR CHOICE
<u>TIGERS</u>	Do supplemental meetings (they have letters instead of numbers in the Resource Guide) of your choice.		Do supplemental meetings (they have letters instead of numbers in the Resource Guide) of your choice.		Do supplemental meetings (they have letters instead of numbers in the Resource Guide) of your choice.	
<u>WOLVES</u>	Remember Boys want to be outside.		Remember Boys want to be outside.		Remember Boys want to be outside.	
<u>BEARS</u>	Remember Boys want to be outside.		Remember Boys want to be outside.		Remember Boys want to be outside.	
<u>WEBELOS</u>	Remember Boys want to be outside.		Remember Boys want to be outside.		Remember Boys want to be outside.	
<u>ARROW OF LIGHT</u>	Remember Boys want to be outside.		Remember Boys want to be outside.		Remember Boys want to be outside.	
<u>RT FOCI</u>	National Den Award, Bike Safety, Keeping Your Scout safe		Director Council Activities, National Den Award, Annual Pack Planning Conference, Pack Game!		Boy's Life, Den Gathering Activities, Budget, Fund Raising, Family Participation	

PACK MEETING THEMES

Commissioner Dave (with help from Kim)

All 36 Supplemental Pack Meeting plans are posted at:

<http://www.scouting.org/scoutsources/CubScouts/Leaders/DenLeaderResources/DenandPackMeetingResourceGuide/PackMeetingPlans.aspx>

Here are the remaining themes presented in the current Cub Scout Roundtable Planning Guide to be featured during 2013-2014 Roundtables -

Month	Core Value	Supplemental Theme
• June	Perseverance	Over the Horizon
• July	Courage	Space - the New Frontier
• August	Honesty	Heroes in History

Here are the first several themes to be presented during the 2014-2015 Scouting Year. These themes are presented in the 2014-2015 Cub Scout Roundtable Planning Guide and will be featured in your local Roundtables -

Month	Core Value	Supplemental Theme
• June	Perseverance	Over the Horizon
• July	Courage	Space - the New Frontier
• August	Honesty	Heroes in History

Kim, the chair of the task force, says "I do want to stress that the focus is still the Core Value and the theme is just there as an enhancement. The theme pack meeting plans are specifically crafted to bring out the important points of the Core Value in a fun way."

On the next column is the complete list of all 36 Supplemental Themes. Any Pack/Cubmaster can use any theme any month. The year designation is to show you which themes will be featured at Roundtables each year. So, the 2012 - 2013 RT year kicked off in August with Cooperation and Hometown Heroes. Then Responsibility and Jungle of Fun.

Month	Core Value	Supplemental Pack		of the Core Value	
		Set A	Set B	Set C	Set D
September	Cooperation	2012-2013 CS RT PG * Hometown Heroes	2013-2014 CS RT PG * Amazing Games	2014-2015 CS RT PG * Under the Big Top	
October	Responsibility	* Jungle of Fun	* Down on the Farm	* Dollars and Sense	
November	Citizenship	* 50 Great States	* Your Vote Counts	* Give Goodwill	
December	Respect	* Holiday Lights	* Passport to Other Lands	* Stars and Stripes	
January	Positive Attitude	* Abracadabra	* Lights, Camera, Action	* Yes, I Can	
February	Resourcefulness	* Turn Back the Clock	* Invention Convention	* Litter to Glitter	
March	Compassion	* Planting Seeds of Kindness	* Pet Pals	* Aware and Care	
April	Faith	* Cub Scouts Give Thanks	* My Family Tree	* Soaring the Skies	
May	Health & Fitness	* Cub Café	* Destination Parks	* Backyard Fun	
June	Perseverance	* Head West Young Man	* Over the Horizon	* Go for the Gold	
July	Courage	* Cubs in Shining Armor	* Space - The New Frontier	* Under the Sea	
August	Honesty	* Kids Against Crime	* Heroes of History	* Play Ball	

UPCOMING MONTHS

★ June's Core Value, Perseverance, will use "Over the Horizon."



Month's that have themes that might help you with , Perseverance and "Over the Horizon" are:

Over the Horizon		
Month	Year	Theme
January	1950	Crusade
October	1952	Doorway to Adventure
March	1954	Cub Scouts in the Land of OZ
April	1957	Swiss Family Robinson
July	1958	Outdoorsing
September	1968	Doorway to Adventure
June	1971	Outdoor Fun
July	1975	Summer Adventure
September	1977	Doorways to Adventure
September	1981	Doorway to Adventure
May	1988	Outdoor Adventure
July	2003	A Hiking We Will Go
August	2006	Scouting It Out
June	2009	A Camping We Will Go
Perseverance		
September	1940	Exploring
April	1955	Cub Scout Foresters
June	1958	Trails, Treks, Trips
January	1965	American Trail Blazers
October	1972	Discovery of America
June	2011	Perseverance
June	2012	Perseverance
June	2013	Perseverance

★ July's Core Value, **Courage**, will use "Space - the New Frontier."

Why Space: The New Frontier for the Core Value Courage?? It takes courage to explore a new frontier, to cast aside the comfort of the life we know to go forth and explore our universe. Our Cub Scouts show similar courage in exploring the options and challenges of their advancement in Scouting, which we know will help them grow up strong and courageous as they lead our complicated world and learn more about our universe.



Month's that have themes that might help you with , **Perseverance** and "**Over the Horizon**" are:

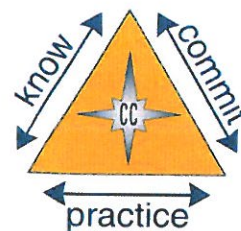
Month	Year	Theme
Space - the New Frontier		
Month	Year	Theme
May	1940	Sky Adventure
January	1952	Stars-Planets-Space
January	1957	Eyes in the Sky
November	1966	Adventures in Space
January	1971	Lights in the Sky
August	1972	Cub Scout Astronauts
January	1975	Space Adventures
May	1979	Lights in the Sky
May	1984	Life on Other Planets
April	1993	Life on Other Planets
June	1998	Adventures in the Sky
June	2000	Space: The New Frontier
September	2002	Blast Off
September	2003	Soaring To New Heights
December	2006	Cub Scout Stars
Courage		
July	2011	Courage
July	2012	Courage

July	2013	Courage
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Connecting Perseverance with Outdoor Activities

Adapted from B.A.L.O.O.Syllabus Appendix E

- ★ **Hikes** – Plan a hike where boys encounter obstacles similar to those an early explorer might have encountered. Talk about how pioneers and early explorers persevered to reach their destinations.
- ★ **Nature Activities** - Study plants that survive difficult environments. Encourage boys to keep trying when an activity is difficult.
- ★ **Service Projects** – Institute a tutoring program. Boys can plan rewards for the students who persevere until they finish.
- ★ **Games & Sports** – Play a game related to pioneers and discuss their perseverance to complete their journeys. Tell boys that those who persevere improve their skills.
- ★ **Ceremonies** – “Lewis and Clark” could conduct an awards ceremony. “George Washington” (or “Davy Crockett”) could also. After “crossing the Delaware” pioneers could deliver awards from a covered wagon.
- ★ **Campfires** – Pioneer and frontier days are good themes to incorporate into your campfire plans.
- ★ **Den Trips** - Visit a local gym and talk with a personal trainer. Visit a doctor and talk about education. Visit a local outdoor track facility and talk with a long distance runner. All of these people have demonstrated perseverance.
- ★ **Pack Overnighter** – Plan some Dutch oven and open campfire cooking so boys experience something like pioneer life.



PERSEVERANCE Character Connection

Carol at www.cubroundtable.com

Tiger Book

The Perseverance Character Connection is not part of an Achievement or Elective in this book.

Wolf Book

The Perseverance Character Connection is not part of an Achievement or Elective in this book.

Bear Book

The Perseverance Character Connection is not part of an Achievement or Elective in this book.

Webelos book

*Character Connection - Perseverance
Athlete Activity Award (Page 124)*

- ✓ **Know.** - Review the requirements and diced which ones might be more difficult for you to do. Make a plan to complete one of the harder requirements.
- ✓ **Commit** - When doing the harder requirement, did you ever feel frustrated or Angry? What did perseverance have to do with that? Name another type of task for which you will need to persevere.
- ✓ **Practice** - Practice perseverance by following your plan to do that requirement for the Athlete activity badge.

Pomander

Cub Scout Program Helps 2003-2004, page 10
NOV

Pomanders masked unpleasant smells in Pilgrim homes.

Materials:

Firm but Ripe Oranges, Lemons, Or Limes;
Jar of Whole Cloves;
Toothpicks;
Dish
Powered Cinnamon;
Large Darning Needle;
Sturdy Sting Or Yarn.

Directions:

- ✓ Use the dish to catch drips while you work.
- ✓ Use the toothpick to make holes in the skin of the fruit. Try to keep holes close together and cover the entire piece of fruit.
- ✓ Gently push a whole clove into each hole.
- ✓ Sprinkle the fruit with powered cinnamon.
- ✓ Set the fruit aside to ripen until the next den meeting.
- ✓ At that time (the next den meeting), thread the needle with color string and push it through the center of the fruit.
- ✓ Cut off the needle and tie the ends of the string together in a bow.
- ✓ Hang the pomander from the bow.

Character Connection - Perseverance

The Pilgrims faced hardship when they sailed to this country, but they preserved. Discuss with Cub Scouts what types of challenges they faced. What do you think **PERSEVERANCE** means?

Activity:

Remember what you did to make the Pomander?
(Or if you didn't make it yet, now is a good time)
You used a firm orange and poked a toothpick into the skin of the fruit. You kept the holes close together and covered the entire fruit. Next you pushed a whole clove into each hole.
Then you sprinkled the fruit with powered cinnamon. And finally, you set it aside to ripen until the next den meeting. Did you hang the fruit up as a room freshener when you brought it home??
What have you seen from this activity? It took a small bit of perseverance to get all the cloves in the orange. But it took the Pilgrims a lot of perseverance to survive harsh winters and difficult conditions. What makes it difficult to persevere? How do you feel when you have worked hard and overcome difficulties to complete a task? How does it feel when to quit or give up on a task?
What is one task or activity in which **Materials:** to persevere? How can you practice perseverance?

"Dig IT Up" Activity

Cub Scout Program Helps 2002-2003, page 8 APR
Archeological digs occur in the sand of the Egyptian desert. You can prepare one for your den by planting objects for the boys to dig up. Bury items such as plastic animals, small toy cars, or even silverware of plastic sups in a sandbox or an unplanted flower bed. Give each boy a pair of gloves and tools, such as trowels, sifters, and paintbrushes, to use.

Character Connection - Perseverance

- ✓ **KNOW** - What does it mean to persevere? Did you persevere in finding items? Did others?
Egyptians preserved in the things that they did, too.
- ✓ **COMMIT** - How did you feel when you persevered? How did you feel when you found an object? Does sticking to something have an effect on you?
- ✓ **PRACTICE** - What can you do to persevere? How do you think that would help you? (In school, working on Cub Scout Achievement and Elective Requirements, in relationships). Can you think of ways to help others to persevere?

Cubmaster's Minute

Cub Scout Program Helps 2003-2004, page 3 JUN
This month we have learned about prehistoric dinosaurs that existed many, many years ago. They

became extinct before people ever came to live here on earth. Many studies have been done to try to decide what happened to the dinosaurs. We may never know for sure. What we do know is that we need to keep in mind the ideals of cooperation and perseverance. They are important traits for us to strive for in our daily lives. They will help us move forward and we hope for peace throughout the world.

Bucket Ball

Cub Scout Program Helps 2004-2005, page 8
MAR

Materials:

Small balls,
Tow buckets

Directions:

- ✓ Set up buckets on a surface that balls will bounce on about six feet from a line.
- ✓ Divide boys into teams and have them line up behind the marked line.
- ✓ Object is to bounce the ball once and have it land in the bucket for a point. The team with the most points wins.
- ✓ Follow with a Character Connection discussion on perseverance.

Character Connection - Perseverance

- ✓ **KNOW** - Think about the game we just played. Was it fun? How did you do on your first try? Perseverance is staying with something, doing it over and over. Did you persevere?
- ✓ **COMMIT** - Was it hard to persevere; to do it again? Was it worth the effort? When you think of athletes or inventors, do you think they persevere?
- ✓ **PRACTICE** - What are things that you think persevering will help you accomplish? What can you do to show this next week?

Cubmaster's Minute - Do your Best

Cub Scout Program Helps 2004-2005, page 4
MAR

The Cubmaster asks Cub Scouts and their families to join hands all around the room. Cubmaster explains that a chain is no stronger than its weakest link. The real joy of Cub Scouting comes when cooperation and support exists between families and Cub Scouts. Every boy and his parent or guardian here tonight can help Scouting keep families strong – by helping each other as you “Do Your Best.”

Cubmaster's Minute Musical Perseverance

Cub Scout Program Helps 2005-2006, page 10
JAN

Boys are working (worked) on creating musical instruments.

As they are finishing, lead a discussion: What does it mean to be musical? Does that mean that you have to sing well? How about an instrument? When you learn to play an instrument, can you play it right away?

What does it mean to persevere? Is it easy to hard to keep trying to play an instrument? Can you say that you persevere at things? What kinds of things? How will you persevere at things this week?

Puddle Jumpers

Cub Scout Program Helps 2005-2006, page 8
MAR

Make

Puddle Jumpers in Wolf Handbook for Elective 7b

Discuss:

What is perseverance? When you first used your puddle jumpers, was it a challenge to walk on them? Did you want to quit after the first couple of tries? Was it harder to persevere when you saw others succeeding? What did you learn from walking on the Puddle Jumpers?

Blind Pirate Game

2004 Great Salt Lake Pow Wow Book

Perseverance is sticking with something and not giving up, even if it is difficult.

Directions:

- ✓ An individual Cub is selected to be the Blind Pirate. He is blindfolded and sits in the middle of the floor cross-legged.
- ✓ A bell or bunch of keys or anything noisy is placed in front of him.
- ✓ Have the rest of the den sit in a circle around him cross-legged.
- ✓ One at a time have a Cub from the circle try to get up, take the bell and return to their place without making a sound.
- ✓ The Pirate tries to point to the individual that is moving. If he succeeds, they change positions.
- ✓ This game, like many others, develops a particular discipline.
- ✓ Discuss how they felt having to keep silent for long periods.

Water Bucket Game

2004 Great Salt Lake Pow Wow Book

Directions:

- ✓ Provide a bucket half full of water with a quarter in the bottom.
- ✓ Give each person a penny to drop in, to try to land entirely on top of the large coin.
- ✓ It is almost impossible. The trick takes time and patience.
- ✓ Discuss the need for patience, and when and why it may be appropriate.

Music Magic

2005 Great Salt Lake Pow Wow Book

- ✓ Have boys name a musician.
- ✓ What qualities does that musician have? •
- ✓ How did he/she become good at singing or playing an instrument?
- ✓ Do you think they are just naturally talented or did they have to work at it? Do you think they had to?

Round To-It

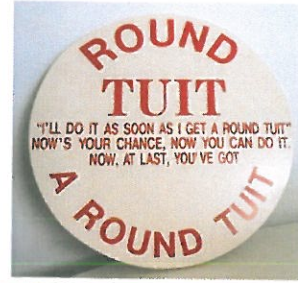
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Discuss:

What does **PERSEVERANCE** mean? •

- ✓ What are some steps you can take to be better at something you're interested in?
- ✓ How do you feel when you set a goal and are able to accomplish what you had set out to do?
- ✓ What is one goal you would like to accomplish this month?
- ✓ How will help you in accomplishing your goal?
- ✓ Have you ever said, "I didn't get around to it" or "When I get around to it?"
- ✓ At this point either give each boy a "round to-it" or have him make one.



How to make a Round To-It –

Give each boy something round to decorate – e.g. a piece of cardboard, a small wooden disc (cut slices off a thick wooden rod, metal disc (watch that the edges are not sharp), or BEST – an old CD!!!! I have used round rubber jar openers, too. Be creative. Have him write the word To-It (or TUIT) on the disc.

Then they may add other decorations as desired.

Depending on the material, maybe give them a magnet to place it on a refrigerator or mirror as a reminder.

- ✓ Explain that they should tape it on their bathroom mirror, refrigerator, or school binder to remind them that they need to get around to working at their goal every day.



Rocket Launchers

Cub Scout Program Helps 2006-2007, page 6 JUL

Use Rocket Launchers to see which boy can land his rocket closest to a target.

Afterward, ask the boys about the game. Some of them had a harder time than others launching their rocket and reaching the target. But they kept trying and, with practice, improved. This is called **PERSEVERANCE**.

- ✓ Do you persevere with other things in your life? What are they?
- ✓ How does it feel when you try and try and then succeed? Tell about a time you had this experience.

- ✓ Suggest that boys can persevere in many things in the weeks ahead and to keep trying to do so.

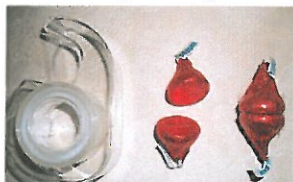
Chocolate Roses

Cub Scout Program Helps 2007-2008, page 8
MAY



Materials:

Chocolate "kisses",
Leaf shapes cut from construction paper,
Skewer stick,
12 inches of green florist tape,
Pink or red cellophane/plastic wrap



Directions:

- ✓ Place the two Hershey's kisses together, bottom end to bottom end, and hold in place.
- ✓ Wrap them with a small square of pink or red cellophane from top to bottom, creating a rose-like shape.
- ✓ Gather the cellophane together at the bottom of the rosebud and lay a skewer "stem" on it.
- ✓ Twist the cellophane around the stem, and add a precut leaf shape near the bottom of the "bud."
- ✓ Use the florist tape (about 12 in.) to wrap around the cellophane, leaf, and stem, all the way to the bottom.

When I read this, I got confused so I googled "Chocolate Roses Hershey Kisses" and got some good links like these:
<http://www.hersheys.com/celebrate/valentines/craftdetail.aspx?id=4>
http://www.ehow.com/how_4760926_make-chocolate-roses-hershey-kisses.html

<http://voices.yahoo.com/how-roses-hersheys-kisses-845347.html?cat=24>
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dr2zVKG4RbU>
<http://www.debbiegonzales.com/simple-saturday/2010/2/12/simple-saturday-prep-hershey-kiss-chocolate-roses.html>
<http://www.momontimeout.com/2012/01/hersheys-kiss-roses-sweet-valentines.html>
<http://www.allfreecrafts.com/valentine/rose-kisses.shtml>
<http://www.kidactivities.net/category/Holidays-Valentine-Crafts-Art.aspx>

Character Connection: Chocolate Roses

The den leader asks Cub Scouts about making the rose treats.

- ✓ Was it easy?
- ✓ Did it take more than one try?
- ✓ Do you know what **PERSEVERANCE** is? Sticking to something and trying again and again.
- ✓ In this case, you had the goal of making a present- a handmade gift for Mom or another relative.
- ✓ Ask for other ways boys "stick with it." Challenge them to think of more ways that they persevere and the positive outcomes of doing so.

Tiger Cub Perseverance

Cub Scout Program Helps 2008-2009, page 6 JUL
Perseverance is sticking with something and not giving up, even if it is difficult. Sports can be difficult; it takes practice to be good at them. Help the Tiger Cubs realize that working hard at something and doing their best is all we ask of them. Encourage them not to give up when something seems hard but continue until they have done the best they can.

Discussion points can include:

- ✓ What things are hard for a Tiger Cub to do?
- ✓ How does it feel when you try and try to do something? That is perseverance.
- ✓ Do you think that sports stars ever found playing their sport difficult and wanted to quit?
- ✓ What will you persevere at this week?

For other **PERSEVERANCE** Character Connection Activities go to · <http://www.cubroundtable.com/assets/pdf-documents/2002-2010%20Character-Connections-Packet.pdf>

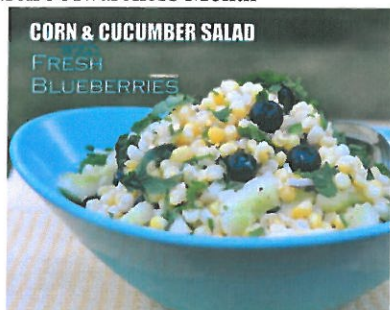
Crazy Holidays

Jodi, SNJC Webelos Resident Camp Director Emeritus, 2006-2011. Adapted from

<http://holidayinsights.com/moreholidays/index.htm>
<http://www.brownielocks.com/april.html>

June:

- Aquarium Month
- African-American Music Appreciation Month
- Candy Month
- Caribbean-American Heritage Month
- Child Vision Awareness Month
- Children's Awareness Month



Get the recipe at - <http://kitchen-parade-veggieventure.blogspot.com/2012/07/corn-cucumber-salad-with-fresh-blueberries.html>

- **Corn and Cucumber Month**
- Country Cooking Month
- Dairy Month
- Fight the Filthy Fly Month
- Great Outdoors Month
- International Childhood Cancer Awareness Month



PAPA DOO RUN RUN
America's Music - California's Band

Check them out at - <http://www.papadoo.com/>
 My friend Bo is the drummer. He is the one in the blue shirt on the right side. He was a Life Scout in Troop 227 with me in Bergen County, NJ!!!

- **International Surf Music Month**

- Lemon and Mango Month
- National Accordion Awareness Month
- National Adopt a Cat Month
- National Candy Month
- National Fruit and Veggies Month
- National Ice Tea Month
- National Fresh Fruit and Vegetables Month

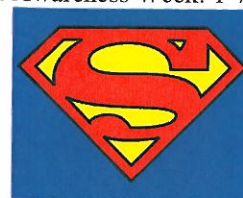


The shape reminds us to be Cheerful and smile!!

- **National Smile Month**
- National Soul Food Month
- National Accordion Awareness Month
- **National Camping Month**
- Rose Month
- Turkey Lovers Month

Weekly Events:

- Pet Appreciation Week, 1-7
- Fishing Week: 1-8
- International Clothesline Week: 7-14
- End Mountain Top Removal Week: 1-7
- National Sun Safety Week: 1-7
- National Tire Safety Week: 1-7
- Rip Current Awareness Week: 1-7



- **Superman Days: 12-15**
- Great American Brass Band Week: 6-8
- Men's Health Week, 9-15
- National Flag Week: 8-14
- Nursing Assistants Week: 12-19
- Duct Tape Days: 13-15
- Old Time Fiddlers Week: 16-21
- Lightning Safety Awareness Week, 22-28
- Watermelon Seed Spitting Week: 26-29
- Water Ski Days: 28-30

Daily:

- 1 [Dare Day](#)
- 1 [Flip a Coin Day](#)
- 2 [National Bubba Day](#)
- 2 [National Rocky Road Day](#)
- 3 [Repeat Day \(I said "Repeat Day"\)](#)
- 4 [Applesauce Cake Day](#)
- 4 [Hug Your Cat Day](#)
- 4 [Old Maid's Day](#)
- 5 [World Environment Day](#)
- 6 [National Gardening Exercise Day](#)- Get out and exercise with your plants.
- 6 [National Yo-Yo Day](#)
- 6 [National Doughnut Day](#)

- 7 [National Chocolate Ice Cream Day](#)
- 8 [Best Friends Day](#)
- 8 [Name Your Poison Day](#)



Donald turns 80 on June 9th this year!!!

- 9 [Donald Duck Day](#)
- 10 [Iced Tea Day](#)
- 12 [Red Rose Day](#)
- 13 [Blame Someone Else Day](#) - first Friday the 13th of the year.
- 13 [Sewing Machine Day](#)



14 [Flag Day](#)

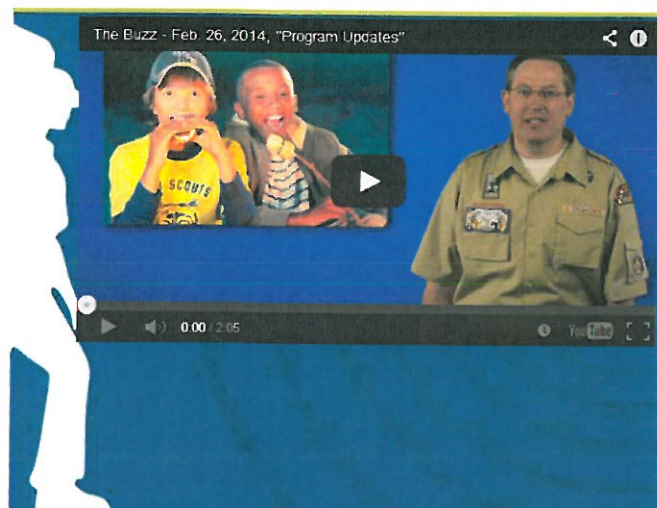
- 14 [World Juggler's Day](#) -
- 15 [Father's Day](#)
- 15 [Smile Power Day](#)
- 16 [Fresh Veggies Day](#)
- 17 [Eat Your Vegetables Day](#)
- 18 [Go Fishing Day](#)
- 18 [National Splurge Day](#) - Oh yeah!!
- 19 [World Sauntering Day](#)
- 20 [Ice Cream Soda Day](#)
- 20 [Take Your Dog to Work Day](#) (Why!?)
Friday after Father's Day
- 21 [Finally Summer Day](#)-
Summer Solstice
- 21 [Go Skate Day](#)
- 21 [National Hollerin' Contest Day](#)
- 22 [National Chocolate Éclair Day](#)
- 23 [National Columnists Day](#)
- 23 [National Pink Day](#)
- 24 [Swim a Lap Day](#)
- 25 [Log Cabin Day](#)
- 25 [National Catfish Day](#)
- 26 [Beautician's Day](#)
- 26 [Forgiveness Day](#)
- 27 [Sun Glasses Day](#)
- 28 [Paul Bunyan Day](#)
- 29 [Camera Day](#)
- 29 [Hug Holiday](#)

- 29 [Waffle Iron Day](#)
- 30 [Meteor Day](#)

THE BUZZ

Note - The Buzz is a biweekly video detailing recent changes and such in Boy Scouting.

Program Updates



There has been a lot of "buzz" about upcoming program changes, particularly to the Cub Scout program. Here to give us the scoop about what is -- and what is NOT -- changing in the next couple of years is the chairman of the Program Innovation Task Force, Russ Hunsaker. He has led a group of more than 75 volunteers from across the country who have left no stone unturned in their quest to make BSA programs more fun, more active, and simpler for leaders to deliver.

Resources

View more episodes of *The Buzz* on BSA's [YouTube channel](#).

Click on the picture above or go to: <http://www.scouting.org/sitecore/content/InternalCommunications/The%20Buzz.aspx>

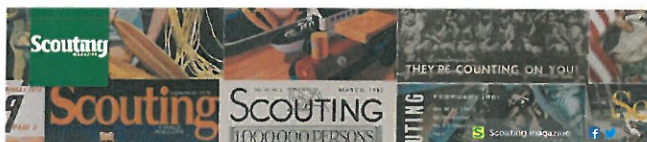
View [the production schedule](#) for *The Buzz*.

BSA SOCIAL NETWORKS



[BSA Facebook page](#)

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Boy-Scouts-of-America/113441755297>



[Scouting magazine You Tube Channel](#)

<http://www.youtube.com/user/scoutingmag>

CUBCAST



New Cub Scout Training Courses at PTC

Imagine yourself in room with a dozen other Cub Scout leaders from all over the country. You're enjoying a breathtaking view of blue skies, mountains, and plenty of sunshine. Perhaps you and the other Cub Scout leaders are actually outside in that sunshine as you take one of the many new training courses at the training utopia that is the Philmont Training Center in Cimarron, New Mexico.

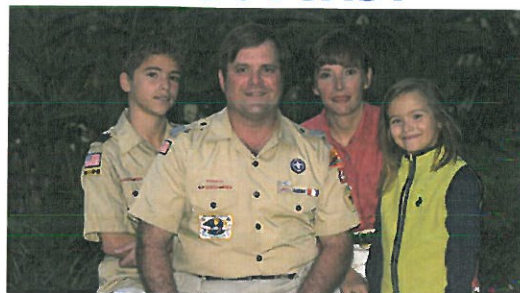
Dennis Kampa, author of the BALOO Training Book and instructor at PTC, is here to give us a sneak peek at the new courses coming up. He will also give us a tantalizing preview of what awaits you when you get to Philmont.

Listen Hear -

http://www.scouting.org/filestore/scoutcast/cubcast/201404_1/CC_April_411_at_PTC.mp3

*It is possible that by the time you get Baloo's Bugle and click the link, there may be a new Cubcast posted. Do not worry, **all** previous Cubcasts are available from the home page.*

SCOUTCAST



Scout Widows (and Widowers)

Jeff Kearney of Downingtown, Pennsylvania, has been very active in Scouting for over 10 years; Founder and Cubmaster of Pack 91, NYLT Course Director, Scoutmaster, and the list goes on. His lovely wife, Deborah, is left behind to take care of all the day-to-day family stuff.

So how do you handle it when your spouse is not around, spending most of his or her time helping the youth of America build character? It's for Scouting, after all, so what can you do?

Jeff and Deborah engage us in a fabulous discussion in how to be deeply involved in Scouting and still be happily married.

Feeling Burned Out? Listen To Your High School Chemistry Teacher

Scouter Jeff, *The Trainer's Corner Blog*

<http://thetrainerscorner.wordpress.com>

NOTE: Jeff is the maintainer of the fine website listed above.

This is a sample of one of the items that can be found there.

Enjoy and check out his site for more good stuff. CD

I was recently talking with a great Scout leader, and we were discussing something we all deal with: how to keep ourselves from taking too much on as an active Scout leader. As we discussed how important it is to balance getting things done in our unit without taking everything on ourselves, for some unknown reason I was brought way back to my High School chemistry class.



If you remember from your High School chemistry class, one of the properties of a gas is that it expands to fill whatever space is available. And the duties and responsibilities of being a Scout leader remind me of this – they will expand to fit whatever space you give them!

How many times have we seen leaders get burned out because they took too much on themselves – they wore too many hats. One can start as a den leader, then serve on the pack committee, then begin to work with the district in some function like training or running a day camp. Then there's volunteering at the council level. And if a leader is really having work/life balance issues, they move to the Internet and participate in forums. And for the ones with real issues? Well, they go on to blog or podcast.

One thing that I believe is so important in being a successful Scout leader for the long haul is being the one that sets the size of that container you let Scouting fill. Everyone has a different "space" to give to Scouting, and it's important that you control that. **Materials:** to control the number of hats you wear.

I'm here to tell you it's OK to say "No" to something. It's OK to let someone else handle something. And it's OK to let something not get done if you don't have time to do it. And it's even OK to take some time off or reduce your level of activity in Scouting. A burned out leader is no help to the program! And if your time allows, and/or you have a passion for a particular activity or area of Scouting, it's OK to say "yes". We should always try to say "yes" if we are able to!

For me, I would love to help out more at the district level. And the Pack Trainer position that I once held in my former Pack just came open. I would love to devote more time to my former Pack. But I just cannot do either of these. I don't have any more time to give to Scouting other than the roles I'm doing now. But I've set this limit. No one else has set this limit. No open task has set this limit. Right now I'm enjoying my service to Scouting more than I ever have, and I feel this shows in my energy level while serving. And I feel strongly this is because I've said "yes" to what I want to say "yes" to, and I've said "no" to the things I just do not have time to do.

Being a Scout leader is a great privilege, and it's one that can extend for years, even after your son leaves the program. One key to this is being in control of what you do. It's up to you as the Scout leader to set the size of the space you give Scouting. Keeping control of this will benefit you and the boys in the end, as can help reduce the chance you will get burned out.

A Cubmaster's Minute for Adults

2010-2011 CS RT Planning Guide

Like many other things in life, being Cub Scout leaders can be a joy or a chore. At times, things may look so hard that you may be tempted to say, 'I quit!' Then one of the boys looks up to you with a smile and says he loves Cub Scouting. That will instantly make you happy, and you will think you can go on for the next several years being a Cub Scout leader. Don't give up even when you want to. There are many people who would be happy to support you. For example, look around this room. Persevere through hard times for that smile on the boys' faces.

Cub Scout Spring Recruitment

New Birth of Freedom Council

Recruitment should be a year round activity for all units. Whether the recruitment method is an activity such as a pack ice cream social, troop open house, or peer to peer campaign it's important that the door is always open for a boy to join scouting. Primarily, there are two times every year that an extra emphasis is put into recruiting for packs, troops, and crews, during the fall and spring. In the fall packs are participating in the fall round-up and venture crews are hosting first nighters. In the spring Troops actively work with cub packs to bridge over 2nd year Webelos for them to join Boy Scouts. During May of every year the kindergarten boys are becoming eligible for the first time to join cub scouts and parents of boys for all ages are making decisions on what activities to get involved in for the following school year. It is important that we take advantage of this opportunity and plan a recruiting activity so we can ensure boys have the opportunity to join cub scouts when they are being offered all types of other activities.

Packs should set goals for recruiting a new tiger den and identifying a tiger leader to lead them in the spring so they are ready to go in the fall. As with most packs during the summer, weekly meeting have slowed down along with most pack activities. However, to actively engage your new scouts and leaders the National Summertime Pack Award is a simple and great award recognition program for the new scouts and the entire pack to participate in. Please take a look at training video on the link below to gather some information on how your pack can have a very successful spring recruitment. This video was put together by the Central Region Commissioner, Lucia Cronin a volunteer that has had some great success with cub scout recruiting. http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=QrSIIdqbt8A

Cubmaster for Dummies

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Tahquitz District, California Inland Empire Council*
<http://scouting.argentive.com>

The best advice I ever received on being a Cubmaster was simple and to the point:

“POOF! You’re nine. Act like it. Think like it.”

While some of the most successful Cubmasters I’ve ever met were natural nine-year-olds, there is no reason that a fully-grown adult can’t do an equally good job. It just takes a little more practice and preparation!

The monthly pack meeting is the biggest, most important job of the Cubmaster, yet many have a hard time getting it right. I’ve run and observed a lot of pack meetings, both good and bad, and noticed what works and what doesn’t. Interestingly, good packs, with lots of involved and motivated parents and leaders, are often the packs that have great pack meetings! They set the tone for the entire pack program!

The first thing you should do to improve your pack meeting is to stop having them altogether. Eliminate the word “meeting” from your Scouting vocabulary. “Meeting” has too many negative meanings for most of us. You go to a meeting to discuss things, learn about the latest layoffs, or have more work assigned. Meetings are dull. Nobody looks forward to meetings.

On the other hand, everybody likes to be entertained. So instead, focus on presenting a “Pack Performance” every month! That is a much better description of what your monthly gathering is—a show! Every month represents a one-night-only premiere, and as the Cubmaster, you and your cast are the producers, writers, directors and master of ceremonies!

Now that you have the right frame of mind, what should your performance contain? Make it interesting to both boys and the adults. If it isn’t, one or the other will stop paying attention and you’ll lose control. The show should appeal to the boys, but be fine-tuned for the adults. The overall program should be short and entertaining, and each act should be as brief as possible within the larger show. Keep it loud, visual and dynamic.

Physiologically, boys have short attention spans, process information visually, and don’t hear a good percentage of what is said to them. (Read Michael

Gurian's "Wonder of Boys" for details on this, gentleman. The ladies already know men don't listen!)

Plan an even mixture of skits, run-ons, songs, ceremonies and games. Use costumes, props and decorations for atmosphere and visual appeal. Involve parents and leaders in the program. Sprinkle brief, informative moments throughout the show, but work on eliminating gaps, pauses, extensive preparations, long speeches, or readings.

No performance has announcements. Instead, print up a monthly newsletter with all the important information that parents and boys need to know, and make sure that everyone gets a copy. What you may find useful is to print a calendar for the coming month on one side of your newsletter, which will invariably find its way to the refrigerator doors of most families in your pack. It is better to remind parents of an event every time they reach for the milk, than to read the date out to the group during your performance. I guarantee that nobody will memorize it, and few will write it down! With the newsletter going out to all the families, you can instead concentrate on quickly pointing out how fun and exciting the coming month will be, without going into boring details.

You should also avoid having any single act deal exclusively with one boy or one den for too long, especially during recognition ceremonies. If you’re handing out awards to Den 2, nobody but Den 2 will be paying attention. Instead, try to incorporate the entire pack into your recognition segments. Boys and parents alike will soon realize that their name could come up at any moment and pay closer attention to your program, instead of gossiping or goofing off!

Finally, pull parents and leaders, boys and siblings into the program. No matter how naturally entertaining you may be, a one-man show gets old after a while! Use older siblings to help with lighting, stage setup, and ceremonies. Involve parents and boys in skits and run-ons. And get your entire audience into the act with songs and audience participation stunts. Personally, I use two assistant Cubmasters: one is my partner in crime, and one is my "announcement person" (and better half). I'll recruit one or two other leaders, one or two parents, a few older siblings, and one den each month to help out. All the adults and siblings get a script that we write on the Saturday before the meeting, based

on a general plan we hash out the week before over the phone and through email. In all, it takes a couple of hours to write, and another couple to gather everything together. We'll scatter run-ons, skits and songs between the segments that take more preparation to prevent lulls while we prepare for them.

So what if it's been a long time since you were nine, and you've forgotten what it was like? What is the secret to being a great Cubmaster?

As the Cubmaster you should plan on making a fool of yourself, because it has ageless appeal—kids and adults alike are inexplicably mesmerized and amused by a grown man or woman performing "Tooty-Ta", talking in a weird accent, or otherwise embarrassing themselves. It means **Materials:** to plan and practice your show, and most of all, have no pride.

Being loud enough to be heard without a microphone is helpful!

You should also think back to what it was like to pretend. Remember, as a kid, how you could turn a cardboard box into a house, racecar, space capsule, submarine or jet fighter with just a few quick crayon marks? That's the idea! "Let's Pretend" are two mighty powerful words! Your props and costumes don't have to be the quality of a major motion picture set, just enough to get the idea across! We use lots of props and costumes, even if it's just a bandana over the face and a sign hung around someone's neck that says "Bank Robber." I don't claim to be the ultimate Cubmaster, or an expert by any means, but I can count on one hand how many times I've needed to put up the Cub Scout sign at a meeting. These methods work for me, and I've seen them work for others. The boys tell me they're always wondering what's going to happen next, and the parents tell me they can't believe that we did some goofy, silly thing. They pay attention (and show up on time) because they don't want to miss something, and are excited about what's coming up next.

Making a Cubmaster: Bill of Materials

*Sean Scott, Cub Scout Roundtable Commissioner
Tahquitz District, California Inland Empire Council*

<http://scouting.argentive.com>

Many people want to know what it takes to create a Cubmaster. In no particular order:

Excited boys.

Registered leaders.

Dedicated parents. An hour a week.
A foolproof plan. A really foolproof plan B.
An airtight alibi. Matches.
Things to burn, like candles and neckerchiefs.
Fire extinguishers. A stage to stand on.
A curtain to hide behind. A sword.
A dedicated assistant who won't laugh at you, at least while you're in the room.
A Guide to Safe Scouting, Cub Leader Handbook, and How To Book.
A Smokey. A good medical plan with low deductible.
Resourcefulness. Baby food jars.
Glow sticks. Bleach and food coloring.
Rubbing alcohol. Cardboard, poster paints and brushes.
More time. Spray paint.
An 18 volt DeWalt cordless variable speed reversible drill with keyless chuck and screwdriver tip.
A jigsaw. 10 hammers.
A wild imagination. An understanding spouse.
Three deep breaths. Towels.
Tarps or plastic sheeting. Water balloons.
Pie tins and Cool Whip.

Annual Program Planning

Circle Ten Council

Year Round Program

THE BASIS OF A SUCCESSFUL PACK

Program planning is a simple but critical part of your pack's success. Throughout the process remember your goal is to deliver a high quality program to each boy and his family. It should be fun, exciting and focused on the purposes of Cub Scouting.

Setting an annual program plan provides direction and sense of satisfaction and a feeling of accomplishment in a job well done. Planning also makes the best possible use of your valuable volunteer time.

Planning Steps:

One of the most important responsibilities of the pack committee is to keep the pack operating with a first-rate, year-round program. The quality of the program will depend largely on the pack committee giving the Cubmaster, the Cub Scout den leaders and Webelos den leaders the help they need.

Cub Scout program planning includes four steps, dependent upon one another, which usually guarantee a strong pack program. The steps are:
 Annual Pack Program Planning Conference
 Monthly Pack Leader's Meetings
 Monthly Den Leader Meetings
 Monthly meetings of each den leader with the den chief

Steps to having a great

Annual Program Planning Meeting

SET A DATE TO MEET - Set a date in August with the committee, including the Den Leaders and Webelos Leaders.

CHECK MEETING DATES - Before this time check with your chartering organization and school calendar to find available dates for pack meetings. They should be at the same time and date each month.

REVIEW LAST YEAR'S PROGRAM - Which activities worked and which did not? Decide what activities and special meetings you would like to do again. Also determine whether or not your budget was adequate for them.

REVIEW YOUR JOURNEY TO

EXCELLENCE STATUS - The JTE is a year round program of leading indicators to help you plot your course to a successful program (*I hate it when my Cub Scout writing sounds like I am at work but it is true. And it is a GREAT tool!! CD*) If you have not set up to monitor your progress on the dashboard go to the spreadsheet on National's website and you will get a great picture of your status. You fill in page 1 by answering questions and it completes your JTE form on page 2 (*Kind of like when I do my income tax on Turbo Tax CD*) Page 3 is a Unit Budget form, be sure to use that, also. The spreadsheet is at:

<http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/Awards/JourneyToExcellence.aspx>

SET NEW MEETING DATES - Review the available pack meeting dates with the pack committee and set dates for the coming year. Write pack meeting dates in your council calendar (extra copies are available through the Service Center for your committee members and den leaders). Be careful to avoid holidays and school breaks.

SET COUNCIL AND DISTRICT DATES -

Review the council and district calendar and mark dates on your program schedule for district and council activities: Webelos Woods, Pinewood

Derby, training sessions, and important meetings like roundtable.

SET SPECIAL PACK DATES - Set the dates for special activities your pack will be doing during the year and put them in your program calendar. These may include:

Pack Fundraiser (Product Sale)

Blue and Gold Banquet

Pinewood Derby

Friends of Scouting

Summertime Activities

Webelos and Tiger Graduation

Since June 1, 2003, adults giving leadership to a pack campout MUST complete the Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO). Please check council calendar for upcoming BALOO training sessions. (This is not required for council-run programs)

SCHEDULE YOUR MONTHLY COMMITTEE

MEETING - Select dates for and schedule monthly meetings of your committee to meet and plan out the next month's activities and meetings (i.e. in September you should be planning for October).

You should have a committee meeting every month.

REVIEW THE MONTHLY CORE VALUES -

Choose the Core Value emphasis for the month from the Den and Pack Meeting Program Guide or rearrange them based on your local activities or choose a theme (*OOoops, there is that word*) of your own. Write them in your annual calendar so everyone knows what the month's Core Value emphasis is for both Cubs and Webelos.

SET A BUDGET - Based on the meetings and activities you have planned for the year, number of boys who are likely to advance, and the number of youth and adult members of the pack, figure out what your approximate yearly expenses will be. You will need to plan enough fund raising activities to cover these expenses. The Budget Planning Worksheet will help you calculate and plan your annual expenses and income to create a budget.

NOTE -

There is an electronic budget planning worksheet in the Excel spreadsheet on National's website to help you do this more easily

<http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/Awards/JourneyToExcellence.aspx>

DISTRIBUTE THE PLAN - Cub Scouts and their families will better participate in meetings and activities if they have a copy of the calendar. Every

family should receive a copy of the annual calendar so they can plan accordingly.

These are the basic steps your committee will need to follow to have a complete annual program plan and calendar. This calendar will help insure that everyone in the pack knows exactly what is happening from month to month during the year. More important, it will help you plan in advance and avoid being caught off guard by rapidly approaching deadlines.

Remember that September brings *** Join Scouting Night and the start of a full year of activities. When you go to Join Scouting Night, if you have a well thought-out plan and distribute it to your members, new and old, you will find it is easier to recruit not only boys but also adult leaders.

For more information click on

[Annual Pack Program Planning](#), for a very by thought out worksheet for the seasoned pro and newbie scout leader. Many thanks to .Jamie, Cub Scout Roundtable Commissioner, 3 Rivers District, Northern Star Council

<http://www.cubroundtable.com/assets/pdf-documents/Annual-Program-Planning.pdf>

I, also, encourage leaders to take a look at Bill Smith's Pack Admin section,

<http://rt492.org/cm/pkadmin.html>

EFFECTIVE ROUNDTABLES PHIMONT TRAINING CENTER

JUNE 15-21, 2014

Does your Roundtable need something?? Are you Frustrated? Tired? Need a shot of Scout Spirit to boost your enthusiasm??



Then come to the Philmont Training Center for Effective Roundtables!!!

Spend a week with a couple dozen other Roundtable Commissioners and a few 100 Commissioners of all levels!! **Meet the National Commissioner and many of his advisors!!**

**Share problems and ideas!!
Mingle!! Network!!**

**Rekindle your enthusiasm and your passion.
Restore your energy!!**

We'll be Cooking Up Great Roundtables!!

George Costigan, ACC-RTs for National Capital Area Council and Dave Lyons, ACC-RTs for Garden State Council and former Editor of Baloo's Bugle, will again be leading the **EFFECTIVE ROUNDTABLES** session during Commissioner's Week at the Philmont Training Center.



This conference is for all commissioners associated with providing unit service through roundtables and huddles. The conference will assist all Commissioners with RT responsibilities from Assistant Council and District Commissioners to the Roundtable/Huddle Commissioners and Assistant Commissioners. (formerly called "Staff.") If you need or want to know more about how to conduct a high quality roundtable or forum experience, this is the conference for you. George and Dave are experienced RT commissioners who will be providing ideas on Unit Service, promotion, increasing participation, planning, developing Assistant Commissioners and RT management.

Learn how to provide your district the best roundtable experience anywhere!!!

George and Dave led a very active class last year with rave reviews by RT Commissioners at all levels. They have over 25 years RT experience and have served as Commissioners for both Boy Scout and Cub Scout RTs.

You will not sit still in this class!!!!

They are, also, on the Roundtable Planning Guide Task Force, so you will hear about the changes from those who wrote the book!!!!

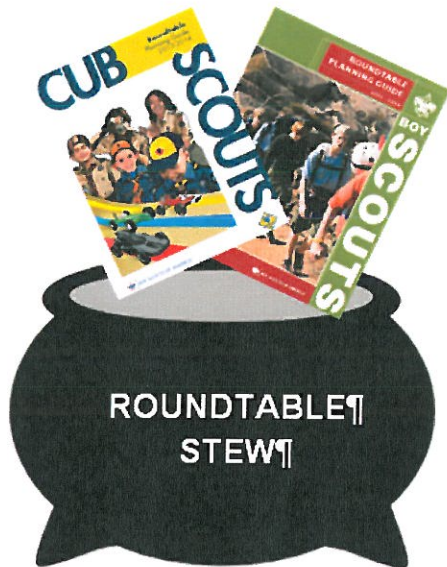
Learn about Philmont Training Center at -

<http://www.philmontscoutranch.org/ptc.aspx>

Learn what exciting things there are for you and your family to do. Go hiking together, build crafts, **enjoy time away from electronics**, ride a horse, see the mountains, explore. Learn about it at -

<http://www.philmontscoutranch.org/filestore/philmont/pdf/PTCFamily.pdf>

Dave & Donna are members of the Disney Vacation Club but they state without equivocation that Philmont Training Center is a **BETTER** family vacation. Get to know each other!! Enjoy your children and/or grandchildren for the week!! Get the low down on how to get there, everything to do, to bring, to enjoy at - <http://www.philmontscoutranch.org/filestore/philmont/pdf/PTCCConferenceGB.pdf>



THOUGHTFUL ITEMS FOR SCOUTERS

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

Prayer

Great Father of heaven and earth, we come to this this day in honor and prayer. We are grateful for the creation of Thy hand and those wonderful things just beyond the horizon of our vision, but we know that Thou see's all. Please bless us to have the perseverance to pursue our dreams and visions. Help us to reach out with hands and arms and lift others up as we do our best. Amen.

Never give in—never, never, never, in nothing great or small, large or petty, never give in except to convictions of honor and good sense. Never yield to

Take a Day Off for Churchill

Scouter Jim, Bountiful, UT

Children of another generation, not unlike those children of today, were not unaccustomed to seeing flag covering the caskets of our fathers when they passed away. As I sat at the funeral for my friend's father, this was a very different experience. The flag draping the casket of Thomas Beverley was the flag of the United Kingdom. As a young man in England he had served as a British soldier from 1939-1945. During that time he spent three years as a Prisoner of War, first by the Italian and then by the Germans after the fall of Italy. During the time he was a prisoner of Germany, he commanded to work on Sunday. As a devotedly religious man, he refused.

"Work a day for Hitler!" he was commanded.

"I'm going to take the day off for Churchill," was his reply. And he did. This was a true act of bravery, standing up to his guards to stand firm in his convictions.

As a prisoner, he had to show not only courage, but perseverance. Later in life, he became and Amateur Radio Operator. In times of emergency, when power is off and there is no other means of communications, amateur radio operators help. It is also a way to reach beyond the horizon and talk to peoples of different countries and cultures. In a time before the Internet, it connected a divergent world.

Next time evil looks you in the eyes and orders you to do something wrong, stand firm and "Take a day off, for Churchill."

Don't be afraid to give your best to what seemingly are small jobs. Every time you conquer one it makes you that much stronger. If you do the little jobs well, the big ones will tend to take care of themselves.

Dale Carnegie

Quotations

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

The difference between perseverance and obstinacy is that one comes from a strong will, and the other from a strong won't. [Henry Ward Beecher](#)

When the world says, "Give up,"

Hope whispers, "Try it one more time." [Author Unknown](#)

Nobody trips over mountains. It is the small pebble that causes you to stumble. Pass all the pebbles in your path and you will find you have crossed the mountain. [Author Unknown](#)

When you come to the end of your rope, tie a knot and hang on. [Franklin D. Roosevelt](#)

Consider the postage stamp: its usefulness consists in the ability to stick to one thing till it gets there. [Josh Billings](#)

The greatest oak was once a little nut that held its ground. [Author Unknown](#)

Fall seven times, stand up eight. [Japanese Proverb](#)

Perseverance is the hard work you do after you get tired of doing the hard work you already did. [Newt Gingrich](#)

He conquers who endures. [Persius](#)

The race is not always to the swift, but to those who keep on running. [Author unknown](#)

I returned, and saw under the sun, that the race is not to the swift, nor the battle to the strong, neither yet bread to the wise, nor yet riches to men of understanding, nor yet favour to men of skill; but time and chance happeneth to them all. [Ecclesiastes 9:11](#)

It's not that I'm so smart, it's just that I stay with problems longer. [Albert Einstein](#)

Perseverance is not a long race; it is many short races one after another. [Walter Elliott, The Spiritual Life](#)

People are always blaming their circumstances for what they are. I don't believe in circumstances. The people who get on in this world are the people who get up and look for the circumstances they want, and, if they can't find them, make them. [G.B. Shaw, Mrs. Warren's Profession, 1893](#)

There is no telling how many miles you will have to run while chasing a dream. [Author Unknown](#)

Perseverance... keeps honor bright: to have done, is to hang quite out of fashion, like a rusty nail in monumental mockery. [William Shakespeare](#)

The drops of rain make a hole in the stone not by violence but by oft falling. [Lucretius](#)

But the moment you turn a corner you see another straight stretch ahead and there comes some further challenge to your ambition. [Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr.](#)

Don't be discouraged. It's often the last key in the bunch that opens the lock. [Author Unknown](#)

The great majority of men are bundles of beginnings. [Ralph Waldo Emerson](#)

Saints are sinners who kept on going. [Robert Louis Stevenson](#)

If we are facing in the right direction, all we have to do is keep on walking. [Buddhist Saying](#)

Life is not about how fast you run or how high you climb but how well you bounce. [Vivian Komori](#)

You learn you can do your best even when it's hard, even when you're tired and maybe hurting a little bit. It feels good to show some courage. [Joe Namath](#)

Never stop pedaling to power your dreams. [Terri Guillemets](#)

I may not be there yet, but I'm closer than I was yesterday. [Author Unknown](#)

People often say that motivation doesn't last. Well, neither does bathing — that's why we recommend it daily. [Zig Ziglar](#)

Keep on going, and the chances are that you will stumble on something, perhaps when you are least expecting it. I never heard of anyone ever stumbling on something sitting down. [Charles F. Kettering](#)

One may go a long way after one is tired. [French Proverb](#)

Never think that God's delays are God's denials. Hold on; hold fast; hold out. Patience is genius. [Georges-Louis Leclerc](#)

Our greatest glory is not in never failing, but in rising up every time we fail. [Ralph Waldo Emerson](#)

Problems are not stop signs, they are guidelines. [Robert Schuller](#)

Vitality shows in not only the ability to persist but the ability to start over. [F. Scott Fitzgerald](#)

With ordinary talent and extraordinary perseverance, all things are attainable. [Thomas Foxwell Buxton](#)

When your dreams turn to dust, vacuum. [Author Unknown](#)

Most people never run far enough on their first wind to find out they've got a second. [William James](#)

Difficult things take a long time, impossible things a little longer. [André A. Jackson](#)

Spring is on the way; summer is on the way; storms are on the way; wars are on the way; sorrow and happiness are on the way; they are all on the way, they are coming! Everything is on the way! Life is a highway; while we are moving on the way, all else is coming towards us! Devil is on the way; angel is on the way! Stay firm on the way! [Mehmet Murat ildan](#)

Don't let the fear of the time it will take to accomplish something stand in the way of your doing it. The time will pass anyway; we might just as well put that passing time to the best possible use. [Earl Nightingale](#)

A door opens to me. I go in and am faced with a hundred closed doors. Antonio Porchia, *Voces*, 1943, translated from Spanish by [W.S. Merwin](#)

Let perseverance be your engine and hope your fuel. [H. Jackson Brown, Jr.](#)

Success seems to be largely a matter of hanging on after others have let go. [William Feather](#)

Big shots are only little shots who keep shooting. [Christopher Morley](#)

Look at a stone cutter hammering away at his rock, perhaps a hundred times without as much as a crack showing in it. Yet at the hundred-and-first blow it will split in two, and I know it was not the last blow that did it, but all that had gone before. [Jacob A. Riis](#)

Lord Robert Baden-Powell by Winston S. Churchill, *Great Contemporaries*, London, 1938

THE THREE most famous generals I have known in my life won no great battles over the foreign foe. Yet their names, which all begin with a B, are household words. They are General Booth, General Botha and General Baden-Powell To General Booth we owe the Salvation Army; to General Botha, United South Africa; and to General Baden-Powell, the Boy Scout Movement.

In this uncertain world one cannot be sure of much. But it seems probable that one or two hundred years hence, or it may be more, these three monuments that we have seen set up in our lifetime will still proclaim the fame of their founders, not in the silent testimony of bronze or stone, but as institutions guiding and shaping the lives and thoughts of men. I remember well the first time I saw the hero of this article, now Lord Baden-Powell. I had gone with my regimental team to play in the Cavalry Cup at Meerut. There was a great gathering of the sporting and social circles of the British Army in India. In the evening an amateur vaudeville entertainment was given to a large company. The feature of this was a sprightly song and dance by an officer of the garrison, attired in the brilliant uniform of an Austrian Hussar, and an attractive lady. Sitting as a young lieutenant in the

stalls, I was struck by the quality of the performance, which certainly would have held its own on the boards of any of our music-halls. I was told:

“That’s B.-P. An amazing man! He won the Kader Cup, has seen lots of active service. They think no end of him as a rising soldier; but fancy a senior officer kicking his legs up like that before a lot of subalterns !”

I was fortunate in making the acquaintance of this versatile celebrity before the polo tournament was over. Three years passed before I met him again. The scene and the occasion were very different. Lord Roberts’ army had just entered Pretoria, and General Baden-Powell, who had been relieved in Mafeking after a siege of 217 days, was riding in two or three hundred miles from the Western Transvaal to report to the Commander-in-Chief. I thought I would interview him on behalf of the Morning Post and get a first-hand account of his famous defense.

We rode together for at least an hour, and once he got talking he was magnificent. I was thrilled by the tale, and he enjoyed the telling of it. I cannot remember the details but my telegram must have filled the best part of a column. Before dispatching it I submitted to him. He read it with concentrated attention and some signs of embarrassment, but when he had finished he handed it back to me, saying with a smile, “Talking to you is like talking to a phonograph.” I was rather pleased with it, too. In those days B.-P.’s fame as a soldier eclipsed almost all popular reputations. The other B.P, the British Public, looked upon him as the outstanding hero of the War. Even those who disapproved of the War, and derided the triumphs of large, organized armies over the Boer farmers, could not forbear to cheer the long, spirited, tenacious defense of Mafeking by barely eight hundred men against a beleaguering force ten or twelve times their numbers.

No one had ever believed Mafeking could hold out half as long. A dozen times, as the siege dragged on, the watching nation had emerged from apprehension and despondency into renewed hope, and had been again cast down. Millions who could not follow closely or accurately the main events of

the War looked day after day in the papers for the fortunes of Mafeking, and when finally the news of its relief was flashed throughout the world, the streets of London became impassable, and the floods of sterling cockney patriotism were released in such a deluge of unbridled, delirious, childish joy as was never witnessed again until Armistice Night, 1918. Nay, perhaps the famous Mafeking night holds the record. Then the crowds were untouched by the ravages of war. They rejoiced with the light-hearted frenzy of the spectators of a great sporting event. In 1918 thankfulness and a sense of deliverance overpowered exultation. All bore in their hearts the marks of what they had gone through. There were too many ghosts about the streets after Armageddon.

One wondered why B.-P. seemed to drop out of the military hierarchy after the South African War was over. He held distinguished minor appointments; but all the substantial and key positions were parceled out among men whose achievements were unknown outside military circles, and whose names had never received the need of popular applause.

How lucky for B.-P. that he was not in the early years of the century taken into the central swim of military affairs, and absorbed in all those arduous and secret preparations which ultimately enabled the British Expeditionary Army to deploy for battle at Mons!

How lucky for him, and how lucky for us all! To this he owes his perennially revivifying fame, his opportunity for high personal service of the most enduring character; and to this we owe an institution and an inspiration, characteristic of the essence of British genius, and uniting in a bond of comradeship the youth not only of the English-speaking world, but of almost every land and people under the sun.

It was in 1907 that B.-P. held his first camp for boys to learn the lore of the backwoods and the discipline of Scout life. Twenty-one boys of every class from the East End of London, from Eton and Harrow, pitched their little tents on Brownsea Island in Dorsetshire. From this modest beginning sprang the world-wide movement of Boy Scouts and girl

guides, constantly renewing itself as the years pass, and now well over two million strong.

In 1908 the Chief Scout, as he called himself, published his book, *Scouting for Boys*. It appealed to all the sense of adventure and love of open-air life which is so strong in youth. But beyond this it stirred those sentiments of knightly chivalry, of playing the game – any game – earnest or fun – hard and fairly, which constitute the most important part of the British system of education. Success was immediate and far-reaching. The simple uniform, khaki shorts and a shirt – within the range of the poorest – was founded upon that of General Baden-Powell's old corps, the South African Constabulary. The hat was the famous hat with the flat brim and pinched top which he had worn at Mafeking. The motto "Be Prepared" was founded on his initials. Almost immediately we saw at holiday times on the roads of Britain little troops and patrols of Boy Scouts, big and small, staff in hand, trudging forward hopefully, pushing their little handcart with their kit and camping gear towards the woodlands and parklands which their exemplary conduct speedily threw open to them. Forthwith there twinkled the camp fires of a vast new army whose ranks will never be empty, and whose march will never be ended while red blood courses in the veins of youth. It is difficult to exaggerate the moral and mental health which our nation has derived from this profound and simple conception. In whose bygone days the motto "Be Prepared" had a special meaning for our country. Those who looked to the coming of a great war welcomed the awakening of British boyhood. But no one, even the most resolute pacifist, could be offended; for the movement was not militaristic in character, and even the sourest, crabbest critic saw in it a way of letting off youthful steam.

The success of the Scout movement led to its imitation in many countries, notably in Germany. There, too, the little troops began to march along the roads already trampled by the legions. The Great War swept across the world. Boy Scouts played their part. Their keen eyes were added to the watchers along the coasts; and in the air raids we saw the spectacle of children of twelve and fourteen performing with perfect coolness and composure the useful functions assigned to them in the streets

and public offices. Many venerable, famous institutions and systems long honored by men perished in the storm; but the Boy Scout Movement survived. It survived not only the War, but the numbing reactions of the aftermath. While so many elements in the life and spirit of the victorious nations seemed to be lost in stupor, it flourished and grew increasingly. Its motto gathers new national significance as the years unfold upon our island. It speaks to every heart its message of duty and honor: "Be Prepared" to stand up faithfully for Right and Truth, however the winds may blow.

Winston Churchill Quotes

It is no use saying, 'We are doing our best.' You have got to succeed in doing what is necessary.

Success is not final, failure is not fatal: it is the courage to continue that counts.

To improve is to change; to be perfect is to change often.

This is no time for ease and comfort. It is time to dare and endure.

We contend that for a nation to tax itself into prosperity is like a man standing in a bucket and trying to lift himself up by the handle."

When the eagles are silent, the parrots begin to jabber.

Success consists of going from failure to failure without loss of enthusiasm.

Character may be manifested in the great moments, but it is made in the small ones.

Courage is the first of human qualities because it is the quality that guarantees all the others.

If you are going through hell, keep going.

You have enemies? Good. That means you've stood up for something, sometime in your life.

Never in the field of human conflict was so much owed by so many to so few.

I would say to the House, as I said to those who have joined this government: I have nothing to offer but blood, toil, tears and sweat.

It has been said that democracy is the worst form of government except all the others that have been tried.

We (The British) have not journeyed across the centuries, across the oceans, across the

mountains, across the prairies, because we are made of sugar candy.

You ask, What is our policy? I will say; 'It is to wage war, by sea, land and air, with all our might and with all the strength that God can give us: to wage war against a monstrous tyranny, never surpassed in the dark lamentable catalogue of human crime. That is our policy.' You ask, What is our aim? I can answer with one word: Victory—victory at all costs, victory in spite of all terror, victory however long and hard the road may be; for without victory there is no survival.

If you will not fight for right when you can easily win without bloodshed; if you will not fight when your victory is sure and not too costly; you may come to the moment when you will have to fight with all the odds against you and only a precarious chance of survival. There may even be a worse case. You may have to fight when there is no hope of victory, because it is better to perish than to live as slaves.

We shall not flag or fail. We shall go on to the end. We shall fight in France, we shall fight on the seas and the oceans, we shall fight with growing confidence and growing strength in the air, we shall defend our island, whatever the cost may be. We shall fight on the beaches, we shall fight on the landing grounds, we shall fight in the fields and in the streets, we shall fight in the hills; we shall never surrender.

DEN MEETINGS

Wendy, Chief Seattle Council

Now is a great time to get the boys outside while the weather is good, so this month we're focusing on outdoor, and perseverance activities.

Father's Day Ideas



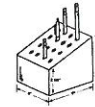
Father's Day Card (Bear Ach. #18f, Ach. #24d, partial): <http://familyfun.go.com/crafts/formal-greetings-668464/> Thank your Dad for being a great Dad, and tell him how he's done a good job being a



Hot/Cold Sock (Wolf E9bc gift)

Directions with pictures:

<http://www.wikihow.com/Make-a-Rice-Sock>



Pencil Holder: Cut a 2"x 2" into 5" strips. Drill 4-6 holes for pens and pencil. Decorate using paint or permanent markers.



Bookends

2008 Santa Clara Pow Wow Book "Adventures in Books"

For this simple wood project you will need: a hammer, a ruler, a pencil, wood glue, four pieces of soft wood (like pine or fir) approximately 4" x 5" in size, two pieces of felt or non-skid material, sandpaper: coarse, medium and fine, 6 finishing nails, at least 1 1/2 inches long

Instructions: The wood size measurements are guidelines. Cut your wood to the desired size.

1. Sand the wood until it is smooth to the touch. First, sand all sides and edges with the coarse sandpaper, then sand it with medium sandpaper and then fine sandpaper.
2. When the wood is smooth, draw a line across the wood, 1/2 inch from one of the shortest sides and mark three evenly spaced places along it. Hammer one nail into each of those marks so that they pop out on the other side.
3. Put glue along the edge of the other piece of wood. Hold the glued piece upright and place the other edge, with the nails sticking out, up against the bottom edge making a right angle. Tap the nails all the way in, connecting the two pieces of wood. Glue felt to bottom of book end. Allow it to dry.

You may decorate your bookends with paint, or decoupage pictures to bookends, but the natural grain wood may be beautiful as it is.

To bring out the beauty of the wood grain and finish the wood so it will resist dirt, rub the bookends with furniture oil or paste wax. Buff

them until they shine.

Home Depot & Lowes sometimes have good Father's Day wood projects at their free kids workshops:

Home Depot:

http://www.homedepot.com/webapp/catalog/servlet/ContentView?pn=HT_WS_KidsWorkshops&storeId=10051&langId=-1&catalogId=10053

Lowes:

<http://lowesbuildandgrow.com/pages/default.aspx>

More Father's Day Ideas:



<http://www.makingfriends.com/dad.htm>



TIGERS

Wendy, Chief Seattle Council

TIGERS

The Wonderful Thing About Tigers....
...is Tigers are Wonderful Things!!

Supplemental Den Meetings that go with the Perseverance Value (they require practice & patience):

F: Magic Fun

P: Sew a Button & Song Time

J: Visit a bike repair shop and take a bike ride with an adult partner. (also coordinates with the Pack Night Bike Rodeo)

Outdoor Supplemental Den Meetings:

G: Picnic, Outdoor Game, Sunscreen

J: Bike Ride & Bike Repairs

Outdoor Electives:

E4 Collects twigs and make a picture frame

E10 Help an older person with yard work

E16 Collect shells or rocks outside

E29 Sunscreen

E30 Plant a seed (see ideas in Wolf section)

E32 Birdfeeder

E33 Clean up Treasure Hunt

E35 Outdoor Game

E40 Swimming

E37 Bike Ride

Magic Ideas (Den Meeting F: Elective 19)

For more ideas, check out the '08 "Abracadabra" theme at:

<http://www.scoutingthenet.com/scouting/Training/Roundtable/Handouts/08/03/>

Gathering Activities:

Card Toss

Have boys stand about 6 feet away from a top hat, and try to toss cards into the hat. The boy that gets the most in wins. (How To Book p. 3-33) *This is harder than it sounds.*



Card Houses

Directions with pictures:

<http://www.instructables.com/id/How-to-build-a-card-house/>

It takes perseverance to build card houses!

Magic Tricks

How-To Book section 5 p. 49-58.

Rules of Magic

- **Practice, Practice, Practice!**
- **Better one good trick than 10 not-quite ready ones!**
- **Don't reveal the secret!** (*although some simple tricks between friends might be ok to share*)
- **Don't repeat the same trick, unless repetition is part of the trick.**
- **Don't try to make your audience look foolish.**
- **Know when to start** (*when people are waiting for something to happen*) **and know when to Stop** – (*before people get bored – Leave them wanting more!*)
- **Act the part – and Smile!** (*Your audience wants to have fun*)
- **Know what to do if the trick fails ~ see below:**

And if the trick goes wrong:

Good magicians know that sometimes a trick doesn't work – the earth is rotating too slowly, your hands are sweaty, it's Friday the 13th – for whatever reason, a good magician just goes on. They either

move on to another trick or use humor to keep the audience happy. Here are some Great Things to Say when your trick doesn't work:

- Well, it worked in the Magic Store!
- It looked great from my side!
- The real magician will be here shortly!
- When I get this trick right, it won't be a trick – it will be a miracle!
- That was actually a trick we magicians call misdirection – while I kept your attention by pretending to mess up the trick, my assistant sneaked by with an elephant for a trick I'm doing later. If you don't believe me, go check in the other room!
- OK! On to the next trick!
- Hey, what do you expect? I got this trick out of *Magic for Dummies!*

Finger Power Magic Trick:

Cub #1: I have developed my magical powers so that I can mentally force your fingers to move, without even touching you.

Cub #2: I don't believe it!

Cub #1: I'll prove it to you. Clasp your hands together with your fingers intertwined. Now raise both your index fingers straight up in the air.

Cub #2: OK – but you can't touch my fingers!

Cub #1: (*Making a great show of waving your hands over the other person's fingers – but never touching them –take a little time*)
I command your fingers to move.

(*And they will – not because of your command, but because they can't stay up in the air very long in that position*)

Disappearing Water

(’02 April Santa Clara Pow Wow Book)

Pour a little water into a paper cup. Say you will make the water disappear. Ask someone to hold out a hand. Pour the cup into their hand. Instead of getting wet, the person will be left holding an Ice Cube instead. Say that you tried to make the water disappear - but it was too hard!

Secret: You will need to prepare the cup in advance. Take a piece of dry sponge, and cut it into a round shape so that it fits into your paper cup. Glue the round sponge to the bottom of the cup. Put an ice cube into the cup, just prior to performing the

trick. Have a second cup of water ready. Pour a little water into the cup, so that the water doesn't touch the ice cube. The sponge will soak up the water. Pour the ice cube onto the person's hand.

Vanishing Coin Trick (kidzone website)

Effect:

The magician shows a glass, upside down, and a coin on a sheet of colored paper.

He puts a handkerchief over the glass and moves it over. He pulls the handkerchief off and Abracadabra! the coin has disappeared.

Supplies:

A sheet of construction paper (1), a clear glass, a handkerchief and a coin.

Preparation:

Trace the glass onto the sheet of paper and cut the circle out. Then tape it to the glass so when you put it onto a piece of paper the same color it blends in.

Secret:

When you do the above put the glass onto a piece of paper and just basically move the paper covered glass over the coin while the whole thing is under the handkerchief so the glass covers the coin. Pull off the handkerchief. The coin will have "disappeared."

Magic Knot

(how stuff works.com)

Tie a knot at one end of a handkerchief, and stuff it in your pocket. To start the trick, yank the handkerchief from your pocket, concealing the knot in your closed hand and letting the unknotted length of the hankie hang below. Tell the kids you are going to knot the hankie using only one hand and a magic word of their choosing.

Pull the unknotted end up toward your closed hand and secure it in place by holding your index finger over it. Say the magic word, and with a snapping motion, release the unknotted side by lifting your finger as you snap. Act confused and request another magic word. Tuck the unknotted end in the same position, and this time when you say the magic word and snap your hand, release the knotted end while keeping the unknotted end secure between your fingers.

Treats:

Edible Wands

(’08 Buckeye Pow Wow Book)

- ✦ ½ cup white chocolate pieces or white frosting
- ✦ 1 teaspoon shortening
- ✦ 10 long pretzel logs, or pretzel sticks (for mini-magic wands)
- ✦ Decorative candies or colored sugar (the kind you decorate cupcakes with)

Directions:

- ✦ Melt the white chocolate with shortening (or just use frosting).
- ✦ Dip pretzels half way in chocolate,

✦ Then roll in candy or sugar.

Button Crafts

(Den Meeting P: Elective #18)



Sock Monsters:

Eyes: sew buttons, and/or felt or fleece circles to colorful socks. Mouths: Cut mouths from felt or fleece, and glue to sock. Stuff socks with fiberfill, and stitch closed.



Tie Snake:

Sew on buttons for the eyes. Stuff the snake with poly fiberfill, old socks, or pantyhose, if desired. Hot glue the ends shut. Cut a tongue from red felt, and hot glue to the underside of the snake's head.

Directions with pictures:

<http://www.makeandtakes.com/crafty-snake-tie>

<http://www.vanessachristenson.com/2010/06/tie-rattle-snake-buddy.html>



Felt Pouch

<http://familyfun.go.com/crafts/classic-camp-craft-pouch-675505/>

Peanut Butter Button Cookies



Ingredients:

- ★ 1/2 cup peanut butter chips
- ★ 1/2 cup smooth peanut butter (not natural)
- ★ 1 cup unsalted butter, at room temperature
- ★ 1/2 cup packed light brown sugar
- ★ 1/2 cup sugar
- ★ 1 large egg
- ★ 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- ★ 1 teaspoon salt
- ★ 2 1/2 cups flour
- ★ Red licorice strings (optional)

Instructions:

- ★ Heat the oven to 375°.
- ★ Microwave the peanut butter chips at medium heat for 1 minute.
- ★ Stir the chips.
- ★ If they're still not melted, microwave them for another minute, then stir them until smooth.
- ★ In a large bowl, beat together the melted chips, peanut butter, butter, and both sugars with an electric mixer on medium-high speed until smooth and fluffy.
- ★ Blend in the egg, vanilla extract, and salt.
- ★ Gradually beat in the flour on low speed until a firm dough forms.
- ★ Working with half the batch at a time, roll out the dough to a 1/4-inch thickness on a flour-dusted surface, using a lightly floured rolling pin.
- ★ Cut out cookies with a 3-inch round biscuit cutter and transfer them to ungreased baking sheets.
- ★ Reroll the dough scraps for additional cookies.
- ★ Press the bottom of a small drinking glass into the center of each cookie to create a circular indentation.
- ★ Then use the end of a drinking straw to cut four buttonholes in each cookie (twisting the straw a quarter turn each time will lift the dough from the hole).
- ★ Bake the cookies until set and slightly golden on the bottom, about 8 to 10 minutes.
- ★ Let them cool on the sheets for 1 minute, then transfer them to a wire rack to cool completely.
- ★ Store the cookies in an airtight container at room temperature for up to 3 days.
- ★ For a fun finishing touch, lace licorice string through the holes in each cookie. Starting from the back, thread a piece of licorice through the holes, crisscrossing it in front of the cookie. Trim the ends to about 1/2 inch long, leaving them loose at the back. Makes about 32 cookies.

You could also use sugar cookie dough instead.

W.M.

Summer Bike Safety

www.helmets.org

Here are some great tips for any parent or den leader to check before bikes come out for the Summer!

I'm going out for my first ride of the summer. Is there anything I need to do with my bicycle before I start?

Yes, and it will only take about ten minutes.

- First, clean the dust off of it. That helps you get back in touch with it, and remember anything you meant to do over the winter. While you are dusting, check for loose parts like saddle or handlebars. If your bike has quick release levers on the wheels, make sure they are snugly closed. Check the tires for wear or dry rot.
- You always need to inflate your tires. Inflate them to the pressure molded into the side wall. Soft tires make the bike harder to pedal, and you'll have more flats.
- Lube the chain. Squeaky chains actually will break from excess internal friction. In the meantime, they rob you of some pedaling energy.
- Adjust your saddle if necessary. Saddle adjustment can be important for comfort and to avoid pressure in the wrong places, particularly on the first rides of summer.

What about equipment? What do I need for safety? A helmet, of course.

The helmet is the most important, yes. Make sure it is well adjusted, fits level, and won't slip around too much. In addition to that:

- Gloves protect your hands from chafing, and keep the skin intact if you crash.
- Bike shoes are good because they have rigid soles and spread the pedal pressure evenly. More of your energy gets to the pedal. Running shoes are fine for shorter rides.
- The top that you wear should have a close-fitting neckline. The ones that flop open or hang down are called "bee-catchers."

Anything special to do if I'm taking a child with me?

If you have children, review the basic safety rules with them while you are checking over their bike.

Designer Helmets

Wearing a helmet is a must, but it can be FUN, too! Just use strips of colored plastic tape to create stick on lightening bolts, initials, racing stripes, whatever!

For bike decorating ideas, look in the 2012 Health & Fitness Baloo's Bugle Tiger section.

We're all set to go. Any advice for that first ride?

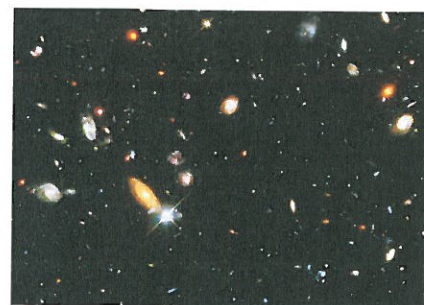
Ride around the block to be sure your bike is ready. Plan an easy first outing to avoid dragging in to the office on Monday with sore muscles. If the weather is hot, drink plenty of water and take it easy for the first few rides until your body is acclimated to the heat. And use sunscreen to prevent burning. Summer riding is great fun. It is one of the four best seasons to ride a bicycle.



BEAR

Bear Ideas by Felicia

Mtg Plan # H	Space	Do: Elective 1c. Astronomy belt loop
Mtg Plan # I	Space	Do: Elective 1b, 1e, & 1f
Mtg Plan # J	Landscaping	Do: Elective 14



Nasa Hubble Deep Field (HDF) image. http://solarsystem.nasa.gov/multimedia/display.cfm?Category=GreatShots&IM_ID=1463

Bear Den Plan H & I

Elective 1c Visit a Planetarium

Astronomy belt loop

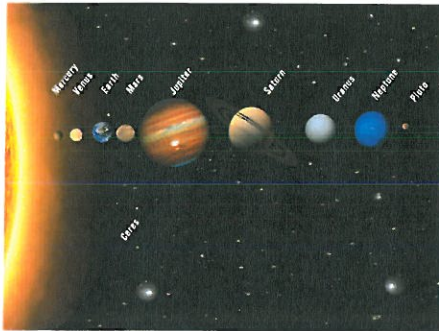
1. Focus binoculars/telescope**2. Diagram our solar system**

You can find a free coloring page, from coloring castle, of the entire solar system here:

<http://www.coloringcastle.com/pdfs/space/solarsystem02.pdf>

You can find a free coloring page with just the planets from coloring castle here:

<http://www.coloringcastle.com/pdfs/space/planets02.pdf>

**3. explain terms:**

planet large round objects that revolve around a star
star A self-luminous object that shines through the release of energy produced by nuclear reactions at its core.

solar system The description given to the system dominated by the Sun and including the Planets, Minor Planets, Comets, planetary satellites and interplanetary debris that travel in orbits around the Sun.

galaxy A huge collection of stars, gas and dust measuring many light years across.

Milky Way The spiral galaxy containing our Sun. As seen from Earth, the constellation Sagittarius marks the direction to its center.

black hole A region of space around a very small and extremely massive collapsed star within which the gravitational field is so intense that not even light can escape.

red giant A star that has low surface temperature and a diameter that is large relative to the Sun.

white dwarf A star that has exhausted most or all of its nuclear fuel and has collapsed to a very small size.

comet A small, frozen mass of dust and gas revolving around the sun in an elliptical orbit.

Meteor The luminous phenomenon observed when a meteoroid is heated by its entry into the Earth's atmosphere.

Moon A natural satellite of any planet.

Asteroid a rocky object in space that can be a few feet wide to several hundred miles wide.

Star map A chart/map indicating the relative apparent positions of the stars. Also known as star chart

Universe Everything that exists, including the Earth, planets, stars, galaxies, and all that they contain; the entire cosmos.

Definitions from

www.frontiernet.net/~kidpower/dictionary.html

<http://imagine.gsfc.nasa.gov/docs/dictionary.html#>

M <http://er.jsc.nasa.gov/seh/menu.html> &

<http://www.answers.com/topic/star-map-star-wars>

You & the boys may enjoy NASA's Picture dictionary

www.nasa.gov/audience/forstudents/k-4/dictionary/index.html#m

Want to work on the **Astronomy Pin?**

Here is a link to the requirements.

<http://usscouts.org/advance/cubscout/academics/astronomy.asp>



NASA 1st photo of Earth from our moon.

http://grin.hq.nasa.gov/BROWSE/earth_1.html

Elective. 1b**Make a pinhole planetarium w/3 constellations**

Here is 1 made w/ a paper tube & black construction paper

<http://cf.ltkcdn.net/kids/files/565-Stargazer.pdf>

Here is 1 w/ a Pringles can & canning jar lids **plus it has constellation patterns**

<http://donnayoung.org/science/constellation-slides.htm>

Constellation images can also be found here:

<http://stardate.org/nightsky/constellations>

<http://www.enchantedlearning.com/subjects/astronomy/stars/constellations.shtml>



Here is a Constellation video game to help you learn about them:

http://www.kidsastronomy.com/astroskymap/constellation_hunt.htm

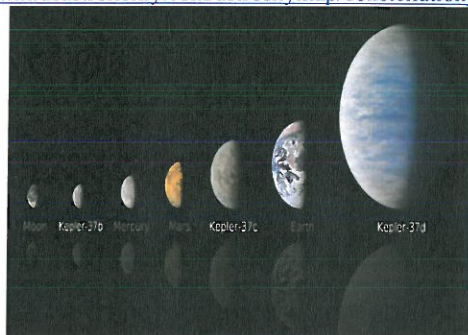


Image Credit: NASA

Elective 1f Find pics of another planet & explain diffs from Earth.

Pictures & info. Can be found on these web sites:

<http://www.nasa.gov/audience/forstudents/k-4/index.html>

<http://www.nasa.gov/home/index.html>

a **solar system word search** can be found here:

<http://homeschooling.about.com/od/freeprintables/ss/solarsysprint.htm>

a **solar system crossword puzzle** can be found here:

http://homeschooling.about.com/od/freeprintables/ss/solarsysprint_3.htm

ASTRONOMY JOKES

<http://www.kidsastronomy.com/jokes/jokes.htm>

<http://kids.yahoo.com/jokes>

What do you call a crazy moon?

A Luna-tic.

How does the solar system hold up its pants?

With an asteroid belt.

What songs do the planets like to sing?

Neptunes.

What do astronauts put their drinks in?

Sunglasses.

What kind of dishes do they use in outer space?

Flying Saucers

What are Black Holes?

What you get in black socks.

Some people say black holes are interesting,
but I say they suck.

What kind of stars are dangerous?

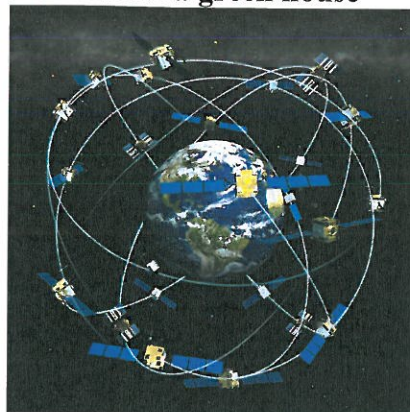
Shooting stars.

Elective #14 Meeting J Landscaping

<http://www.scouting.org/filestore/CubScoutMeetingGuide/bear/BearSupplementalMeetingJ.pdf>

If you plan on planting seeds: you can use this opportunity to do **Elective 12 e** (collect & label 8 types of plant seeds).

Elective 14 d Make a green house



Elective 1e Read & talk about 1 manmade (like those in the picture above) & **1 natural satellite** (like our moon)

Information on satellites can be found at the following sites:

http://transition.fcc.gov/cgb/kidszone/faqs_satellite.html

<http://www.nasa.gov/audience/forstudents/k-4/stories/what-is-a-satellite-k4.html>

<http://www.goes.noaa.gov/>



Make a green house from a pop bottle

Materials:

clean & empty a 2 or 3 liter pop bottle & its lid

sturdy craft scissors (to cut bottle)

- dirt/potting soil
- seeds
- water
- Plate or leak proof pie pan to set it on

Directions:

Cut the pop bottle in half. Set the top half aside. Punch 5 small holes in the bottom. Cut 3 – 4 vertical 1” slits. Start the slits from the cut side & cut 1” toward the bottom. Space the slits equally around the bottom half. Fill the bottom with 3 – 4” of dirt. Follow the directions for planting the seeds on your seed packet. Gently add some water or set the container in water. Then put the top on so it is on over/outside of the slits (*the bottom part will be inside*) & push the top on tightly. Note – when moving this – pick it up from the bottom. Set it on the plate to keep the area you place it in dry. Other versions of this can be found at:

"Keep in mind in all your teaching that the whole...object...is to form character in the boys."

Robert Baden-Powell
Scouting for Boys, 1908

[http://www.education.com/activity/article/Soda_Bottle_Greenhouse/;](http://www.education.com/activity/article/Soda_Bottle_Greenhouse/)
<http://www.wikihow.com/Make-a-Mini-Greenhouse>



Make a green house from domed clear plastic containers

Materials:

- A clean clear domed plastic container with room for some plant growth (such as: cake, pie, chicken, etc...).
- dirt/potting soil
- seeds
- water
- paper cups (if your container bottom is shallow).

Directions:

Evaluate the depth of the bottom half of the container – if it is flat you definitely want to put the dirt & seeds in paper cups & set those on top of your bottom. If it is sufficiently deep: Fill it w/ soil & plant your seeds in there. Water gently & put your clear lid over top.



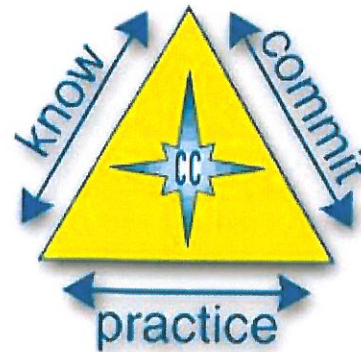
More information can be found at:
http://www.ehow.com/how_4704728_build-greenhouse-plastic-food-container.html

flowering plants word search link
<http://www.freeprintable.com/view/print.html?id=5888>

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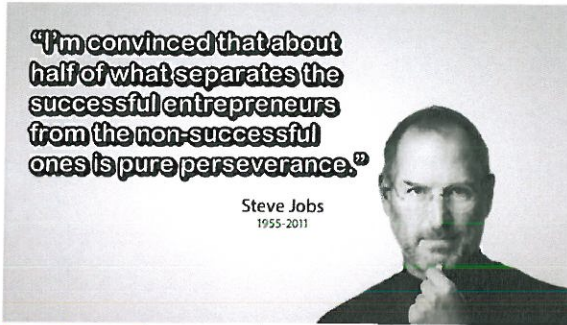
Joe Trovato,
WEBELOS RT Break Out Coordinator
Westchester-Putnam Council
Have a question or comment for Joe??
Write him at
webelos_willie@yahoo.com

There is an underscore between Webelos and Willie



Core Value for June
Perseverance

Perseverance: Sticking with something and not giving up, even if it is difficult.



<http://mrmussbaum.com/steve-jobs/>

Steven Paul Jobs was born on February 24, 1955, to a pair of graduate students who gave him up for adoption because their parents did not want them to marry. Steve was adopted at birth by Clara and Paul Jobs. His mother taught him to read before he went to school. Steve and his father would work on electronics in the family garage, taking apart and reassembling televisions, radios and stereos.

In 1970, he was introduced to Steve Wozniak by a mutual friend. Even though Wozniak was five years older, they shared a love of electronics, Bob Dylan, and practical jokes. Together they created the Apple I and Apple II computers. Wozniak was responsible for the electronics, and Steve concentrated on the design. The Apple II was the first personal computer capable of color graphics. Jobs insisted that Apple design both the software and hardware on Apple products. Apple's first logo had a picture of Sir Isaac Newton sitting under an apple tree. Next came the rainbow, striped apple with a bite taken out on the side. The colored stripes represented the fact that the Apple II could create graphics in color. In 1997, it was simplified to a single color that has changed over time.

In 1984, Apple introduced the first Macintosh. It didn't just change Apple. It changed the whole computer industry. In 2001, Apple introduced the first iPod. It didn't just change the way we all listen to music. It changed the entire music industry.

Steve Jobs is listed as the inventor or co-inventor on 342 United States patents. He played a key role in the creation of the Apple II, Macintosh, iMac, MacBook, iPod, iTunes, iPhone, and iPad. He died on Oct. 5, 2011, of complications from pancreatic cancer

The core value of *Perseverance* can be worked into many of the Webelos programs and, as a leader; it is perhaps the one factor in **success** that sometimes is overlooked. You need to teach perseverance in a way that will allow scouts to apply this value both in scouting and in other areas of their lives. How many children simply quit trying in school or sports, because they are "not good at it" or find it "too hard"? Consider using the "know" "commit" "practice" process when beginning a new badge or introducing an activity with your Webelos.



- **Know**- Review the requirements for the Badge and decide which ones might be more difficult for you to do. Make a plan to complete one of the harder requirements.
- **Commit**- When doing the harder requirement, did you ever feel frustrated or angry? What did perseverance have to do with that? Name another type of task for which you will need to persevere.
- **Practice**- Practice perseverance by following your plan to do that requirement for the activity badge.

Here are some activities that may be incorporated into outdoor trips, which can be used to teach this month's core value of Perseverance:

- Plan a hike where boys encounter obstacles similar to those an early explorer might have encountered. Talk about how pioneers and early explorers persevered to reach their destinations.
- Study plants that survive difficult environments. Encourage boys to keep trying when an activity is difficult.
- Set up an outdoor scavenger hunt where scouts will have to persevere to find items on the list. Pair up the scouts. You may want to have additional adult help so that each pair has an adult monitor, especially if the area is set up so that the leaders may not be able to see the scouts at all times.
- Visit a local gym and talk with a personal trainer.
- Visit a local outdoor track facility and talk with a long distance runner.

Reminder: Two-Deep Leadership Required

It is the policy of the Boy Scouts of America that trips and outings may never be led by only one adult. Two registered adult leaders, or one registered adult leader and a parent of a participant, one of whom must be 21 years of age or older, are required for all trips and outings. "e chartered organization of any Cub Scout pack, Boy Scout troop, Varsity Scout team, or Venturing crew has the responsibility to stress to the committees and leaders of the unit that sufficient adult leadership must be provided on all trips and outings. JT

PERSEVERANCE ACTIVITIES AT DEN MEETINGS



Pre-Meeting Activity:

Provide a bucket half full of water with a quarter in the bottom. Give each person a penny to drop in, to try to land entirely on top of the large coin. It is almost impossible. The trick takes time and patience. Discuss the need for patience, and when and why it may be appropriate.

GAME: Bucket Ball

Set up buckets on a surface that balls will bounce on about six feet from a line. Divide the boys into teams and have them line up behind the marked line. Object is to bounce the ball once and have it land in the bucket for a point. The team with the most points wins.

Follow with a Character Connection discussion on perseverance:

- Think about the game we just played. Was it fun? How did you do on your first try?
- Perseverance is staying with something, doing it over and over. Did you persevere?
- Was it hard to persevere; to do it again? Was it worth the effort?
- When you think of athletes or inventors, do you think they persevere?

Pilgrim's Perseverance - Pomanders

The Pilgrims faced hardship when they sailed to this country, but they persevered.

Discuss with Webelos Scouts what types of challenges they faced.

What do they think perseverance means?

Possibly:

1. Staying with the task and not giving up.
2. Showing commitment, pride and a positive attitude in completing tasks.
3. Trying again and again and again.
4. Being patient and willing to work hard

Pomanders masked unpleasant smells in Pilgrim homes.

Materials:

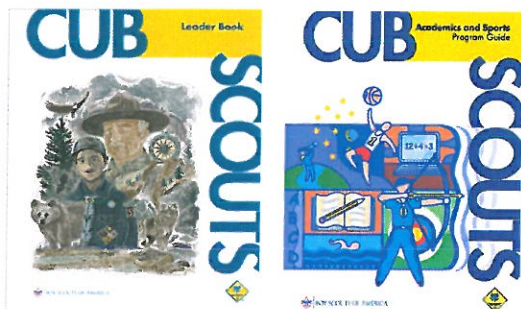
- firm but ripe oranges, lemons or limes;
- jar of whole cloves;
- toothpicks;
- dish, powdered cinnamon;
- large darning needle;
- sturdy string or yarn.

Use the dish to catch drips while you work. Use the toothpick to make holes in the skin of the fruit. Try to keep holes close together and cover the entire piece of fruit. Gently push a whole clove into each hole. Sprinkle the fruit with powdered cinnamon. Set the fruit aside to ripen until the next den meeting. At that time, thread the needle with color string and push it through the center of the fruit. Cut off the needle and tie the ends of the string together in a bow. Hang the pomander from the bow.

What have you seen from this activity? It took a small bit of perseverance to get all the cloves in the orange. But it took the Pilgrims a lot of perseverance to survive harsh winters and difficult conditions,

- What makes it difficult to persevere?
- How do you feel when you have worked hard and overcome difficulties to complete a task?
- How does it feel when to quit or give up on a task?
- What is one task or activity in which you need to persevere? How can you practice perseverance?

BOOK CORNER



From the *Cub Scout Leader Book* (page 4-4):

Some Practical Applications:

- Finish what you start.
- Never give up.
- Continue to work hard even if you're not successful at first.
- Work to get better at things you aren't very good at.
- Set personal goals for improvement.
- Always do your best.

Academic and Sports Program Resource Guide

With the warm weather here it is a perfect time for outdoor games. Webelos Scouts can join in the fun by applying the Perseverance exercise use for the Athlete badge while practicing their skills in their favorite sports and by working on Sports Program belt loops and pins. A Bike Rodeo would be a fun pack activity, with boys working toward earning the sports belt loop or pin in Bicycling. Organize an ultimate tournament or a badminton tournament or any of the other Cub Scout sports. Information on the requirements for the various sports belt loops and pins can be found on-line at http://www.scoutstuff.org/BSASupply/images/pdfs/34299_07_CS_SA_Guide.pdf. Recognition may be earned for 28 sports.

WELCOME TO NEW WEBELOS LEADERS



On June 1, Bear scouts become Webelos Scouts, and you dear leader, are now a Webelos Scout leader! Here are some quick activities that will help you be prepared.

- 1. Complete Fast Start training for Webelos den leaders.** Your pack leadership (pack trainer) will facilitate this video-based training, or you can complete the training online under Cub Scouts/Adult Leaders/ Training at www.scouting.org. Youth Protection training for all Scouting volunteers is available through your local council Web Site.
- 2. Obtain (or borrow temporarily) the *Webelos Leader Guide* and begin reading it.** This book describes projects that boys can do to complete requirements for Webelos activity badges.
- 3. Plan your first month's den meetings.** This is much easier with the new program meeting plans. Get help from the pack trainer, assistant Webelos den leader, den chief (an older Boy Scout or Venturer helper), the *Webelos Leader Guide* and *Cub Scout Program Helps*. The key to success is "KISMIF" (Keep It Simple, Make It Fun.)
- 4. Hold a Family Orientation meeting.** The *Cub Scout Leader Book* has a recommended agenda. You will need the families' help, so get to know them early.
- 5. Ask your Cubmaster to help you secure a Webelos den chief.** Give your den chief meaningful responsibilities right away.
- 6. Attend the monthly planning meetings held by your pack.** These meetings are led by the pack committee chair and the Cubmaster, and are where pack plans are made.
- 7. Attend the monthly district Cub Scout leaders' roundtable.** You will receive many good program ideas and become acquainted with Webelos den leaders from other packs, who will share ideas and experiences with you. Your Cubmaster or pack trainer can tell you when and where the roundtable meets.
- 8. Attend Webelos Den Leader Specific Training as soon as possible.** It will give you the foundation you need to become an effective and successful leader. Every boy deserves a trained and qualified leader. Your Cubmaster or pack trainer can give you information about training sessions.

Don't hesitate to ask for help. There are many people who want to help you provide

Remember, the goal of every leader is that Webelos Scout continues his Scouting experience as a Boy Scout. The key factor is a working partnership between the pack and the Boy Scout troop!

More help for new Webelos leaders next month.

BEAR TO WEBELOS TRANSITION CEREMONY

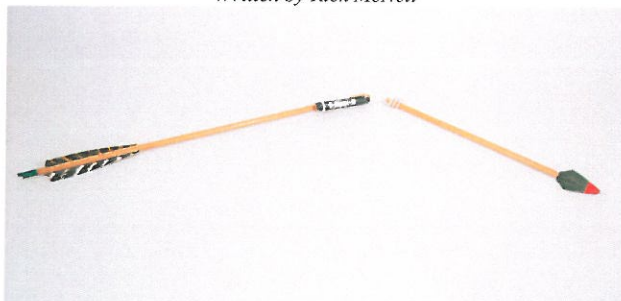


Make sure that your June pack meeting includes a ceremony acknowledging the transition of the bear den to a first-year Webelos den. The ceremony should be at a pack meeting so that the younger scouts can see the importance placed on the Webelos program, including its different approach as well as preparation for Boy Scouts.

I'm published a few different ceremonies over the last few years and here is another variation which involves an arrow, which ties in nicely with the Arrow of Light ceremony down the road.

**BROKEN ARROW CEREMONY
BEAR TO WEBELOS**

Written by Rick McNeil



EQUIPMENT: One Arrow for each boy with name inscribed. Notch each arrow on the top and bottom, about 3 inches apart.

CALL BEAR SCOUTS AND THEIR PARENTS FORWARD.

CUBMASTER: You and your family have worked together to develop the skills of the Wolf and Bear. Together, you have strengthened your family and the Scouting family. You will

now start on the Trail of the Webelos. Your goal is the Arrow of Light.

This group of arrows represents you, your family, your adult Scouting Leaders, the Pack, and the Chartering Organization. Without any of these people, Scouting would not be strong. Take this group of arrows. Together, as a group, the arrows are strong.

As you have notice, your names are on the arrows. When your arrow remains in the group, the strength of the group is added to it. Without any of the other members, Scouting will break as easily as I break this arrow (Break each boys' arrow over his shoulder. Hand the point to the parents and the fletched end to the boy.)

Parents, you have received the head of the arrow. This signifies that you and the Webelos Leaders will guide these scouts over the next two years. New Webelos, you have received the flight feathers. This signifies your travels during the next two years. Your journey will end in two years with most of you reaching the Arrow of Light. At the end of that journey, you will have enabled this arrow to, once again, fly straight and true.

When the time for their Arrow of Light ceremony comes, collect the arrows, fit the notches back together and use glue and twine to wrap them and make them whole again. Present them to the boys at their Arrow of Light Ceremony.

WEBELOS LEADER INDUCTION

InsaneScouter.org



A new Webelos Leader Induction Ceremony would mesh in well with the Bear to Webelos Transition ceremony. Here is a simple one that you may want to use.

PERSONNEL: Cubmaster, new Webelos leaders, their Den Chiefs, their Den, Den Parents and their representative

EQUIPMENT: Badge of office for each new leader

Setting: As indicated in script

CUBMASTER: At this time I would like to have the Cub Scouts, Den Chief, and parents of den ____ to come forward and stand around me in a semicircle. Now will ____ please come forward and stand in the center with me.

Do you accept the position and responsibility as den leader of den ____?

DEN LEADER: Yes.

CUBMASTER: With the boys and their parents as witnesses, will you repeat after me this promise: I, (name), promise to do my best to help the members of my den to help other people and obey the Law of the Pack.

DEN REPRESENTATIVES: As spokesperson for the parents of den ____ we thank you for accepting this leadership of our boys and pledge to you our cooperation. Let us know whenever we can be of help to you.

CUBMASTER: Let me congratulate you and present you with the badge of office as den/Webelos leader of pack ____ . I pledge you my cooperation in helping you in your new role.

DEN CHIEF: Lead your den in a grand howl.

Meeting Planner



The scheduled monthly meeting plans for **First Year Webelos** ended with meeting 18. Your first year Webelos should be looking forward to being **Second Year Webelos**, and earning the **Arrow of Light Award**.

The first few meetings next year have Second Year Webelos working at home on the Family Member Activity Badge. Encourage them to work through this activity badge over the summer. You may start the badge with them, by giving them ideas to help them prepare.

Flag Ceremony for June



In June, **Flag Day** makes for a great flag ceremony. You can add a few facts about "Old Glory" which the scouts and parents at you Pack Meeting, may not know.

The following is a ceremony for Flag Day.

Follow your standard Color Guard process (for Den or Pack meeting. After the Cub Scout promise (or Boy Scout Law, and Oath, if this is a Webelos Den meeting) and before posting the U.S. Flag and reciting the Pledge of Allegiance, you should four Webelos Scouts come up and read the following Flag Facts as a tribute to Old Glory:

Webelos 1: In June we celebrate Flag Day. The first Flag Day took place on June 14, 1861, almost 100 years after the original design was adopted.

Webelos 2: President Woodrow Wilson first proclaimed June 14 as "Flag Day" in 1916. It didn't really officially become a holiday until 1949.

Webelos 3: As citizens we honor our Flag by displaying it at our homes and public places.

Webelos 4: The American flag is considered a symbol of patriotism and dedication to American ideals.



Get a Den Chief

Ask your Cubmaster to help you get a den chief. A den chief is an older, experienced Boy Scout who has taken den chief training and who is selected by the Troop's Senior Patrol Leader at the request of the Cubmaster. Approved by the Cubmaster and the pack Committee, the Webelos den chief can help the Webelos den leader with presenting the program. Also, he can be a bridge to the Boy Scout Troop, which will be helpful when Webelos move to second year in 5th grade.

Responsibilities: The den chief's responsibilities are to

- Know the purposes of Cub Scouting.
- Help Cub Scouts achieve the purposes of Cub Scouting.
- Serve as the activities assistant at den meetings.
- Set a good example through attitude and uniforming.

- Be a friend to the boys in the den.
- Help lead weekly den meetings.
- Help the den in its part of the monthly pack meeting.
- Know the importance of the monthly theme and pack meeting plans.
- Meet regularly with the den leader to review den and pack meeting plans. Meet as needed with adult members of the den, pack, and troop.
- Receive training from the den leader (and Cubmaster or assistant Cubmaster) and attend Den Chief Training.
- Encourage Cub Scouts to become Webelos Scouts when they are eligible.
- Help the denner and assistant denner to be leaders.



The Webelos Den Meeting

Webelos Den meetings are fun, full of activities, and importantly, help prepare your scouts for transition to Boy Scouts.

Webelos den meetings are usually held in the evening or on weekends, once each week, in a home, church, or school. The meeting day, time, and location are set by the Webelos den leader and should be the same each week to prevent confusion. Den meetings last approximately one hour. Leadership responsibilities are shared by the Webelos den leader, assistant Webelos den leader, Webelos den chief (boy scout that assists the Webelos den leaders), and denner (a selected member of your den.)

The Webelos den meeting program includes the following:

1. **Before the Meeting.** The den leader and den chief make final preparations; coach the denner on

the part he is to take in the meeting; and help the denner arrange the meeting place.

2. **Gathering.** Conduct an activity to keep those who arrive early busy until time for the opening.

3. **Opening.** This should be a simple opening ceremony followed by den business such as attendance, dues, den plans, and uniform inspection.

4. **Activity badge fun.** Include instruction, practice, games, and contests related to the Webelos Scout skills.

5. **Preparation.** Boys will make equipment and props for the den's part in the pack meeting and make preparations for later outdoor, goodwill, or other special activities.

6. **Closing.** Make announcements, have a simple closing ceremony, and clean up the den meeting place.

7. **After the Meeting.** The den leader and den chief review the meeting and discuss plans for the next den meeting. Review the next meeting assignment with the denner. Help the denner put the room in order.



Get Parents Involved As Activity Badge Counselors

meritbadge.org

An Activity Badge Counselor is an adult who works with Webelos Scouts on a particular activity badge.

Qualifications

The activity badge counselor may be an adult family member of a Webelos Scout, a pack leader, a teacher, a coach, or another adult qualified to teach one or more activity badges to Webelos Scouts.

This is usually a temporary position and is not a registered BSA position.

Responsibilities

The activity badge counselor's responsibilities are to:

- Provide activity badge instruction at Webelos den meetings, as requested by the Webelos den leader. This could include, for instance, providing resources and instruction on model building, leading field trips, or providing instruction and help on collections and specimens, depending on the activity badge requirements. The service usually extends over three or four den meetings for each badge.
- Be familiar with the Webelos Scout Book in presenting activity badge information and approving requirements.
- Help Webelos Scouts gain self-confidence in completing projects and in dealing with adults.
- Follow the Webelos den time schedule for activity badge instruction.
- Help recruit other activity badge counselors.

FAMILY MEMBER



FAMILY LIVING GAME

Circle Ten Council

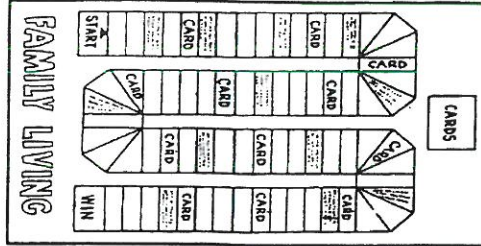
Make and play your own FAMILY LIVING game!

Here is a fun game the whole family can play. You can make your own by following these instructions:

1. Things you will need

- * pair of dice
- * 12 blank cards - 2 inches by 3 inches
- * 1 piece of posterboard - 15 inches by 20 inches
- * a button or a coin for each player

2. Copy the game board design as shown
Spaces on board measure 3/4" x 2 1/2"



3. Make a set of game cards.

* Write directions on 12 cards as follows:

1. **Mother gets sick**
Go Back 1 space
2. **Child plays with fire**
Go Back 2 spaces
3. **Home robbed!**
Lose 1 turn
4. **Phone shut off**
Go Back 1 space
5. **Furnace won't work**
Go Back 2 spaces
6. **Paint school bus**
Go Back 2 spaces
7. **Found \$5 on street**
Go Forward 1 space
8. **Sister gets a job**
Go Forward 1 space
9. **Got A's on report card**
Go Forward 3 spaces
10. **Made \$10 washing cars**
Go Forward 1 space
11. **Father got a raise**
Go Forward 2 spaces
12. **Birthday Girl**
Go Forward 1 space

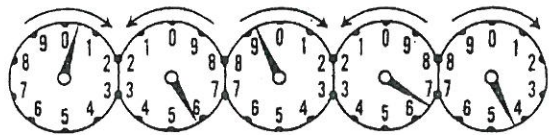
4. Game board space order:

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| • START | • BLANK | • BLANK | • FALL DOWN STAIRS
LOSE 1 TURN |
| • BLANK | • TROOP GOES CAMPING | • BLANK | • BLANK |
| • BLANK | • GO FORWARD 1 SPACE | • BLANK | • BLANK |
| • SINK SPRINGS LEAK
GO BACK 1 SPACE | • BLANK | • CARD | • BLANK |
| • BLANK | • BLANK | • BLANK | • CARD |
| • BLANK | • CARD | • GARBAGE NOT
COLLECTED GO BACK 2
SPACES | • FAMILY GETS NEW
HOUSE GO FORWARD 2
SPACES |
| • CARD | • BLANK | • BLANK | • BLANK |
| • GAS LEAK LOSE 1 TURN | • BLANK | • BLANK | • BLANK |
| • BLANK | • BLANK | • BLANK | • BLANK |
| • BLANK | • GO FORWARD 3 SPACES | • CARD | • CARD |
| • BLANK | • BLANK | • BLANK | • BLANK |
| • FAMILY GOES TO FAIR
GO FORWARD 2 SPACES | • CARD | • BLANK | • BLANK |
| • BLANK | • BLANK | • FAMILY GOES ON PICNIC
GO FORWARD 3 SPACES | • BLANK |
| • BLANK | • BLANK | • BLANK | • BLANK |
| • CARD | • BLANK | • BLANK | • BLANK |
| • BLANK | • CARD | • BLANK | • BLANK |
| • CAR NEEDS REPAIRS GO
BACK 1 SPACE | • BLANK | • BLANK | • YOU MAKE SCHOOL TEAM
GO FORWARD 1 SPACE |
| • BLANK | • NEIGHBORS NOISY-NO
SLEEP LOSE 1 TURN | • CARD | • BLANK |
| • BLANK | • BLANK | • BLANK | • BLANK |
| • BLANK | • BLANK | • BLANK | • BLANK |
| • CARD | • BLANK | • BLANK | • WIN |

To play: Players roll dice at turn. Buttons are moved number of spaces shown on dice. Follow directions on the board or on the cards as they are drawn. The first player to reach "WIN" space is the Game winner.

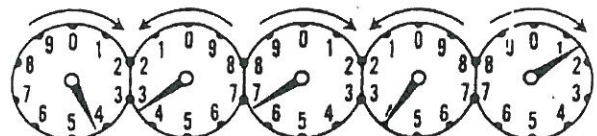
HOW TO READ YOUR ELECTRIC METER

Electric meters are precision measuring devices which record, in units called "kilowatt-hours," how much electricity you use. One kilo-hour (Kwh) is 1,000 watts of electricity consumed for one hour, or the power required to burn a 100 watt light bulb for 10 hours.



The meter reading is made up of one number from each dial. When the pointer is between two numbers, you read the number it has just passed - the lower number. The reading above is 5,964 Kwh. meters with four dials are read the same way as a five dial meter.

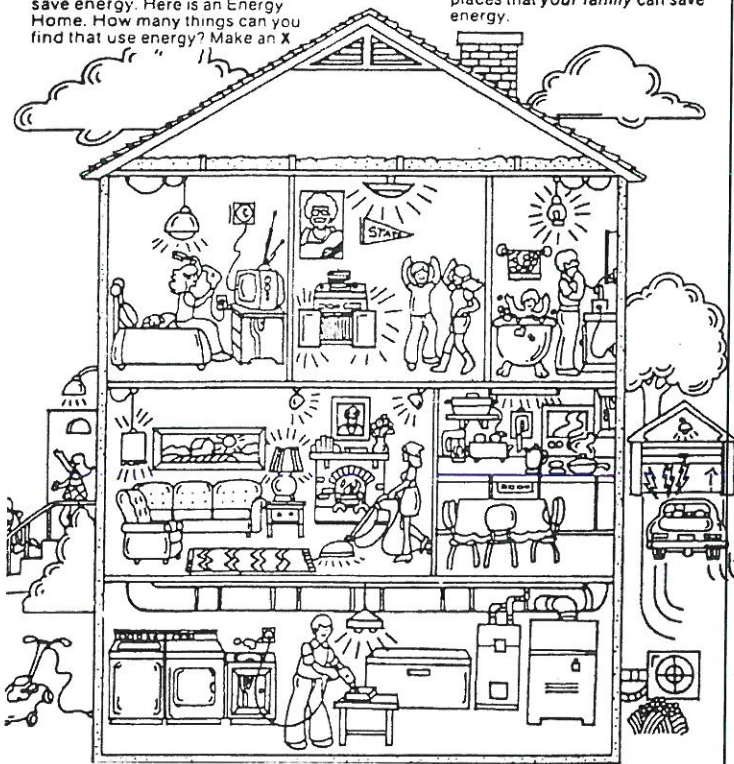
Try reading this meter yourself? Then check your answer against the one below.



ANSWER: 43,641 Kwh

Stores, factories, cars, offices, schools, trucks and planes use most of the energy in our country. But a lot of energy is also used in our homes. And that is the one place that all of us can help to save energy. Here is an Energy Home. How many things can you find that use energy? Make an X

with a red crayon on the things that you think use more energy than others. Use a blue crayon to draw a line under places that you can save energy. Use a green crayon to draw a line under the places that your family can save energy.



WHAT DOES YOUR FAMILY SPEND MONEY ON?



Requirement 3

Here is a list of things families may spend money on. In the box next to each item, guess and write down how much money you think is spent (per month). Then take this list home and ask a parent to fill in more accurate amounts. Which items did you get right? Which items really surprised you?

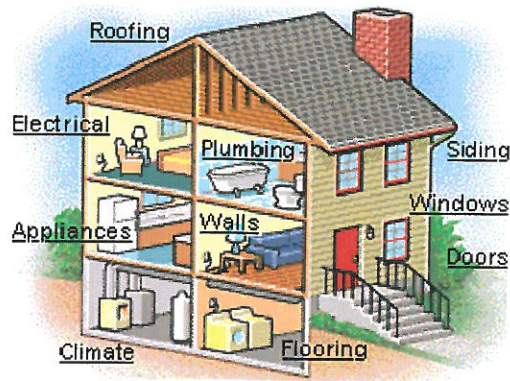
Item	Estimate	Actual
1. House payment or rent		
2. Car payment		
3. Gas, oil, tires, etc.		
4. Food		
5. Clothing and shoes		
6. Insurance: Life, Health, Auto, Home		
7. Medical and dental bills		

8. Schooling
9. Church and charity donations
10. Utilities: electric, gas, telephone, cable TV
11. Savings
12. Vacations
13. Retirement funds
14. Hair cuts
15. Health and beauty supplies
16. Cleaning supplies
17. Repairs
18. Family funds
19. Hobbies
20. Fun and recreation

I can help my family save money by:

HOME SAFETY INSPECTION

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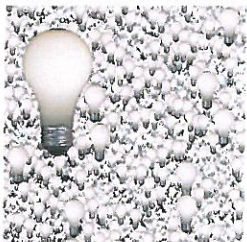
There is a good home inspection checklist in the Webelos handbook, but there are other important inspections to do. Here are a few that Webelos can do at their homes and at their grandparents' homes:

1. Check to see that there are smoke detectors on every floor of the house, near all bedrooms and in hallways that connect sleeping areas to living areas of the house.
2. Test the batteries of all of the smoke alarms.
3. Use a "polarity tester" on every outlet inside and outside the house. Outlets are often wired with the black and white wires backwards or without a good ground wire. Inexpensive testers are available.
4. Are any power plugs hot or extra warm to the touch?
5. Check to see that appliance, telephone and lamp cords are not in places where people typically walk, so that they are unlikely to trip on them.

6. Check to be sure that power cords are not under any furniture legs, rugs or carpeting.
7. Are all power cords in good shape; not frayed or cracked?
8. Are several cords going into an extension cord that is not rated for the load?
9. Are any of the area rugs able to slip or slide?
10. Is there a list of emergency numbers near every telephone, including poison control, local police (911 and non-emergency), and fire?
11. Check the wattage of every light bulb versus the rating of the sockets.
12. Make an emergency exit plan so that the whole family knows how to get out of the home from any room. Everyone needs to know what the emergency gathering spot will be. Are there any safe alternative ways out of upstairs windows? Do a practice emergency escape from the home to see how long it takes.
13. Does the stove vent out smoke properly?
14. Are any appliances plugged in too near the sink in the kitchen of bathroom?
15. At night, is kitchen lighting bright enough to see adequately and be safe?
16. Does the fireplace have something to keep sparks from entering the room?
17. Are there any rugs or flammable objects near the fireplace?
18. Are hallways well-lit and free of clutter?
19. Do bathtubs and showers have non-skid surfaces to stand on?
20. Are poisons and household chemicals out of reach of small children?
21. Are there light switches at both the top and bottom of all staircases?

FIND THE WASTED ELECTRICITY

Santa Clara Council



Have a lot of lights and appliances on in your house??

Go outside your house to the electric meter and have the boys observe how fast the meter is spinning.

Then have them go inside and turn off as many things using electricity as possible.

Observe the results.

Have them look at an electricity bill to see how big a difference they can make.

Have them find and list the things using electricity in the house:

- Lights on
- Washing machine
- Refrigerator
- Air conditioner
- TV

They may find other things using power, based on your meeting place's facilities

WATER TIPS

Leaky faucet



- A slow drip wastes 15 gallons per day!
- 1/32" leak wastes 25 gallons in 24 hours
- 1/16" stream wastes 100 gallons in 24 hours
- 1/8" stream wastes 400 gallons in 24 hours!

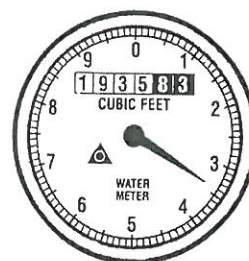
Check for Leaky Toilets

The most common source of leaks is the toilet. Check toilets for leaks by placing a few drops of food coloring in the tank. If after 15 minutes the day shows up in the bowl, the toilet has a leak. Leaky toilets can usually be repaired inexpensively by replacing the flapper.

Check for Leaky Faucets

The next place to check for leaks is your sink and bathtub faucets. Dripping faucets can usually be repaired by replacing the rubber O-ring or washer inside the valve.

YOUR SHARE OF THE FAMILY'S WATER



Some water is used for the good of everyone in your family, such as water for cooking and cleaning. This chart can help you estimate your share of that water. Suppose, for example, that there are five people in your family. If you estimate that water for meals, cleaning and other family uses equals 100 gallons, your share is 100 divided by 5, or equals 20 gallons. Enlarge chart to desired size.

DAILY WATER USE

How you use it	Average Amount	Put "X" for each use	Total
Taking a bath	30 gallons		
Taking a shower	20 gallons		
Flushing toilet	3 gallons		
Washing hands or face	2 gallons		
Getting a drink	¼ Gallon		
Brushing teeth	¼ Gallon		
Brushing teeth	¼ Gallon		
Other	You Estimate		

Perseverance Theme Ideas:

(Alice – Golden Empire Council)

Create a Picture of Perseverance - a collage of pictures and/or names of people who have persevered - Each boy and/or family member brings a name and/or picture of someone they admire for perseverance – pictures are added to a collage of names and faces on display at the Pack meeting.

(Check the list of names below, the list under Value Related “Picture of Perseverance” or choose someone you know about personally)

Find A Perseverance Personality – Print out a list of Names of people who have overcome some challenge by perseverance – and a matching list of something special they did. As people come in, each one gets either a name or an accomplishment. They have to find their matching person by asking questions with only Yes or No answers. You can use famous names or those who are well know in your area. For example:

- ✓ Ben Franklin Kite experiment for electricity
- ✓ Michael Oher “Blind Side” football player
- ✓ Tim Howard Soccer player with Tourette’s
- ✓ Cesar Chavez Farm Worker’s Advocate
- ✓ Jackie Robinson First African-American in Pro Baseball
- ✓ Beethoven Deaf Composer

There are lots of other possibilities – some ideas are listed in “The Picture of Perseverance” under Value Related - Alice

Set up a Round Robin of Demonstrations - Cubs or Webelos or family members can show off a skill at which they have persevered – like a sport, music, art, learning a language, or even juggling or Yo-Yo tricks.

Have each family or boy share the story of someone that showed perseverance– Each boy could share with his den OR each family could bring a picture and some information about their favorite to share at the Pack Meeting. See a list of possibilities under Theme Related.

Have a special outdoor flag ceremony in honor of Flag Day, which is celebrated June 14th – Learning to fold the flag properly or hoisting and lowering the flag can be a real challenge for young scouts – it does take Perseverance!

A Penny for Perseverance

(Great Salt Lake Council Pow Wow)

1. Provide a bucket half full of water with a quarter in the bottom.
2. Give each person a penny to drop in, to try to land entirely on top of the large coin.
3. It is almost impossible. The trick takes time and patience – in other words, Perseverance!
4. Discuss the need for patience and perseverance, and when and why it may be appropriate.

Talent Mix Up

(Utah National Park Pow Wow)

Developing a talent can take real perseverance. See if you can Unscramble these talents.

1. gngnisi _____
2. cangidn _____
3. estinilgn _____
4. muttrep _____
5. simuc _____
6. arepo _____
7. urgtai _____

- 8. mgnferropi _____
- 9. wsoh _____
- 10. oinpa _____
- 11. ingcat _____
- 12. zooak _____
- 13. uhimnmg _____
- 14. dsmur _____
- 15. wihstglin _____

Answers: 1. singing, 2. dancing, 3. listening, 4. trumpet, 5. music, 6. opera, 7. guitar, 8. performing, 9. show, 10. piano, 11. acting, 12. kazoo, 13. humming 14. drums 15. whistling

Make Marshmallow Catapults and have a competition among families. (*Great Salt Lake Pow Wow Book*)

You can practice PERSEVERANCE and have some fun – and if you’re lucky, you’ll catch a delicious marshmallow! **Directions in the Value Related Section.**

Perseverance - True Or False?

(*Alice, Golden Empire Council*)

Materials: Print out the statements below in large print – each one on a large sheet or poster so that a boy can bring out each statement to post on the wall or hold for the audience to see.

Also make two signs, one saying TRUE and the other saying FALSE.

Narrator: This month, the boys have been learning all about Perseverance. That’s a big word, and sometimes people are confused about what makes for perseverance. Let’s explore what Perseverance really is.

Cub #1 – Comes out and holds up or posts his sign:

PEOPLE WHO HAVE NO
HARDSHIPS
ARE MORE LIKELY TO
PERSEVERE

Narrator: What do you think boys? Is that a true statement? *Assigned boy holds up the FALSE sign*

Narrator: That’s right – sometimes having to overcome hardship helps to make you strong enough to persevere!

Cub #2: Comes out and holds up or posts his sign:

FAILURE IS WHEN YOU
CAN’T DO SOMETHING

Narrator: True or False?

Assigned boy holds up the FALSE sign

Narrator: That’s right – Failure is when you don’t pick yourself up and try again! Lots of things take practice, practice, practice!

Cub #3: Comes out and holds up or posts his sign:

IF YOU KEEP FAILING AT
SOMETHING, YOU JUST
AREN’T MEANT TO DO IT.

Narrator: What do you think - True or False?

Assigned boy holds up the FALSE sign

Narrator: That’s right – Maybe you need to stop and think of a different way to do it – or maybe you just need more practice – like the boy learning a Yo-Yo trick!

Cub #4: Comes out and holds up or posts his sign:

IF YOU LOOK FOR THE
POSITIVE,
YOU CAN ACHIEVE
ALMOST ANYTHING

Narrator: What do you think - True or False?

Assigned boy holds up the TRUE sign

Narrator: That’s right – If you can’t juggle three things at once, start with two – then congratulate yourself for getting better – and keep practicing!

Narrator: What do you think - True or False?

Assigned boy holds up the FALSE sign

Cub #5: Comes out and holds up or posts his sign:

ONE PERSON’S PERSEVERANCE
CAN CHANGE THE WORLD

Narrator: Is that True? Just one person?

What do you think? True or False?

Assigned boy holds up the TRUE sign

Narrator: That’s right – Just one person who keeps on trying CAN change the world – look at the example of Martin Luther King or Cesar Chavez. Or how about the Founding Fathers of our Country? They were up against the most powerful country in the world when they decided to sign the Declaration of Independence – and the risked their lives to do it. Let’s remember the Perseverance of those Founding Fathers and celebrate Flag Day as we open our meeting by honoring our flag.

(*Move into a Flag Ceremony*)

I’m Going to Keep On Going!

(*Alice, Golden Empire Council*)

This is a Repeat After Me story in honor of Repeat Day.

But it’s also about Perseverance.

*The leader says each line,
then the audience repeats it. Have fun!*

I have a hard job to do. *(audience repeats)*

But I'm Going to Keep on Going. *(repeat)*

There's lots of tall grass just ahead. *(repeat)*

I can't see over it. *(repeat)*

I can't see around it. *(repeat)*

Just have to go through it! *(repeat)*

*(Make swishing sounds and
use your arms to push the "grass" aside)*

Wonder what's in here? *(repeat)*

Think it's dangerous? *(repeat)*

Wish I could go back. *(repeat)*

But I have to Keep on Going! *(repeat)*

At last, I can see where I am. *(repeat)*

But there's a BIG swamp ahead *(repeat)*

Lots of water. *(repeat)*

Maybe there's an alligator. *(repeat)*

Wish I could stop. *(repeat)*

But I have to Keep on Going! *(repeat)*

*(Make splashing sounds and pick your feet up
as if mud is pulling at your boots)*

Whew, glad I made it! *(repeat)*

There's a big hill ahead. *(repeat)*

Wish I didn't have to climb it. *(repeat)*

But I have to Keep on Going! *(repeat)*

(Reach up with hands and feet as if climbing hard)

Sure is a hard climb. *(repeat)*

Wish there was an elevator. *(repeat)*

But there isn't. *(repeat)*

And I have to Keep on Going! *(repeat)*

*(Make motion of reaching the top –
stand with hands on hips and look happy)*

Boy, that hill was hard to climb. *(wipe brow)*

That swamp was kind of scary. *(look scared)*

The grass was hard to walk through. *(repeat)*

But I made it. *(repeat)*

I Kept on Going! *(repeat)*

I Persevered! *(repeat)*

(Points proudly to himself)

I deserve a Round of Applause! *(repeat)*

(Everyone gives a Round of Applause)

I deserve a Big Hand! *(repeat)*

(Everyone Gives a Big Hand)

And so do YOU! *(repeat)*

*(Everyone gives another Round of Applause and a
Big Hand)*

A True Story of Perseverance

(Alice, Golden Empire Council)



Special Bikes, Special Cyclists!

The cycling team of Misael Taboada, coach Alejandro Feldman, Horacio Bustamante, and Carmen Barrionuevo were thrilled with their medals. They had been training hard for eighteen months, and before that, with individual coaches for many, many additional hours so they could compete in the 2003 Olympics games.

But the economic situation in Argentina made it impossible for the cyclists to come equipped with the latest bikes. In fact, some of the equipment was so old that it didn't survive the journey. Two of the three bicycles that came from Argentina with the athletes were damaged in transit. A team of expert mechanics did everything they could to repair the equipment when the pieces arrived in Dublin, but one machine was damaged beyond repair.

"We were devastated when we realized we were a bike down, because so much effort and training had gone into getting here," said Feldman. But the team was determined to carry on and enjoy their time in Dublin nonetheless.

Once competition began on Saturday, Argentina's team of three had to share two bicycles for a variety of events- some of which were at the same time! Their coach had to take one athlete off the bicycle at the finish line and then push it halfway back around the track for the second bicyclist to use! But in spite of the situation, the team went on to win nine medals in the first four days of competition!

Their story struck a chord with an anonymous donor and new bikes were delivered and presented to the team. "We are really excited, we just can't believe it," said athlete Misael Taboada.

What a great example of determination and dedication, even when it seemed they couldn't possibly win! And these athletes had one more hurdle to overcome – you see, these special athletes were participating in the Special Olympics in 2003 – but nothing deterred them from "doing their best!"

(Read lots of other inspiring stories at

<http://www.specialolympics.org>

Paul Bunyan & Perseverance

(Alice, Golden Empire Council)

Scoutmaster can be dressed as Paul Bunyan, with a red plaid shirt, boots, suspenders – whatever makes him look the part. He tells the story as if he IS Paul Bunyan – using some of the Tall Tales – Look in Value Related for some ideas about some of his amazing feats.

Cubmaster: By Golly, I'm glad to see so many hardy scouts here tonight. Some of the boys wanted me to tell you about my adventures in the North – and how I persevered.

As he tells the story, he uses props and compares his exploits to the boys who are receiving awards.

For example: "When all the pancakes were ruined, I needed to find a way to make a pancake big enough for all the loggers. Well, that was going to call for a BIG Pan The blacksmith, Olaf Olafson, needed lots of iron to make that pan – it took 100 train cars to carry out all the iron I mined! He also made me a giant Egg Beater – much bigger than this one."

(Sees a note on the Egg Beater and reads off a boy(s) name, calls up boy(s) and parents)

Then I realized I would need a GIANT EGG BEATER to mix up all the batter for my GIANT PANCAKE – Where would I get all those eggs? But like my Momma used to say "Where there's a Will, there's a WAY!" Sourdough Sam, the cook, corralled all the chickens and ducks he could find. The Canada Geese flew down from up north to help. When they were all there, Sourdough Sam made such an awful face that all those birds dropped their eggs. A dozen eggs just wouldn't have been enough for that Giant Pancake!

(He opens an egg carton and finds another award or set of awards – continue as above)

Well, we thought we had the problem solved – and then we realized it would take an ENORMOUS fire to get that GIANT pan hot! So I set off with my trusty ax and felled whole forests all over the land.

(Finds awards attached to his "Axe" or "Saw" – Continue as above.)

I was in quite a hurry to get all those logs back to Sourdough Sam – so I sawed off some round tree stumps, attached them to my boots, and SKATED all the way back. And that's how I invented Inline Skating – at least, that's what a scout told me you call it nowadays!

(Holds up a skate, and awards fall out of the boot – continue as above.)

And that's how I made the Biggest Pancake EVER! Like my Momma always said "Where there's a Will there's a Way." Just goes to show you what a little PERSEVERANCE can do!!

There are many other twists in the story – if you need more props and ideas, go to: www.first-school.ws/activities/onlinestory/books/pbunyan.htm and click on Story #2, then click on the link to listen to the story.

Perseverance Ceremony

(Adapted from Ceremonies for Dens & Packs)

Narrator: Just as mountain climbers love to challenge mountains, Cub Scouts challenge the mountain of Scouting.

Narrator: As Bobcats, you have reached the first plateau of Scouting. You might feel that you haven't gone far yet, but you have accomplished many things. Doing your best at each task is what it takes to reach the top of the mountain of Scouting. Will the following new Bobcats please come forward with their parents?

Narrator: Tigers, you are at the base of the mountain. Some of you might have been afraid to start climbing. But with the help of your adult partners you have all found your way to this level. Will the following new Tigers please come forward with their parents?

Narrator: Wolves, you are almost halfway up the mountain. Some of you might have slipped on the rocks on the way up, but you have all found secure ground in receiving your badge today. Will the following new Wolves please come forward with their parents?

Narrator: Bears, you have now come far enough up the mountain to feel that the air is thinner and there are fewer and fewer trees. You still have more ridges to climb and your fellow climbers and leaders will be there to help and guide you. Will the following new Bears please come forward with their parents....

Narrator: Webelos, you are now hiking above the tree line and the sense of accomplishment you feel has made the trip worthwhile. The summit of the mountain looms before you and the skills you have gained have prepared you for what lies ahead. Will the following Webelos Scouts please come forward with their parents to receive their Webelos badge.

Narrator: Scouts, looking up, you see the summit of the mountain of Cub Scouting...the Arrow of Light Award awaits you. The higher you climb, the more determined you are to reach the peak.

Perseverance Song

(Alice – Golden Empire Council)

Tune: If You're Happy & You Know It

If you're learning something new,

Persevere

When you keep on with your practice,

Never fear

When you try to do your best,

Put your labor to the test
 When you never give up trying
 You can cheer!!
 If you want to learn to juggle,
 You must start
 Break the actions down and try the simple part
 Once you master the beginning
 You will slowly fill like winning
 If you simply always work with all your heart.
 If you're good,
 Then strive to be a whole lot better
 Start at "A" and go through every single letter
 If you only keep on trying
 You are sure to make the grade
 If your work and perseverance does not fade
 So remember – Don't give up and simply sit
 When it looks like you will never ever fit
 And no matter what the challenge
 You can always find a way
 If you DON'T give up you're sure to be a Hit!

Start & Stick & Do Not Quit

(Alice-Golden Empire Council)

(Tune: Row, Row, Row Your Boat)

When you go to start a Task,
 Be sure you Learn to Stick
 If you want to "Do Your Best"
 You cannot Start & Quit
 First set your final goal
 Then practice hard and long
 Keep it up and try again
 Then sing a victory song!

Perseverance:

(Do as a Repeat after Me)

Do It! *(Repeat)*

Do It Again! *(Repeat)*

One More Time! *(Repeat)*

That's Better! *(Repeat)*

Almost There! *(Repeat)*

Now You've Got It! *(Repeat)*

Perseverance!! *(Repeat)*

Do Your Best Applause:

Do Your Best! Do Your Best! Do Your Best!

How Much? Applause:

Divide audience into three groups and assign each one a phrase and action:

1. Practice, Practice, Practice
(move forefinger back & forth)
2. Do It Again! (Open arms wide)

3. One More Time! (Hold up one finger)

Leader: How much time does it take to Persevere?
 Leader then points randomly to each group at least a couple of times. Each group responds with their chant.

Leader: THAT'S HOW MUCH! Give yourselves a BIG HAND. (Everyone holds up a Big Hand)

Magic & Perseverance:

"Magic Yell: - Pretend to reach up your sleeve. Pull your hand out and shout "ShaZamm!"

Disappearing Rabbit:- Hold hands to the side of your head like bunny ears and shout, "Poof! Poof! Poof!"

Magician Applause - Take the imaginary hat off your head, make a magical gesture over the hat and say "Presto!"

Magic Hand Applause - Applaud with your hands in front of you, then with your hands behind your back while you say, "Now you see them, now you don't!"

Alice, Golden Empire Council

A joke about never giving up:

Q: Why do you always find things in the LAST place you look?

A: Because once you FIND it, you stop looking!

Put on a skit about Perseverance

Aesop's Fables are often good sources for an easy skit. Think about the Tortoise and the Hare – (he who persevered won over he who was speedy!) If you'd like some other ideas, go to:

www.kidsinco.com/our-values/perseverance

Scripts for kids – can be used free to use in community or schools – but may not be edited.

Paul Bunyan's Perseverance Relay

Alice, Golden Empire Council

Materials: For each team you need: an egg carton and 12 plastic eggs dumped out on the ground, a bowl of water with bubble solution or dish soap; an old-fashioned egg beater or wire whisk; frying pan; a "pancake" – could be packing peanuts, a circle of foam, or a circle of foam sandwiched between two pieces of brown paper and stapled, a large bowl filled with water "balls" and a large spoon, 7 lengths of pool noodles or newspaper logs

Directions: Have someone tell the story of Paul and his amazing feats – Details under Value Related or at: www.first-school.ws/activities/onlinestory/books/pbunyan.htm.

Divide the group into two or more teams and tell them they are going to follow the example of Paul Bunyan in a set of relay games. Set up each event at a station – one set of stations for each team. Line each team up and explain that the

first boy in the line will start. Only when the first boy is at station #3 can the second boy start. The game continues in this way, with each boy waiting to start till the boy in front of him reaches station #3.

The winning team is the one that gets all their boys back to the start first.

1. Boy runs to the station, gathers all the eggs and puts them in the egg carton, closes the egg carton, then dumps the eggs out again.
2. Boy must run to the station, then use the egg beater or whisk to make bubbles in his bowl of water and soap.
3. Boy puts a pancake in the pan and flips it at least as high as the top of his head – he must flip and catch a pancake three times, then dumps the pancake out for the next boy.
4. Boy runs to station and uses the scoop or big spoon to pick up 3-4 “water” balls from a large bowl (forming the Great Lakes) – then return the balls to the bowl for the next boy.
5. Runs to the “Logging” station and stacks all the logs. Then he must kick them out of the stack for the next boy.
6. Boy races back to the starting point as if he were wearing inline skates – hands behind back, and sliding each foot ahead one by one (The story is that Paul invited inline skating). When the whole team is back at the starting line in order, they yell, “Paul Bunyan!”

NOTE: *You could also take just one or two of these events and turn them into a relay - Alice.*

Perseverance and the One Dollar Bill

(Alice – Golden Empire Council)



I have here a One Dollar Bill – and there are some interesting lessons in perseverance to be learned from this money.

First, the image of George Washington reminds us that he persevered in spite of terrible odds, overwhelming enemy forces, freezing weather and a lack of even the most basic needs as he led his men in the struggle for freedom.

Now, if you turn the bill over, you will see two circles –the two sides of the Great Seal of the United States. Before the adjournment of the Continental Congress on July 4th, 1776, a committee of Benjamin Franklin, John Adams, and Thomas Jefferson was appointed to develop a seal for the United States. It took six years, the work of

two additional committees and a total of 14 men before a final version of the Great Seal was approved – another example of perseverance.

The reverse side of the seal has a pyramid with one side lighted and one side dark. Exploration of the West had not yet begun, so we were in the “dark” about much of our land. The pyramid is also Uncapped, representing the unfinished state of our country. Congress was told that this represented “Strength and Duration” – in other words, Perseverance.

The front of the Great Shield shows an eagle with a shield. Notice the shield is not supported – denoting that the United States of America ought to rely on its own virtue as it perseveres.

The history of our country is filled with examples of patriots who have relied on their own virtue and perseverance in spite of many challenges – Our flag is the symbol of those patriots and the many who serve our country.

We honor our flag on June 14th every year – and tonight, we ask you to stand as we honor our flag once more. *(Retrieval of flag by color guard)*

Don't Give Up

(Utah National Parks Pow Wow Book)

To be good at anything, you have to believe that you can do it, and then practice it until you can. There's no easy way to become an expert. You just have to keep at it, over and over. There will be times you'll think that you just can't make it. But don't give up a task because it seems hard. There are few things worth doing that are easy to do at first.

you might be.

Abraham Lincoln & Perseverance

(Great Salt Lake Pow Wow Book)

Abraham Lincoln personifies the value of perseverance. The son of a Kentucky frontiersman, Lincoln had to struggle for a living and for learning. Five months before receiving his party's nomination for President, he sketched his life:

"I was born Feb. 12, 1809, in Hardin County, Kentucky. My parents were both born in Virginia, of undistinguished families--second families, perhaps I should say. My mother, who died in my tenth year, was of a family of the name of Hanks.... My father removed from Kentucky to ... Indiana, in my eighth year.... It was a wild region, with many

bears and other wild animals still in the woods. There I grew up.... Of course when I came of age I did not know much. Still somehow, I could read, write, and cipher ... but that was all."

Lincoln made extraordinary efforts to attain knowledge while working on a farm, splitting rails for fences, and keeping store at New Salem, Illinois. He was a captain in the Black Hawk War, spent eight years in the Illinois legislature, and rode the circuit of courts for many years. His law partner said of him, "His ambition was a little engine that knew no rest."

He married Mary Todd, and they had four boys, only one of whom lived to maturity. In 1858 Lincoln ran against Stephen A. Douglas for Senator. He lost the election, but in debating with Douglas he gained a national reputation that won him the Republican nomination for President in 1860.

Considered to be one of America's greatest leaders, Abraham Lincoln lost eight elections. Despite those defeats, he became the sixteenth president of the United States and held the country together during the bloodshed of the Civil War.

Additional biography can be found at:

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/about/presidents/abrahamlincoln>

Abraham Lincoln Didn't Quit

Baloo's Incoming E-mail

Probably the greatest example of persistence is Abraham Lincoln. If you want to learn about somebody who didn't quit, look no further.

Born into poverty, Lincoln was faced with defeat throughout his life. He lost eight elections, twice failed in business and suffered a nervous breakdown.

He could have quit many times - but he didn't and because he didn't quit, he became one of the greatest presidents in the history of our country. Lincoln was a champion and he never gave up. Here is a sketch of Lincoln's road to the White House:

- 1816 His family was forced out of their home. He had to work to support them.
- 1818 His mother died.
- 1831 Failed in business.
- 1832 Ran for state legislature - lost.
- 1832 Also lost his job - wanted to go to law school but couldn't get in.

- 1833 Borrowed some money from a friend to begin a business and by the end of the year he was bankrupt. He spent the next 17 years of his life paying off this debt.
- 1834 Ran for state legislature again - won.
- 1835 Was engaged to be married, sweetheart died and his heart was broken.
- 1836 Had a total nervous breakdown and was in bed for six months.
- 1838 Sought to become speaker of the state legislature - defeated.
- 1840 Sought to become elector - defeated.
- 1843 Ran for Congress - lost.
- 1846 Ran for Congress again - this time he won - went to Washington and did a good job.
- 1848 Ran for re-election to Congress - lost.
- 1849 Sought the job of land officer in his home state - rejected.
- 1854 Ran for Senate of the United States - lost.
- 1856 Sought the Vice-Presidential nomination at his party's national convention - got less than 100 votes.
- 1858 Ran for U.S. Senate again - again he lost.
- 1860 Elected president of the United States.

Over the Horizon Ideas

Trail Mix

(2013-2014 Cub Scout Roundtable Planning Guide)

Have snack-size plastic bags (one for each person), bowls filled with a variety of foods to make trail mix, a spoon or scoop for each bowl, and hand sanitizer. Here are some suggestions for the bowls of foods: dried fruit, shredded coconut, pretzel sticks, small snack crackers, nuts, and coated chocolate candies. Consider making fun names to label your food bowls like "keep on goin' nuts," "raisin our hopes raisins," and "walking stick pretzels?" Have each Cub Scout clean his hands before preparing his own trail mix. Have an adult supervise this station to ensure that spoons or scoops are being properly utilized and that each Cub Scout cleans his hands before starting. Instruct the Cub Scouts to save their mix for the knot hike.

Note: If you are going to add nuts to the mix, make sure there are no nut allergies in your pack.

Mountain Trail Opening

(2013-2014 Cub Scout Roundtable Planning Guide)

A preassigned den performs the following:

CUB SCOUT 1: The mountain trail is a steep trail,

rocky, rough, and bare.

ALL: But most trails are steep trails that get you anywhere.

CUB SCOUT 2: The mountain trail is a hard trail with pitfalls left and right.

ALL: But most trails are hard that reach a big height.

CUB SCOUT 3: So over the rocks we scramble.

CUB SCOUT 4: With never a mind to stop!

ALL: And few of us care if it's steep, as we will persevere and gain the mountaintop!

Knot Hike

(2013-2014 Cub Scout Roundtable Planning Guide)

Consider taking a short knot hike during this portion of the pack meeting. Plan on stopping at designated points marked with a knot so that each den can perform a skit or song.

Along a path, tie ropes around trees, posts, etc., using different knots. Tell boys in advance which direction to go when they identify a particular knot. Keep the knots simple and be sure to provide a key showing what each knot looks like and explaining its purpose.

CIJMASTER: Now that we are back from our hike, let's all do the Clean Air applause in honor of our perseverance on the hike.

Clean Air applause: Take in as much air as you can through your nose, hold it, then exhale and say, "Ahhhhhh!"

Let's Take a Hike

LEADER (standing before the group): Want to take a hike? Then just say what I say and do what I do. All set? Let's go! Let's pack. (Make a motion of packing things and throwing the pack over your shoulder.) Out, through the door. (Clap your hands sharply to suggest a door slamming.) Down the street. (Clap your hands against your knees in a slow walk tempo.)

Awfully big town! (Continue marching.)

Out in the country at last! (Speed up walking.)

Here's a river and there's the bridge. (Put your arms at your sides in a march tempo, then again on your knees.)

Here's a field. Let's cut across it! (Swish your palms against one another.)

Oats! (Continue swishing.)

No—wheat! (Continue swishing, then switch back to marching.)

Here's another river. (Stop marching.)

No bridge. We'll have to jump. (Use a fast clapping tempo on your thighs to indicate running, then put both arms up in the air and down again to indicate a wide jump. Keep on marching, hesitate, stop, march, stop. Put a hand on your forehead and look in different directions.)

Oh-oh! Lost! There's a tree. Let's see if we can see anything from it. (Clap fast to indicate running to a tree, then make climbing actions with your arms, cup one hand over your forehead, and look around.)

Still lost! Hey, there's a cave. (Clap fast to indicate running to the

cave.)

This side is cold. (Feel the side of the cave.)

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

There's a light. (Point with a finger.)

There's another light. (Point with a finger.)

Hey! They're eyes! It's a bear! (Do all the above actions quickly in reverse order to indicate running home.)

Home at last.. Hooray!

This recognition ceremony can be incorporated into the knot hike. The Cubmaster has a backpack and hiking stick. Inside the backpack are resealable plastic bags that hold the awards to be presented to each den. Either label the bag with a marker or place a different color sheet of paper in each bag for easy identification.

CUBMASTER: Scouts, it is important to be prepared when you go on a hike. It is also important to remember that if you want to get to your goal at the end of the trail, you must stick with it and not give up. Tonight we are going to recognize some of our Cub Scouts who have practiced perseverance in working toward their ranks and awards. Will (Scout's name) come forward with his parent. You have worked very hard to achieve the rank award of (name of the rank or award). As I pass you the hiking staff representing our journey along the Scouting path, please share with the group something that you had to work hard on to achieve this award. (The Scout speaks then returns the hiking staff to the Cubmaster, who resumes the same process for each den.)

CUBMASTER: Let's recognize all of these Cub Scouts who have shown perseverance in earning their awards with the Hike the Mountain applause.

Hike the Mountain Applause

March in place. Begin with the head erect, shoulders back, and a steady step. As the mountain becomes steeper, slow down the march and bend forward as if straining to continue the hike. At the top, collapse back in your seat, wipe your brow with your sleeve, and sigh, "We made it."

Cubmaster's Minute

(2013-2014 Cub Scout Roundtable Planning Guide)

A wise man once noted that, "All sunshine all the time is what makes a desert. Just as rain and snow are necessary for plants to exist, so are they necessary in our lives. We gain strength and the ability to live not from the days when all goes right, but rather, it is from days of adversity and overcoming difficulties that we grow." Cub Scouts, don't be too quick to take the easy trail. It is important to remember that if you give up, you will not succeed at your task. It is only by sticking with something, even when it is difficult, that you can succeed. May you always remember this as you travel the trail to Eagle Scout.

CLOSING CEREMONY Knocks and Scratches

(2013-2014 Cub Scout Roundtable Planning Guide)

Have five boys on stage wearing oversized cardboard feet that have scratches, cuts, bandages, etc., on the top of them. The bottom of each foot has a letter that, when all are put together, spells out "good

night." Note: Make sure the boys have the feet on in order to spell "good night" correctly in the direction of the audience.)

(The narrator reads the poem while Cub Scouts stand nearby.)

Our hiking meeting has come to an end. We now have a message to leave with you, dear friend.

Our many achievements in life make feet tired and weary.

But if there were nothing to do, our life would be dreary.

So forget the knocks and scratches, blisters and aches.

And look over the horizon in order to

Do your best and persevere at all times.

That's what success takes!

(As the poem is finished, boys lie down on the stage with their cardboard feet facing the audience and spelling out G-O-O-D N-I-C-H-I)

Optional Opening

(2013-2014 Cub Scout Roundtable Planning Guide)

Hiking and the Flag

Equipment: Camping gear and outfits for each participant, one pair of binoculars, American and pack flags

Position the flags in front of the audience. The actors are off to one side and slowly walk through the audience to the front.

CUB SCOUT 1: It sure is nice to be here in the outdoors with all these trees, animals, and fresh air. CUB SCOUT 2 (looking through binoculars): Hey, I think I see a big red bird up there! CUB SCOUT 3: Here, let me see. (He takes the binoculars while everyone continues to walk slowly to the front.) It's a huge white bird of some sort.

CUB SCOUT 4 (takes the binoculars while everyone continues to walk slowly to the front.): It's not red or white. It's big and blue, and... what's this? It has stars!

CUB SCOUT 5: Here, let me see what you are all talking about. (He looks through the binoculars.) CUB SCOUT 6: Come on, you guys. (He motions everyone to follow as they walk up to the front.) It's not a red bird, or even a white bird. What you were looking at is our nation's flag. (He turns to the audience.) Will you please stand and join us in the Pledge of Allegiance?

Song "Take Me Out to the Forest"

(2013-2014 Cub Scout Roundtable Planning Guide)

(Sung to the tune "Take Me Out to the Ball Game")

Take inc out to the forest. Let me hike in the wild.

Show me a skunk and a few bear tracks.

I won't care ~f I never come back.

But it's look, look, look at your compass.

If it rains, then it pours.

And it's ouch, slap, sting, and you're bit

In the great outdoors!

Skit

(2013-2014 Cub Scout Roundtable Planning Guide)

Climb That Mountain

You will need four to eight people dressed in stocking caps, coats, boots, and goggles and canyoning pikes.

The skit opens with boys tied together with rope as mountain climbers are. They 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 (with disappointment): The other side.

Stop and Spot Game

(2013-2014 Cub Scout Roundtable Planning Guide)

While hiking, the leader stops and says: "I spot a (naming a familiar object)." Everyone in the group who sees the object will raise his hand or sit down. This sharpens observation skills.

Memory Hike Game

(2013-2014 Cub Scout Roundtable Planning Guide)

This game is played after a hike or a trip to the zoo or park. During the outing, tell the boys to observe everything very carefully so they can make a list of all that they have seen. Right after the outing, hand out paper and pencils and have the boys make their lists. See who was most observant.

My Secret Buddy

Sam Houston Area Council

Do this at the beginning of your campout. Every Scout puts his name on a scrap of paper and puts it in a can or basket. The Cubmaster shakes the container carefully. Each Scout then removes one of the pieces of paper and secretly reads the name. This Scout will be his "secret buddy" for the duration of the campout. During the campout, each Scout is to try to do his best to make sure his secret buddy has a good time. As you prepare to depart from the campout, let Scouts share who their "secret buddy" is.

Find the Words

Catalina Council

The Leader gives each Cub Scout a pencil and piece of paper and asks him to write as many smaller words as he can find in the word "Camp Fire Traditions". Score one point for each word.

Touch and Tell

Catalina Council

- ✓ Number 10 brown paper bags from one to ten.
- ✓ Put a familiar article in each bag (preferably an article related to campfires, nature or outdoors) and staple the bag shut.
- ✓ Each boy is given a pencil and paper on which he lists numbers one through ten.
- ✓ He tries to guess what is in each bag by feeling through the paper, and records on his paper his guess.
- ✓ Boy with greatest number of correct answers is winner.

Camping Word Search I

Oregon Trail Council

Words may be found diagonally, forward, backward, up, or down.

S	G	N	I	L	D	N	I	K	R	G
R	L	T	A	N	L	E	S	K	A	R
A	H	E	F	E	R	S	C	C	W	E
T	N	N	E	G	A	A	E	A	H	H
S	O	T	H	P	T	R	B	P	I	T
R	P	O	M	U	I	S	L	K	S	E
W	O	O	D	F	A	N	I	C	T	S
E	C	T	P	U	G	N	G	A	L	C
G	F	M	S	N	G	I	D	B	E	S
B	A	N	I	D	S	F	C	M	A	P
C	E	S	C	O	R	T	E	H	U	G

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| Wood | Campfire | Tent |
| Sing | Sleeping bag | Backpack |
| Kindling | Fun | Compass |
| Map | Whistle | Hiking |
| | Stars | |

Campfire Word Search II

San Gabriel, Verdugo Hills & Long Beach Area Councils

Find the words relating to Campfires in the Word Search. The words can be diagonal, horizontal, vertical or backward.

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| Ceremonies | Games | Spirit |
| Skits | Food | Stories |
| Songs | Campfire | Logs |
| Crafts | Flag | |

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

Outdoor Fun

Catalina Council

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| BACKPACK | WALKING STICK | SUN |
| TENTS | BACKPACKING | BOOTS |
| CAMPING | FOOD | HEAT |
| HIKING | MOUNTAINS | OUTDOORS |
| SHORTS | WATER BOTTLE | SUN |

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

Who Was My Guide?

Sam Houston Area Council

The group divides in half. One half closes their eyes. The other half chooses a partner from the group with eyes closed, but may not talk to him at any time. He takes his partner on a trust walk by allowing him to hold his arm. Only the Scout whose eyes are closed may talk - the guide must stay silent. At the end of the walk, the guide returns to his group. The Scouts who were led then open their eyes and the roles are reversed. The new guides choose a Scout partner from the original guide group who now have their eyes closed. After the guided walk, the Scouts separate again. At the end of the game each Scout tries to identify his guide and say how he knew!

Cub Scout Campfire Opening Ceremony

Catalina Council

Equipment: Real or artificial campfire, seven candles.

Personnel: Narrator and seven Cub Scouts (each with his part written on a dip paper).

Narrator: Welcome to our Cub Scout campfire. Akela is among us. Let us draw from this campfire with all its vibrancy and warmth, the secrets of Cub Scouting and the spirit of brotherhood.

- Cub #1:** In its light we see new chances to be helpful and to do our best.
- Cub #2:** From its warmth we strengthen the bonds of fellowship and learn how to get along with others.
- Cub #3:** From the stones that ring the fire and keep its power in check, we learn how we can curb our tempers and become good citizens.
- Cub #4:** From the smoke that rises out of the fire, we learn to lift our eyes upward and worship God.
- Cub #5:** The spark that started this fire reminds us that little Good Turns can lead to greater deeds.
- Cub #6:** Just as the fire needs wood to bum brightly, so do we need the care and love of our parents to bum brightly.
- Cub #7:** In its leaping flames, we see the fun of Cub Scouting and the job of life.

Let's Go Outside

Sam Houston Area Council

Setting – 7 Scouts, each with a poster board with the letters of O-U-T-S-I-D-E on the front and the appropriate verse on the back.

Scene – Cubs in a line next to the flag.

- Cub #1:** O - O is for Outdoors where we like to play.
- Cub #2:** U - U is for Umbrella, needed on a rainy day.
- Cub #3:** T - T is for Tall trees we see on our hike.
- Cub #4:** S - S is for S'mores that we really like.
- Cub #5:** I I - is for Ideas our leaders bring along.
- Cub #6:** D - D is for Direction in singing a campfire song.
- Cub #7:** E - E is for Everyone having some fun, and now for our Pledge, might we all stand as one?

America is a Beautiful Word

Sam Houston Area Council

Setting – 7 Cub Scouts, Cubmaster (CM), poster boards with A-M-E-R-I-C-A in large letters on the front and the appropriate verses on the reverse for the Scouts to reference.

Scene – Cubs in a line near the flag. As each reads his line, he holds up his poster, spelling out America by the last Cub. Alternately, you can find pictures of the items mentioned by the Scouts and place the pictures on front of the poster boards.

- CM:** What do you see when you look at the word America? What mental picture do the 7 letters make in your mind?
- Cub #1:** The capital A suggests our magnificent snow-covered mountain peaks, and the wigwams of the original Americans.
- Cub #2:** The M symbolizes the broad shoulders of our pioneers: shoulders to the wheel pushing our frontiers westward; broad shoulders swinging axes, building a nation.
- Cub #3:** The E might symbolize the lariats of the cowboys riding the plains; lariats of Kit Carson or Buffalo Bill.
- Cub #4:** The R is a man with outstretched arms in friendship and cooperation towards all who love freedom, justice, and peace.
- Cub #5:** The I represents the individual American with his right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.
- Cub #6:** The C is a bent bow from which an arrow has just sped towards the stars of mankind's highest ideals.
- Cub #7:** The final A is a man on his knees in prayer, symbolizing a nation which recognizes the need to give thanks for its many blessings.
- CM:** Yes, America is a beautiful word. Would you please stand and join us in the Pledge of Allegiance?

On A Lighter Note

(For laughs, read this at your campfire)

Catalina Council

The U.S. Forest Service received these actual comments from backpackers after wilderness camping trips:

- “Too many bugs and spiders. Please spray the area to get rid of these pests.”

- “Trails need to be reconstructed. Please avoid building trails that go uphill.”
- “Chairlifts are needed so we can get to the wonderful views without having to hike to them.”
- “A McDonald’s would be nice at the trail head.”
- “Too many rocks in the mountains.”
- “The coyotes made too much noise last night and kept me awake. Please eradicate these annoying animals.”

The True Story of Smokey Bear

Sam Houston Area Council

Divide the audience into 6 groups. Assign each group one of the words listed below. When their item is mentioned in the story, the assigned group should shout the designated saying. Have a practice session before starting the story.

BIG TREE: I am tall and strong!

MIDDLE- SIZED TREE: I give you shade

BABY TREE: I will grow tall, too!

BABBLING BROOK: Babble, babble!

CAMPER: I love the forest.

FIRE: Crackle, crackle, crackle

SMOKEY BEAR:

All say, Only you can prevent forest fires.

FOREST: All trees say their parts.

Once upon a time, in a beautiful, lush green **FOREST**, there stood three trees, the **BIG TREE**, the **MIDDLE-SIZED TREE**, and the **BABY TREE**. A **BABBLING BROOK** coursed through the **FOREST** bringing cool water to the plants and animals.

One summer day a **CAMPER** decided to set up his camp near the three trees. He pitched his tent and then he built a **FIRE** to cook his breakfast. The **CAMPER** didn’t remember to clear the leaves, twigs and branches from the area around his **FIRE**. And he didn’t remember to set a bucket of water from the **BABBLING BROOK** near his **FIRE**.

After breakfast the **CAMPER** decided to go on a hike. He didn’t remember to make sure that his **FIRE** was out and cold before he left the site. A short time after the **CAMPER** left, the **FIRE** threw some sparks into dry grass nearby. It started smoldering and in a very short time the **FIRE** spread to the **FOREST**. The **BABBLING BROOK** was not close enough to put out the **FIRE**.

It didn’t take long for the animals of the **FOREST** to hear the sounds of the **FIRE**. Soon they smelled the smoke and tried to flee. A bear cub was one of those animals. He couldn’t see where his mother had gone, so he did what she taught him to do when there is danger. He climbed the **BIG TREE**.

The **FIRE** roared through the **FOREST**. It burned the **BABY TREE** and the **MIDDLE-SIZED TREE**. It singed the **BIG TREE** where the bear cub was clinging to its trunk. But the **FIRE** did not burn the trunk of the **BIG TREE** and the bear cub was safe.

After the **FIRE** a **FOREST** ranger found the baby bear still in the **BIG TREE**. He climbed up and got him down. The bear cub was scared and singed. He needed the **FOREST** ranger to take care of him and soon his burns healed. The **FOREST** ranger decided to keep the bear cub and raise him. He called him **SMOKEY BEAR** because he had found him after the **FIRE**.

The story of the rescued bear cub has been told by many rangers in many **FORESTS** across our country. **SMOKEY BEAR** became the symbol to remind **CAMPERS** and hikers, like you and me, to be careful with **FIRE**. This message, to help prevent **FOREST FIRES**, is still told to protect all the **BIG TREES**, the **MIDDLE-SIZED TREES** and the **BABY TREES** so we can enjoy the **FORESTS** with the **BABBLING BROOKS** running through them. “Remember,” says **SMOKEY BEAR**, “only you can prevent **FOREST FIRES**.”

Nature Advancement

Sam Houston Area Council

Materials – 3 x 5 cards, one for each Scout, with a picture on it of seeds (Bobcats), small shoots (Tigers), saplings (Wolves), full-grown trees (Bears) and trees with fruit/pinecones (Webelos); attach each boy’s award to the appropriate card.

Cubmaster: Here we are in the woods (or the park, or...), surrounded by plants in various stages of growth. And, here is our pack, full of Cub Scouts in various stages of growth. Just as a tree may start from a seed, a Cub Scout starts from a Bobcat. (Present Bobcat awards. **Lead Cheer**)

Eventually, the seed pushes up through the ground, and a little shoot is seen. In the same way, a Cub Scout makes effort to learn the Cub Scout Promise

and the Law of the Pack, and becomes a Tiger. (Present Tiger awards. **Lead Cheer**)

The tree takes its nourishment from the sun and the earth, and continues to flourish. Likewise, our Wolves are learning things from the world around them, learning, growing and flourishing. (Present Wolf awards. **Lead Cheer**)

Over time, the tree matures, its branches extending outwards and upwards, just as our Bears are expanding their knowledge and abilities. (Present Bear awards. **Lead Cheer**)

Eventually, a tree will flower (or bear fruit, or produce pinecones). In this same way, a Webelos Scout learns to be fruitful and productive. (Present Webelos awards. **Lead Cheer**)

Just as a tree naturally matures, so does a Cub Scout. Guided by good leaders and parents, and a supportive pack, our Scouts, just like the trees, grow straight and tall and become outstanding members of their community. Congratulations to all of our growing Cub Scouts. **One more cheer for everyone!**

Dimming Campfire – Advancement

Catalina Council

Equipment: Electric Campfire with dimmer switch, which an Akela may operate unseen. Start with it dim.

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

Will (Read names) and their parents please stand by their chairs? See how the fire burns only dimly when there are no advancing Scouts nearby? Now please come forward and join me at the fire's side. See how it has begun to burn brighter now! *Have an Akela slowly increase the firelight as boys and parents come forward*

The fire tells us that you have completed all the requirements for your _____ rank. You have worked hard to be worthy of this great honor, so the fire has given us a sign that you will continue to find great joy and success in Cub Scouting. You

will soon be on your way to earning the next rank in Scouting. The fire tells us you will do so!

Please stand. I present this award to your parents to present to you. Congratulations! Lead Cheer (Akela sits again so he can work the controls to dim fire as Scouts leave.)

I now dismiss you to your seats, and watch the fire as you leave its side! (Repeat as many times as needed for awards.)

Outdoor Adventure

Sam Houston Area Council

To the tune of "This Old Man"

Birds and plants, rocks and trees,
These are things that I can see,
With my backpack and canteen,
We are on the run.

Outdoor adventure is so much fun!

Cars and trains, boats and planes,
Sometimes sunny, sometimes it rains,
With our field trips and outings,
We are on the run.

Outdoor adventure is so much fun!

Take Me Out to the Forest

Sam Houston Area Council

To the tune of "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, look at your compass,
If it rains, then it pours,
And it's ouch, clap, sting, and you're bit
In the great outdoors!

Cub Scout Vespers

Sam Houston Area Council

To the tune of "Oh, Tannenbaum"

Softly falls the light of day,
As our campfire fades away.
Silently Cub Scouts should ask,
Have I truly done my task?
Have I helped the Pack to go?
Has the Pack helped me to grow?
Have I stood above the crowd?
Have I made Akela proud?
As the night comes to this land,
On my promise I will stand.
I will help the Pack to go,

As our Pack helps me to grow.
 Yes, I'll always give goodwill,
 I'll follow my Akela still.
 And before I stop to rest,
 I will do my very best.

Boy Scout Vespers

Catalina Council

Tune: Oh, Tannenbaum (Oh, Christmas Tree)

Softly falls the light of day,
 While our campfire fades away
 Silently each Scout should ask:
 Have I done my daily task?
 Have I kept my honor bright
 Can I guiltless sleep tonight?
 Have I done and have I dared,
 Everything to be prepared?

Quietly we join as one,
 Thanking God for Scouting fun,
 May we now go on our way.
 Thankful for another day.
 May we always love and share,
 Living in peace beyond compare,
 As Scouts may we find,
 Friendships true with all mankind.

Quietly we now will part,
 Pledging ever in our heart,
 To strive to do our best each day,
 As we travel down life's way.
 Happiness we'll try to give
 Trying a better life to live,
 Till all the world be joined in love,
 Living in peace, under skies above.

As I travel down life's way,
 May I do some good each day,
 May I ever thankful be,
 For the blessings given me.
 May I join my fellowman,
 Doing for others, what I can,
 So a better world we all will see,
 Living together in harmony.

My Dream Came True

Sam Houston Area Council

To the tune of "I've Been Working on the Railroad"

I was dreaming of a campfire, burning clear and
 bright.
 Sparkling stars were all above me, on a summer's
 night.

I was dreaming that my best friends, all were
 dreaming, too.

When I woke and looked around me,
 I saw my dream come true.

Swatting Skeeters

Catalina Council

Tune: Blowing Bubbles

I'm forever swatting skeeters,
 Little beasts that buzz and bite;
 They're always right
 In earth and sky,
 And like my dreams, they come at night.
 They are always hiding;
 They are everywhere.
 I'm forever swatting skeeters,
 Little demons of the air.

The Creepy-Crawly Rap

Catalina Council

Each line is sung or spoken by the leader
 Then repeated by the audience.
 Keep rhythm by alternating knee-slap and hand-
 clap.

Leader: Snakes

Audience: Snakes

Leader: Snakes are

Audience: Snakes are

Leader: Snakes are gross.

Audience: Snakes are gross.

Leader: Creepy

Audience: Creepy

Leader: Creepy, creepy, crawly, crawly, there's
 another, oh my golly!

Audience: Creepy, creepy, crawly, crawly, there's
 another, oh my golly!

Leader: Oh, what a drag, there's one inside my
 sleeping bag.

Audience: Oh, what a drag, there's one inside my
 sleeping bag.

Other Verses -

Skunks

Skunks smell

Skunks smell bad!

Only thing worse than skunks is a pair of dirt socks.
 Ooo! Says your Mom when you take off your tennis
 shoes.

Fleas

Fleas fly

Fleas fly slow.

Mosquitoes

Itchy, itchy, scratchy, scratchy, there's another on my backy.

Calamine

Calamine, calamine, calamine lotion.

Oh, no more calamine lotion.

Eeek! Go the bugs when you spray 'em with the bug spray. Sssssssssssssssssss.....

(make motion of bug spray can).

Cub Scout Taps

Catalina Council

Tune: Taps

Can be sung or sung to the tune or spoken in a solemn manner

Sun of gold, sky of blue

Both are gone from our sight,

Day is through,

Do your best, then to rest,

Peace to you.

Hiking Applause. Have the group stand and stomp their feet and swing their arms as if hiking, saying "stomp, stomp, stomp."

Campfire Applause.

- ✓ Have everyone stand and put their hands together and wiggle their fingers, say, "The campfire is beginning."
- ✓ Hold hands in a little higher with larger motion and say, "The campfire is building."
- ✓ Hold hands up high and say, "The campfire is really bright crackle, crackle, crackle."

Catalina Council

Mosquito Applause: Pretend you are slapping mosquitoes all over, saying, "Ooh, aah, aah."

John Travolta & the Mosquito Cheer- Use your disco pointer finger pointing up and down and sing, Oo AH, Oo ah, (Then slap all over) Eatin' alive, Eatin' Alive. *My RT is definitely going to do this one. Even if it is too old for the Cubs!! CD*

Swat the Fly Applause: Using your hand and arm as if it were a fly swatter, swat at a pretend fly then yell: "Got ya!!"

Squirrel Applause: Have group sit up like a squirrel, elbows in close to the body, arms up, hands bent over. Pretend to have two nuts, one in each hand. Hit hands together and say: "Nuts, nuts, nuts!!"

Spider Applause: Walk on four fingers up the hand and arm of the opposite one. When you have gone

as far as you can, yell: "EEEEEEKKK" and brush it off you

RUN-ONS

Oregon Trail Council

Cub #1: (enters with two rocks, clapping them together).

Cub #2: Why are you hitting those rocks together?

Cub #1: I'm having a rock concert!

Tongue Twisters

Sam Houston Area Council

✓ Two tree toads tied together tried not to trot to town.

✓ A big black bug bit a big black bear.

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Cub #1: What did the frog say when he ordered a hamburger?

Cub #2: Does that come with FLIES?

Cub #1: What's a bee's favorite hair cut?

Cub #2: A BUZZ cut!

Cub #1: What did one tree say to the other at day's end?

Cub #2: I've gotta leave!

Cub #1: What kind of tree likes to visit the ocean?

Cub #2: A beech tree!

Cub #1: What did the computer say to the fireplace?

Cub #2: Log On!

Cub #1: What flowers did the rope send to the string?

Cub #2: Forget-Me-KNOTS!

Cub #1: How do you communicate with a fish?

Cub #2: Your drop him a line!

Cub #1: Do you know what these holes in the trees are?

Cub #2: They're knotholes.

Cub #1: If they're knotholes, what are they?

Sam Houston Area Council

Knock-Knock.

Who's there?

Kipper.

Kipper who?

Kipper your eyes open on the hike so you don't miss anything!

Knock-Knock.

Who's there?

Rook.

Rook who?

Rook up and count the stars!

Knock, Knocks

Catalina Council

Knock knock
Who's there?
Hutch
Hutch who?
Did you sneeze?

Knock knock
Who's there?
Dozen
Dozen who?
Dozen anyone answer the door?

Flashlight Run-Ons

Catalina Council

Boy 1: (Walks up with a flashlight shining on the top of his head)
Boy 2: What's your problem?
Boy 1: I'm feeling a little light-headed.
Boy 1: (Walks up with a flashlight shining in his mouth)
Boy 2: Why are you doing that?
Boy 1: I wanted a light snack!.

JOKES & RIDDLES

Catalina Council

What tree will keep you warm? *Fir*
What tree does everyone carry with them? *Palm*
What mathematics subject did the acorn say when it grew up? *Geometry!*

Cub #1: How would Akela start this campfire in the rain?
Cub #2: I don't know. With magic?
Cub #1: No, with waterproof matches!
Cub #1: Hey Joe, why are you carrying that rock so close to your ear?
Cub #2: Because, I'm listening to rock music!
Cub #1: Hey Joe, why are you tapping those two pebbles together?
Cub #2: Silly - Now I'm playing rock n' roll music!
Cub #1: What kind of rocks would you see in the Colorado River?
Cub #2: Wet ones!
Cub #1: What did the piece of limestone say to the geologist?
Cub #2: You stop taking me for granite!

Cub #1: What did the miner say to his girlfriend?

Cub #2: I really dig you!

Cub #1: Why does a spider spin a web?

Cub #2: Because he can't knit!

Cub #1: What is the best way to make a fire with two sticks?

Cub #2: Make sure one of them is a match.

Cub #1: This match won't light.

Cub #2: What's the matter with it?

Cub #1: I don't know, I lit it before.

Cub #1: (Crawls on stage crying) Water, water!

Cub #2: (Comes running with a glass of water.)
You poor thing, here's some water.

Cub #1: Thank You! (Pulls out a comb and uses the water to comb his hair.)

Teacher: What is a geologist?

Student: A fault finder!

1st Aider: What's the best way to avoid infection from biting insects?

Cub: Stop biting insects!

Q: Why do mosquitoes bother people most late at night?

A: Because mosquitoes like a little bite before they go to sleep.

Q: When are mosquitoes most annoying?

A: When they get under your skin.

Q: Did you hear about the mosquito who went to Hollywood?

A: All she could get were bit parts.

Q: Where do little dogs sleep when they go camping?

A: In pup tents.

Q: When does a camper go "Zzzz-meowzzzz-meow"?

A: When he's taking a catnap.

Q: Why did the camper put his tent on the stove?

A: He wanted a home on the range.

Q: What is worst then a snake in your sleeping bag?

A: Having two snakes in your sleeping bag.

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: Enters, dragging rope behind him.

Cub 2: Why are you dragging a rope behind you?

Cub 1: Have you ever tried pushing one?

My Lost Neckerchief Slide*Sam Houston Area Council***Setting** – 2 Cub Scouts around a campfire.**Scene** – One Cub Scout is busily looking around a campfire and a second Cub Scout enters the scene.**Cub #1:** (Scout searches the ground around the campfire)**Cub #2:** What are you looking for? Maybe I can help you find it.**Cub #1:** I dropped my neckerchief slide.**Cub #2:** Where were you standing when you dropped it?**Cub #1:** Over there. (He points into the darkness)**Cub #2:** Then why aren't you looking over there?**Cub #1:** Are you kidding? It's too dark over there. You can't see a thing!**Around the Campfire***Sam Houston Area Council***Setting** – 5 Cub Scouts and the Cubmaster or den leader.**Scene** – Cub Scouts are sitting around a campfire talking excitedly about the day's adventures. The Cubmaster (CM) or den leader enters and sits with them.**CM:** After your hike this morning, which pine would you say has the sharpest needles?**Cub #1:** The porcupine, sir!**CM:** Why were you casting your fishing line straight up into the air instead of out over the water?**Cub #2:** I was trying to catch a sunfish, sir!**CM:** What's the best way to prevent infection caused by biting insects?**Cub #3:** Don't bit any, sir!**CM:** Did you find a place to go swimming?**Cub #4:** You bet – in the spring, sir!**CM:** No, not when, where? (shrugs)*(CM gets up and slowly walks away shaking his head.)***Watch Out for Critters***Catalina Council***Setting:**

An old mountain guide is leading two pioneers up into the mountains. The three walk in place, pretending to climb uphill and down.

Pioneer 1: Are there wild animals here?**Guide:** Yep, bobcats. They're bad.**Pioneer 2:** Is there anything else?**Guide:** Yep, there's wolves. Mean critters!**Pioneer 1:** Is that all?**Guide:** You wouldn't ask that question is you had come to rehearsal. Yep, there's bears, too.***Suddenly, three Cubs appear, with brown paper sacks over their heads. Animal faces are drawn on them.*****Cub 1:** I'm a Bobcat.**Cub 2:** I'm a Wolf.**Cub 3:** I'm a Bear**Pioneers:** (Together) We're chicken! (And they run away.)**Lost Item around Campfire***Catalina Council***Scout 1:** (Scout searches the ground around the campfire)**Scout 2:** What are you looking for? Maybe I can help you find it.**Scout 1:** I dropped my neckerchief slide***Add in as many other Scouts as you wish to help in looking for the slide. Each should ask same questions.*****Scout 2:** Where were you standing when you dropped it?**Scout 1:** Over there. (He points into the darkness)**Scout 2:** Then why aren't you looking over there?**Scout 1:** Are you kidding? It's too dark over there. You can't see a thing!

Setting Up Camp*Catalina Council**This may be a gray area - ask before using it CD*

Scene: A loaded mini-van pulls into the only remaining campsite. Four children leap from the vehicle and begin feverishly unloading gear and setting up the tent. Two of the boys rush to gather firewood, while the other two setup the camp stove and cooking utensils.

Nearby Camper (to Father): That sir, is some display of teamwork.

Father: I have a system. No one goes to the bathroom until the camp is set up.

Campers and the Grizzly Bear*Catalina Council*

Narrator: Two campers are walking through the forest when they suddenly encounter a grizzly bear.

(The Bear rears up on his hind legs and lets out a terrifying roar. Both campers are frozen in their tracks.)

Camper 1: (Whispers) Boy am I glad I wore my tennis shoes today."

Camper 2: It doesn't matter what kind of shoes you're wearing, you're not going to out run that bear.

Camper 1: I don't have to out run the bear, I just have to outrun YOU!

(Both run off stage with the bear chasing.)

The Compass*Catalina Council*

Cast/Props: A good compass and a map

MC: In this scene, we see a Webelos Leader (WL) teaching a Webelos patrol about maps and a compass.

WL: Now fellows, if you take a bearing from the map this way you can now stand up and, keeping the compass away from your belt buckle, walk along the bearing until you reach your destination. John, you try that.
(John does as instructed, exits, re-enters)

WL: (Standing) In the same way you can take a bearing on a distant object, and use that to find where you are on the map. Now, each of you take a bearing on that big tree on the hill top.

(Other boys do as instructed, passing compass around, making suitable comments.)

WL: (After a few moments) All right, let's all gather around. That wraps up tonight's compass lesson. There is just one more important point! Never, never buy a TATES compass.

Tom: Cubmaster, why should we never buy a TATES compass?

WL: You know the old saying: He who has a TATES is lost!

Climb That Mountain*Catalina Council***Cast/Props:**

4 to 8 persons

Rope, pikes, goggles.

Stocking caps, coats, boots.

Scene:

- ✓ 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.

Punch Line:

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: (In disappointment) The other side.

Outside*Sam Houston Area Council*

Setting – 7 Cub Scouts, or 6 Cub Scouts and Cubmaster, use the O-U-T-S-I-D-E letters from the opening. *(Remember to change the words on the back)*

Scene – Cub Scouts in a line

Cub #1: O - Our campfire is ending, and we wanted you to know that

Cub #2: U - Up above us are millions upon millions of stars. They look awfully

Cub #3: T - Tiny from where we stand, but in reality, they are

Cub #4: S - Super sized balls of fire that provide light for us.

Cub #5: I - Inside our tents, we'll still be able to see the starlight shining

Cub #6: D - Down upon us, helping us to remember all the fun and

Cub #7: E - Exciting times we had today during our campout.

Forces in our World

Sam Houston Area Council

Scene – 7 Scouts. You will need pictures of the sun, moon, morning star, and the four winds. On the back of each picture, write what the Scout is to say.

Scene – Scouts line up on the stage with their posters. On cue, each Scout holds up his poster and reads his line.

Cub #1: Morning Star, wake us filled with the energy to do our best at our day's adventures.

Cub #2: Sun, light our path, so that we can see to do what is right.

Cub #3: South wind, blow gently upon our playtime and help us to be kind.

Cub #4: North wind, blow your strength into us so we can make the right choices.

Cub #5: East wind, fill us with a desire to help other people.

Cub #6: West wind; blow upon us a steady wind so that we can be fair.

Cub #7: Moon, as you fill our nighttime with light, guard us well as we sleep.

Family Campfire (Closing)

Catalina Council

Cubmaster:

We've had a lot of fun today,
With families together in fun and play.
And now before we each go our way,
Let's have each family take part in
Our closing for the day.

(He then instructs all the families to stand in a family Brotherhood Circle with hands on each other's shoulders as all in unison say:

As a family, we pledge to do our best!

Family Vesper Closing

Tune: Oh, Tannenbaum (Oh, Christmas Tree)
(A good singer or a group could be recorded ahead of time singing one of the following which could be played while families stand in their Brotherhood circles making a very impressive closing. Or have a good singer practice the vesper ahead of time and sing it then.)

Quietly we join as one,
Thanking God for family fun.

May we now go on our way,
Thankful for another day.

May we always love and share,

Living in peace beyond compare. As a family may we find,

Friendships true with all mankind.

Quietly we now will part,

Pledging ever in our heart.

To strive to do our best each day,

As we travel down life's way.

Happiness we'll try to give,

Trying a better life to live.

Till all the world be joined in love,

Living in peace, under skies above.

As I travel down life's way,
May I do some good each day.

May I ever thankful be,

For the blessing given me.

May I join my fellow man,

Doing for others, what I can.

So a better world we all will see,

Living together in harmony.

Starlight

Sam Houston Area Council

One of the great things about being on a campout is being able to see clearly all the stars in the sky.

They look so small, but only because they are so far away. Our Cub Scouts are stars themselves, shining brightly as they follow our Promise and our Motto.

As long as you continue to do your best, you will have a light shining with you for all the world to see. And I challenge you tonight to continue to follow the Cub Scout Motto and the Law of the Pack. Let's stand and say the Law of the Pack together.

Campfire

Sam Houston Area Council

A campfire is a remarkable thing. It can be bright enough to light the path back to our tent, and it can be small enough to just barely see. Why is this? It's because of the fuel that we put into the fire – the logs, the kindling, and the oxygen. Sometimes we Cubs are like the campfire. How strong we are is dependent upon the fuel we receive from our leaders and our parents. The better the fuel, the stronger our personal "campfire" will be. I

encourage you to always challenge your den leaders and your parents to give you the best fuel, or the best program, they can give you.

Sunscreen

Catalina Council

Props: A bottle of sunscreen

Remember the last time you got a bad sun burn? It caused you much pain for several days didn't it? You probably didn't even realize that it was happening. Sunscreen could have prevented it. Our parents are like sunscreen. They can be used in situations we don't even know can hurt us. It pays to listen to our parents.