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his month I am suffering a severe case of writer's block. Thank goodness, I have the help of so many wonderful Powwow books to at least let me get Baloo's Bugle up and going.

I hope every one has a safe and wonderful summer, and plan on joining your District for Program Preview.

TRAINING TIP

Annual Pack Program Planning Conference

What Is It? An annual meeting of all pack leaders designed to establish the year's program based on twelve monthly themes and Webelos activity badges, along with special activities, all tailored to the pack's needs.

Why Is It Held? A program planned twelve months in advance allows leaders to look ahead. Advance preparation ensures a well-rounded program of fun, variety, action, and purpose.

Who Attends? The pack committee chairman and Cubmaster are jointly responsible for seeing that this meeting occurs. The meeting is conducted by the pack committee chairman. All den and pack leaders, den chief, Tiger Cub Coaches, and interested parents attend. The unit commissioner also should be invited.

When Is It Held? Each year, in July, or August. This training tip is covered in much more detail in the Cub Scout Leader book which is available for purchase from your Scout shop. In Chapter 7 you will see a wealth of information on why and how to plan this all important conference.

TIGER CUBS

For those graduating Tigers:

Bobcat Ceremony

Kathy O'Leary

Piedmont Council

(This is a ceremony to bring a new Bobcat into an already existing den).

Set up: Cub Scouts from Den _____ join hand in a circle with the new Bobcat and his family in the center.

Cubmaster - You have come here tonight seeking to join the brotherhood of Cub Scouting. You have learned from your fellow den members and your family what is necessary to become a Bobcat. Will you now give the Cub Scout sign and repeat with me and your den members the Cub Scout Promise? (All say Cub Scout Promise.)

Cubmaster - Parents, we welcome you. Cub Scouting is for the whole family. Fun and friendship within the circle are ONE because we have all joined hands. As parents, you have a certain responsibility in Cub Scouting; by working with your son in his book and attending pack

meetings and making the pack go. Will you accept this responsibility? (Parents respond.)

(Den Leader and assistant den leader hand the pin to the new Bobcat and badge to parents to present to son.)

Cubmaster - Congratulations! May you begin your trail upward.

Cub Scouts shout - "Do Your Best!"

PRE-OPENING ACTIVITY

Covered Wagon Inventory List

Viking Council

Work in groups of three boys. Tell them they are getting ready for a trip across the Plains and need to equip their covered wagons. Give them a piece of paper and have them list items they think the pioneers would have taken. An alternative: they might make two lists - one for the 1800's time frame, and one with current day items which would have been nice to have. (Radio, road maps?)

Word Find

How many words of two or more letters can you make from the words, "Cowboys rode long and hard on the rodeo trail"?

OPENING CEREMONY

Hard Work Flag Ceremony

Trapper Trails Council

Equipment: American Flag

Cub #1: When we think of the American Cowboy, we think of long, hard working days.

Cub #2: Americans built our country with hard work.

Cub #3: In Cub Scouts we learn about the importance of work and service.

Cub #4: All workers contribute to the good of society through their labors.

Cub #5: Each year our nation honors all workers on Labor Day, the first Monday in September.

Cub #6: Some Americans celebrate Labor Day with a rodeo during the day and fireworks at night.

Cub #7: Please stand now and repeat the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag in remembrance of the contribution of all workers in our country.

Rodeo Trail Opening

Santa Clara Council

R is for Rodeo, a place where people challenge themselvesO is for Old Glory to whom we pledge our allegianceD is for Doing our Best, the Cub Scout way

E is for the Energy that we always have O is for Old West, the place where the Rodeo started.

T is for the Teamwork we find in our pack R is for Rounding up fun for everyone. A is for Achievement that we all aim for I is for Ideals of Cub Scouting L is for Lasso. Let's catch a wild time.

Rodeo Opening

Santa Clara Council

Dens are waiting outside the room. The boys are in western costume. Each den carries its flag. The color guard are in uniform.

Cubmaster: Good evening rodeo fans. Welcome to the Cub Scout Rodeo. Like any rodeo, we have thrills and chills, feats of daring, and best of all, we have a grand entrance. (Dens now enter and parade around the arena while recorded western music is played.) That's one of the best parts of the rodeo, with all the riders carrying their own flags. But the greatest flag of all is our own Old Glory. Let's show our respect now by rising to salute the flag of our county. (The color guards advance the colors and lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

LEADER IDEAS

Reply-to: Linscouts@AOL.COM

I am looking for ideas for my Pack to do their 12 hours per boy per year of community service. We have done the planting a garden for a school, trash pickup at a public park, singing at a nursing home. Looking for something different that the boys will like that other packs have done.

Linda, Pack5 N.Prov. RI

Two years ago, our pack started a once a month litter pickup at the elementary school in our neighborhood. The scouts dress in uniform the first Monday of each month and under supervision clean the parking lot and surrounding area. Great service project. We are expanding it this year to the block around the American Legion post which sponsors our unit.

Pete McMullen Hate Spam?

http://spam.abuse.net/spam

pete@basilisk.org Support the Cause

http://www.cauce.org
http://www.basilisk.org

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Plan An Action-Pack Program

Piedmont Council

BALOO'S BUGLE

Lew Gardner, worked with several generations of Boy Scouts, observed that "boys have two muscles to sit on, and 1.000 to wiggle with!" They have a very low tolerance & attention span for dull facts; they want to turn on, to get into action, they'll make it. They are not bad...just bored. Make learning into doing. Behavior problems hardly occur when boys are busy hammering, making skits or playing a game. At the same time, they do not realize that they are also learning.

Thank You Ideas

Piedmont Council

Sunburn Award

Use yellow poster board and make a big bright sun. Present to the person who received sunburn while on a Scouting event. A pair of sunglasses could be attached to the sun.

BSA 13 Hour Clock

Make a clock face with 13 hours. Print "Official BSA" on the face of the clock. Put a message on the back of the clock like "for the person who is very busy and still finds an extra hour to get the job done.

Wet Sponge

A good award for the new den leader so the leader can soak up all the ideas and energies of the many people with whom the leader will come into contact with.

SONGS

Bring Back My Neighbor To Me

(My Bonnie) Piedmont Council

One night as I lay on my pillow
One night as I lay on my bed,
I stuck my feet out the window,
Next morning my neighbors were dead.

Chorus:

Bring back, Bring Back, Oh, Bring back my neighbors to me, to me Bring back, Bring Back, Oh, Bring back my neighbors to me, to me

God Bless My Underwear

(God Bless America) Piedmont Council

God Bless my underwear My only pair Stand beside him And guide him through the rips and the holes and the tears

From my body To the washer To the dryer To my rear God Bless my underwear my only pair

God Bless my underwear Or I'll be bare

Mules

(Tune: Auld Lang Syne) Viking Council

On mules we find two legs behind, And two we find before. We stand behind before we find, What the two behind be for.

When we're behind the two behind, We find what these be for, So stand before the two behind, And behind the two before.

SLIDES

Lorie's slide show site has great ideas for slides. If you think of it email Lorie and thank her for helping us out. Slides are a fun thing for the Cubs to do and she has slides there for every skill level.

http://home.att.net/%7Ellmcgraw/etowah/slides.htm#top

ADVANCEMENT IDEAS

Trapper Trails Council

- Boot Award Cut out two boots and glue together.
 Use to present award in. Write, "You earned your
 ...and are a great Cub Scout to boot.
 Congratulations."
- Attach awards to wanted posters. Display posters on the outside of a large jail. Round up boy getting award and have him give up something or do something to get out. (Example: recite Cub Scout Promise, give Cub Scout sign, give up shoe, sing a song...)
- 3. Dress up as a rodeo clown to present the awards.
- 4. Pull awards out of a ten-gallon hat. Attach awards to a picture of a hat. "You're the best in the west!"

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

The Sad Tale of Two Famous Cowboys

Santa Clara Council

Wild Bill Hiccup Hic-c-cup

Hap-A-Long Catastrophe Ooooops

Cactus Eeech, Ouch

Let me tell you the story of two famous cowboys from western history. Yes, you've guessed it! They are WILD BILL HICCUP and his sidekick. HAP-A-LONG

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CATASTROPHE. It seems that **WILD BILL HICCUP** was constantly plagued with long seizures of hiccups for which there seemed to be no cure. Many doctors all over this land of sagebrush and **CACTUS** had tried to cure him, but it was all in vain. Nothing worked!

WILD BILL HICCUP'S buddy, HAP-A-LONG CATASTROPHE was also plagued with a peculiar ailment. It seems that he was so clumsy that he was like a bull in a china shop. He stumbled his way from one catastrophe to another.

Out in this land of sagebrush and **CACTUS** these two men were continually keeping each other company and trying to keep out of the way of others so as not to disturb any more people than necessary. Thus **WILD BILL HICCUP** and **HAP-A-LONG-CASTROPHE** were together constantly.

Finally, with much effort and many tries to stay on, HAP-A-LONG CATASTROPHE made it onto the horse with WILD BILL HICCUP and off the two rode through the land of sagebrush and CACTUS. After riding awhile, they caught sight of the horse. It had calmed down and was slowly walking among the CACTUS. Wouldn't you know it! WILD BILL HICCUP got so excited at finding the horse that he began to hiccup violently and of course, HAP-A-LONG CATASTROPHE being the way he was, could not take the jerking of his friend on the horse. Just as they came to the next big CACTUS, WILD BILL HICCUP gave out with a tremendous hiccup which sent HAP-A-LONG CATASTROPHE sprawling right into the middle of the CACTUS and frightened the horse again and sent him running off into the sun.

The last anyone saw of our Western Heroes, HAP-A-LONG CATASTROPHE was still trying to mount WILD BILL HICCUP'S horse, only to be sent flying back into the CACTUS by a giant hiccup from his friend. I'm sure after many trials and failures, our heroes must have felt the whole thing was pointless, but the CACTUS was still there reminding them of the point.

At The Rodeo

Santa Clara Council

This is a stretcher. It gives the audience a chance to stand up and stretch their muscles a bit. This can be done by one person or by a narrator and his assistant who leads the audience in action.

WAY OUT WEST AT THE RODEO

(Extend arms in all directions)

COWBOYS RIDE THE BRONCOS FOR FUN AND SHOW

(Stand bowlegged and jog up and down as if riding a horse)

THE CROWD JUMPS UP WITH A WILD CHEER (Jump up in the air and holler "Yippee")

AS THE COWBOY ROPES THE MIGHTY STEER

(Pull back hard with both hands as if pulling on a rope while saying "Whoaaa")

THE SPURS ON HIS BOOTS JINGLE AS HE WALKS AWAY

(Walk in place saying, "Jingle, Jingle, Jingle")

THEN HE SITS DOWN TO REST AND CALL IT A DAY!

(Sit down while wiping sweat from brow and saying "Whew -w-w-w!")

GAMES

Cup and Bottle Relay

Viking Council

This is a very wet relay, so play it outside. Form two teams. Place a bucket of water and a cup at the head of each line. At the end of each line is a bottle. On signal, the first player dips his cup in the water and passes the cup down the line. The last player pours the water carefully into the bottle. Then he runs to the head of the line. Repeat until the bottle is filled to the line marked.

Cowboy Obstacle Race

Viking Council

The cowboys were always coming upon hazards as they rode the ranges. Make up a short obstacle course with the following stations. Write directions on a card for each station. Boys must read the card, then follow the directions. Make up more!

- 1. Cowboys had to climb around tight places in the mountain. (A long board paced across three bricks.)
- 2. Cowboys had to be careful when roping their steers. (Tie up a rope for the Cubs to jump over.)
- 3. At night it was very chilly out on the range. (Stack pieces of firewood for teepee fire.)
- 4. Branding cattle required a steady hand. (Balance a potato on a spoon and carry it a certain distance.)

Tablecloth Tiddly Winks

Viking Council

Put a red checkered tablecloth on the table. Cubs take turn with six tiddly winks. The object is to see how many land on the red squares. Remove only the ones on the red squares and repeat. Keep going in this manner until all land on the red.

FUN FOOD

Tex-Mex Popcorn

Trapper Trails Council

1/4 cup melted margarine

1 Tablespoon dry taco seasoning mix

1/2 Cup popcorn kernels

2 Tablespoon oil (if not using a hot air popper)

Pop the corn. Combine taco seasoning and margarine. Pour mix over the popped corn. Toss lightly.

SKITS

Two Buffaloes

Two Buffaloes - (Standing quietly)

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

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

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

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

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Cub #1: I see you have an invitation to Sammy's birthday party.

Cub #2: Yes, but I can't go. It says from 4 to 7 and I'm 10.

Cub #1: Where were you when the lights went out?

Cub #2: In the dark.

Cub #1: Why do you have on a wet shirt?

Cub #2: Because the tab said "wash & wear."

STUNTS AND TRICKS

You Can't Write Tennessee

Heart of America Council

Players: 1 or more

Equipment: Chair, table, paper and pencil

Tell your friends that you'll give them a pencil and paper, nothing will be done to hamper their hands, they can sit at a table to write, but they still will not be able to write a simple word like Tennessee. Before you let the victims start, let them practice a little foot movement. They must not stop this movement for a second while they are writing. The movement is nothing but a simple circling of one foot under the table. Sit down on a chair and demonstrate the motion. Move your foot clockwise in a circle about as big as a plate. Then let your friend try it. As soon as they are sliding their feet around satisfactorily, have them try to write a designated word. No matter how hard they try they will not be able to write anything but strange -- looking hieroglyphics.

The secret is that it is difficult to keep two very different motions going at the same time. Your hands want to start making the same movement that your foot is making. However, if you practice you will be able to surprise your friends by writing any word they call out without stopping the motion of your foot for an instant.

Floating Egg

Heart of America Council

Measure 1/4 cup salt into a dish and set it aside. Tell the audience that it's "inner tube powder" which will make an egg float. Half fill a glass with water. Place an egg in it. It sinks. Take out the egg and stir in inner tube powder in the glass. Place the egg in it again and it will float.

CLOSING CEREMONY

Rodeo Closing

Santa Clara Council

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

Naturalist

Viking Council

The naturalist's world is one to be discovered and investigated. It is as near as a boy's backyard, a nearby park or the woods and fields. It is inhabited by many kinds of insect, birds, plants, animals, trees and other form of life.

The naturalist activity badge may lead a Webelos into a hobby or a vocation through all the exciting, new adventures you plan for your den.

Careers/Speakers

Zoo keeper, conservationist, taxidermist, pet store worker, gardener, museum curator, landscape artist, nature photographer, publisher or writer of nature books.

Den Activities

Invite a Fish and Game Department employee to your meeting. Ask about major problems in the lakes in your area.

Tour the Botanical Garden or an Arboretum. Find out

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how many employees are needed to keep the grounds in good shape.

Visit a zoo with your den families. Arrange a private session with one of the zoo docents.

Contact your county park for bird banding information. Try to arrange to be present to watch the licensed banders. Find out about the Mississippi Flyway or other and what birds are common here.

Bird Brush

Use a clean scrub brush for this easy feeder. Melt some bacon grease or lard in a pan, then dip the brush into it. Sprinkle the birdseed mix onto the bristles. As the fat congeals, the seeds will stick. Tie the brush to a tree in a safe spot.

Phenology Calendar

I looked up phenology in Merriam Webster's Dictionary since I wasn't sure exactly what it is:)

Phenology: a branch of science dealing with the relations between climate and periodic biological phenomena (as bird migration or plant flowering)

Buy (or have the Webelos make) blank calendar pages and have the boys write in this month's dates. Have them post it in the kitchen, so it's handy to jot down "things of nature." List one or two things each day: cardinals at the bird feeder, grass turning green, saw the full moon, etc. If the boys enjoy this activity, encourage them to keep a phenology calendar for a whole year. Then they can look back and compare nature's cycles.

The Coming of the Frogs

Tune: Battle Hymn of the Republic)

Mine eyes have seen the horror of the coming of the frogs, They are sneaking thru the swamps and they are lurking in the logs.

You can hear their mournful croaking through the early morning fog

The frogs keep hopping on.

Chorus: repeat after each verse)

Ribet, ribet, ribet, croak, croak.

Ribet, ribet, ribet, croak, croak

Ribet, ribet, ribet, croak, croak

The frogs keep hopping on.

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

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

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

The frogs keep hopping on. **Chorus**

They've hopped into the living room and headed down the hall,

They have trapped me in the corner and my back's against the wall.

And when I opened up my mouth to give the warning call, This was all I heard! **Chorus**

Games

True or False

- 1. The world's largest bird, the ostrich, can weigh as much as 300 pounds. (True)
- 2. The hummingbird is the smallest bird in the world. (True)
- 3. Swifts can fly faster than Peregrine falcons. (True)
- 4. Aviators have seen ducks flying at 30,000 feet altitude. (False, about 8,000 feet.)
- 5. The number of species of bird is about 5,000. (False, about 800.)
- 6. All birds build nests. (False, cowbirds deposit their eggs in the nest of other birds.
- 7. Widgeons can lay as many as 18 eggs at one time. (True)
- 8. Robins lay blue eggs. (True.)
- 9. No bird can fly backwards. (False, the hummingbird can.)
- 10. The Trumpeter Swan is the heaviest of all flying folw. (True, at 38 pounds.)

Animal Tracks

Make up outlines of various animal footprints, which are common in your area. Number the tracks. Write the animal name on a separate card. Lay out the footprints and give each boy a chance to match the correct animal name to the footprint number.

Practice this game several times before going out on a hike to look for footprints in the mud or sand. Take along casting materials and bring back "real" footprints. Take this game to the pack meeting and let adults try it.

Pack Meeting

Scene: Boy 1 is standing on the street corner, and the other boys approach him one at a time.

Cub 1: Where did you go on vacation?

Cub 2: My family went fishing at the lake.

Cub 1: Can't catch nothin' there! *Everybody* knows that Minnesota lakes are very poor for fishing!

-(These lines are repeated by Cubs 2 through 5.)-

Cub 2: No sir, I caught this Sole. (hold up an old shoe on a line.)

Cub 3: No sir, I caught this Snapper. (Rubber band sling shot.)

Cub 4: No sir, I caught these Shellfish. (Shell Oil cans in a net.)

Cub 5: No sir, I caught this Skate. (Roller skate.)

Cub 6: (Enters running and hands a pole to Cub 1.)

Cub 1: Wait a minute, what did you catch?

Cub 6: An old crab. Gotto go...(And runs off quickly.) Cubmaster enters with a large foil hook attached to the seat of the pants.

Jokes

What do you get if you cross an insect with a rabbit? Bugs Bunny

What is black and white and red all over?

A sunburned zebra.

A skunk with diaper rash

A blushing penguin.

Forester

Viking Council

A forester deals with the care and growing of trees. A Webelos working on the Forester activity badge will learn how to recognize different species of trees by their shape, foliage, bark and types of wood. He will learn how they live and grow.

America is a land of trees. Thousands of products come from trees, from rayon clothing to books. One very important value of trees is aesthetic. Think what beauty would be missing without trees.

Careers/Speakers

Forest ranger, greenhouse operator, forester, tree surgeon, forest fire fighter, lumberjack, Fish and Game warden, park ranger, Department of Natural Resources employee, Bonsai club member, Environmental Protection Agency employee.

Activities

Service Project

Ask your local park if your den can plant trees if they provide them. They park will designate where to plant them.

Adopt a Tree

For a long-term project, adopt a tree in the back yard where you meet. Measure its girth, estimate its height if it cannot be measured, record its buds, what color it turns, when it loses its leaves, bird's nest, etc. Keep the information in a diary. Measure it every month.

BSA OUTDOOR CODE

Close your meeting each week by reading the Outdoor Code. Give a short talk on the meaning of each sentence. As an American I will do my best to be clean in my outdoor manners.

As an American I will do my best to be considerate in the

As an American I will do my best to be conservationminded.

Directions

Can you walk a straight line? Nine out of ten people will veer sharply to the right if not focusing on a landmark. Now imagine what that means to a person who becomes lost in the woods.

Mark a line about 50 feet long with a flag at both ends. One at a time, blindfold the boys and have them start at the first flag, pointed in the direction of the second. After walking a given distance, tell them to stop and remove their blindfold.

Boys stand in place, moving slightly if a blindfolded boy is coming near. How many veered to the right? Who was closest to the line?

Field Trip

Arrange a trip to a lumber yard. Talk to the salesman about the different woods available for use. How is wood

http://usscouts.org/profbvr/index.html

Gary and Kyna's MacScouter site-great stuff

http://www.macscouter.com/

Don's site--lots of great information

http://www.geocities.com/Yosemite/9152/

In addition to Lorie's great slide show site, she has a great scouting site she maintains at

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

This is a site I found at Lorie's site-it is a uniform bank Lorie you are so good

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http://www.globalserve.net/~codyak/CUBCodyAK.htm

New info at Deb's site. This has info about state parks in MO and Illinois too

http://www.siu.edu/~women/KaskaskiaDistrict.html

An all around GREAT site for Cub and Boy Scout Leaders and Commissioners

http://usscouts.org/profbvr/index.html

Good Resource site

http://www2.inow.com/%7Ewag/pack273.html

Chris J has put some great links together

http://www.pacificskylinecouncil.org/scouting/scouter.html

Roger has sent me some excellent Leader Ideas in the past check out his pack page

http://www.mindspring.com/~keyo/

More interesting scout sites

http://www.geocities.com/Yosemite/Rapids/8047/

A scouting site from Great Britain. I liked it all, especially the "Things to try link>

http://web.ukonline.co.uk/boomerbeaver.p/index.html

Rodeo Chatter

http://cyberrodeo.com/guysgals/chatter.htm

Buffalo Bill Historical Center

http://www.truewest.com/BBHC/

Links to the West

http://www3.pbs.org/weta/thewest/wpages/wpgs800/w800_001.htm

Rodeo Links

http://www.letsrodeo.com/

http://www.prorodeohome.com/index3.html

Birth and background of the American Cowboy

http://seamonkey.ed.asu.edu/~day/howwhy.htm

Rodeo Talk

http://www.comp-unltd.com/~rodeo/talk.html

Webelos

Outdoor informational link

http://gorp.com/gorp/eclectic/familyou.htm

Outdoor recreation in North Carolina

http://ncnatural.com/NCNatural/SumFeatures.html

Tree identification

http://america.net/~toms/ident.htm

Just for Fun

Reddi-Wip Kid's Corner

http://www.reddi-wip.com/reddiwip/htm/kidssundae.htm John Wayne Tribute Site

http://home1.gte.net/jhirsch/index.htm

treated for gardens, etc. What are the standard sizes of boards and plywood? How does a contractor know how much wood it takes to build a house?

Visit a local nursery or tree farm, or an orchard in production.

Contact a local tree service and ask if you can watch their crew in action. Watch a tree felling or brush clipping operation. Find out about the safety features used.

Games

Arbor Day Treasures

- 1. The ranger's map led us safely through the woods.
- 2. It's fun to tramp in every direction before enjoying a picnic in the woods.
- 3. Forest Rangers wear white helmets.
- 4. Will owls hoot in the daylight if they see someone in the forest?
- 5. Many forest fires are caused by human carelessness, according to Rangers.

(Answers: maple, pine, elm, willow, fir)

Meet a Tree

Work in pairs. Blindfold your partner and lead him through the forest to any tree. Ask the blindfolded Scout to feel the tree so that he can identify it later without his blindfold.

After five minutes, walk him back to the starting place and remove the blindfold. Now the Scout must find the tree he explored.

Tongue Twisters

Six thick saplings of quaking aspen swayed in the thick of the forest.

Five frightfully frightened frogs frantically fled the forest five

Ten timid titmice toiled in the tall, tall tree.

Closings

The other day in Colorado a great tree fell. It was nearly 800 years old. It was a mere sapling when Columbus lived.

It had been stuck by lightning 14 times. It had braved the storms of five centuries. It had defied earthquakes and hurricanes. It had laughed in scorn at the winter's blizzards.

But in the end, tiny beetles killed it. They bore under the bark, dug into its heart and finally, one day when the mighty king tree could stand no more, down it came. We have a lesson to learn from this. It is the little things that make or break us in our homes, and our lives.

Web Sites

Scouting sites

Home page for United States Scouting Service Project http://www.usscouts.org/

An all around GREAT site for Cub and Boy Scout Leaders and Commissioners

Resources

The scouting graphics for all levels of scouting are available on

http://usscouts.org/library.html
It is also available for purchase as a CD Rom at the following number 1-800-SCOUTER