



# BALOO'S BUGLE



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**P**edro of Boys' Life has an exciting opportunity for the readers of Boys' Life. The message that follows is from him.

Write a one-page report titled \*The Best Book I Read This Year\* and enter it in the Boys' Life 1999 \*Say Yes to Reading!\*

 contest.

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

- \* 8 years old and younger,
- \* 9 and 10 years old,
- \* 11 years and older.

When Pedro receive your report, you'll get a free patch (featuring that dashing, well-read fella, Pedro!).

The top three winners from each age group will also get a Leatherman multi-tool, copies of Codemaster books 1 and 2, a set of the limited-edition Codemaster pin-and-patch set, plus have their names announced in Boys' Life!

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

Send your report, along with a business-size self-addressed, stamped envelope, to: BSA, Boys' Life Reading Contest, S204, P.O. Box 152079, Irving, TX 75015-2079. Entries must be postmarked by Dec. 31, 1999.

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Virus Alert!!! How many emails do you get each month about these? Every month, I receive quite a few, all from well-meaning cyber-friends. Fortunately, most of these are unfounded. Before forwarding on a virus alert why not go into one of the web-related sites that has information to see if it is a real virus or just a hoax, before sending it out to your own cyber-friends and increasing traffic unnecessarily on the internet.

These alerts, which sometimes are hoaxes got me thinking about how easily some of us "adults" are taken in. Then I got thinking about our Cub Scouts, and ways we can teach them to be more aware of hoaxes and urban legends. One of the first steps could be to use "Ethics in Action". Ethics in Action is a BSA developed program designed to reinforce the character-building goals which have always been a part of the BSA. The Ethics in Action Program encourages Cub Scouts and their Leaders to think a little deeper about values and some of the decision and consequences of decisions that are a normal part of growing up. You can find the 15 different modules of this

program in the **Cub Scout Leader How-To Book**. Although there isn't one on Virus Alerts there is one called Consumer Alert which helps boys analyze commercial messages on television and in printed advertisement. Planning this module for a den meeting could perhaps be that first step to teach our Cubs to "think deeper" about messages they receive.

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Ahem, speaking of commercial message at USSSP we offer a CD Rom of scouting images. The images are offered online free also. With Christmas being a few short months away this should be a consideration for your Pack/Troop.

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### Resources

The scouting graphics for all levels of scouting are available on line at <http://usscouts.org/cd/index.html> or you can get it as a CD

### Why A CD?:

For years we have been maintaining a free online library of Scouting images. Over the years many Scouters asked about how to go about having their own copy of all the images on the ftp site so that they could take the library with them on Scouting events.

This USSSP CD-ROM contains over 16,000 images (approximately 5,000 unique images in multiple formats) and 1,500 documents from our Clipart & File Library Site.

### Purchase Your Copy of the CD:

If you would like to purchase a copy of the CD you can use our order form.

If you have suggestions for what you would like to see included on the next version of our CD, please drop us a line.

### Download the Same Resources for Free:

Remember, you don't have to buy a CD to use any of our free resources. Please feel free to browse our Clipart and File Library and download anything that will help you or your Scouting organization. We built the Clipart and File Library for the purpose of making Scouting resources available to Scouts and Scouters to further the aims of Scouting.

### Need Something You Can't Find At USSSP:

If you can't find what you need, please let the U.S. Scouting Service Project know and we'll see what we can do. Contributions Welcome:

If you have clipart, documents, or other stuff that you'd like to share, please let us know. We are always looking for new material to add to the library.

Versions and Future Plans: Version 1.1 of the USSSP CD

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has a new cover to indicate that it was produced by USSSP (Version 1.0 was produced by our fulfillment agent). The contents are the same as Version 1.0.

We are currently considering the production of a Version 2.0 CD with more content and resources

### PRAYERS & POEMS FOR SCOUTERS

At Pack meetings in December Pinewood Derby cars are sometimes given to the Cub Scouts. Here is a prayer that I was sent about Gilbert, a real Pinewood Derby Winner.

"My son Gilbert was eight years old and had been in Cub Scouts only a short time. During one of his meetings he was handed a sheet of paper, a block of wood and four tires and told to return home and give all to "dad."

That was not an easy task for Gilbert to do. Dad was not receptive to doing things with his son. But Gilbert tried. Dad read the paper and scoffed at the idea of making a pine wood derby car with his young, eager son. The block of wood remained untouched as the weeks passed.

Finally, mom stepped in to see if I could figure this all out. The project began. Having no carpentry skills, I decided it would be best if I simply read the directions and let Gilbert do the work. And he did. I read aloud the measurements, the rules of what we could do and what we couldn't do. Within days his block of wood was turning into a pinewood derby car. A little lopsided, but looking great (at least through the eyes of mom). Gilbert had not seen any of the other kids' cars and was feeling pretty proud of his "Blue Lightning," the pride that comes with knowing you did something on your own.

Then the big night came. With his blue pinewood derby in his hand and pride in his heart we headed to the big race. Once there my little one's pride turned to humility. Gilbert's car was obviously the only car made entirely on his own. All the other cars were a father-son partnership, with cool paint jobs and sleek body styles made for speed. A few of the boys giggled as they looked at Gilbert's, lopsided, wobbly, unattractive vehicle. To add to the humility Gilbert was the only boy without a man at his side. A couple of the boys who were from single parent homes at least had an uncle or grandfather by their side, Gilbert had "mom." As the race began it was done in elimination fashion. You kept racing as long as you were the winner.

One by one the cars raced down the finely sanded ramp. Finally it was between Gilbert and the sleekest, fastest looking car there. As the last race was about to begin, my wide eyed, shy eight year old asked if they could stop the race for a minute, because he wanted to pray. The race stopped. Gilbert hit his knees clutching his funny looking block of wood between his hands. With a wrinkled brow he sat to converse with his Father.

He prayed in earnest for a very long minute and a half. Then he stood, smile on his face and announced, 'Okay, I am ready.' As the crowd cheered, a boy named Tommy stood with his father as their car sped down the ramp. Gilbert stood with his Father within his heart and watched his block of wood wobble down the ramp with surprisingly great speed and rushed over the finish line a fraction of a second before Tommy's car.

Gilbert leaped into the air with a loud "Thank you" as the crowd roared in approval. The Cub Master came up to Gilbert with microphone in hand and asked the obvious question, 'So you prayed to win, huh, Gilbert?' To which my young son answered, 'Oh, no sir. That wouldn't be fair to ask God to help you beat someone else. I just asked Him to make it so I don't cry when I lose.'

Children seem to have a wisdom far beyond us. Gilbert didn't ask God to win the race, he didn't ask God to fix the outcome. Gilbert asked God to give him strength in the outcome. When Gilbert first saw the other cars he didn't cry out to God, "No fair, they had a father's help." No, he went to his Father for strength. Perhaps we spend too much of our prayer time asking God to rig the race, to make us number one, or too much time asking God to remove us from the struggle, when we should be seeking God's strength to get through the struggle.

Gilbert's simple prayer spoke volumes to those present that night. He never doubted that God would indeed answer his request. He didn't pray to win, thus hurt someone else, he prayed that God supply the grace to lose with dignity. Gilbert, by his stopping the race to speak to his Father also showed the crowd that he wasn't there without a "dad," but his Father was most definitely there with him. Yes, Gilbert walked away a winner that night, with his Father at his side."

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Trapper Trails Council

**Remember.....**

What I hear I forget

What I see I remember

What I do I understand.

Great Minds discuss ideas

Average minds discuss events

Small minds discuss people.

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**What is a Cub Scout?**

Cub Scouts are found everywhere-on top of, underneath, inside of, climbing on, swinging from, running around, or jumping to.

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Mothers love them, little girls hate them, older sisters and brothers tolerate them, adults ignore them, and Heaven protects them.

A Cub Scout is: Truth with dirt on his face. Beauty with a cut on its finger, wisdom with bubble gum in its hair; the Hope of the Future with a frog in its pocket.

### **Blessed is the Leader**

Blessed is the leader who has not sought the high places, but who has been drafted into service because of his ability and willingness to serve.

Blessed is the leader who knows where he is going, why he is going, and how to get there.

Blessed is the leader who knows no discouragement, who presents no alibi.

Blessed is the leader who seeks the best for those he serves.

Blessed is the leader who develops leaders while leading.

Blessed is the leader who has his head in the clouds but his feet on the ground.

Blessed is the leader who considers leadership an opportunity for service.

Blessed is the leader who leads for the good of the many, not for personal gratification of his own ideas.

### **Why God Made Boys**

Great Sauk Trail Council

God made a world out of his dreams  
Of magic mountains, oceans and streams.  
Prairies and plains and wooded land;

Then paused and thought, "I need someone to stand  
On top of the mountains to conquer the seas,  
Explore the plains and climb the trees  
Someone to start out small, and grow  
Sturdy, strong like a tree," and so  
He created boys, full of spirit and fun  
To explore and conquer, to romp and run  
With dirty faces, banged-up shins,  
When he completed the task He'd begun,  
He surely said, "That's a job well done!"

## **TRAINING TIP**

### **Growing Values**

Cub Scouts like being helpful. Scouting has always emphasized the Good Turn, and boys are never too young to start doing things for others. Scouting can offer one antidote to the many messages focusing on self-interest that boys receive from the media and the culture in general.

There are many ways to be helpful. Some service projects are "behind the scenes," like cleaning up the church parking lot or making gifts for people the boys will never see. Other services are provided directly to individuals. Both forms of service are useful and should be encouraged.

This excerpt was taken from the Cub Scout Leader Book, "Growing Values", page 2-6 which is available from your local Scout Shop.

## **TIGER CUBS**

### **Big Idea #7-Helping Others**

North Florida Council

Remember that our Earth and the environment needs help also:

- ★ Recycle newspapers
- ★ Recycle cans
- ★ Don't waste water
- ★ Pick up trash outdoors
- ★ Recycle school supplies
- ★ Turn off lights when not needed

This is a great time for the Tigers to review their goals as Scouts. Have the boys give some suggestions about how they would help others. The boys will lead you in ways that they can help others as a group and how they could help on their own. Also, when you let the boys talk you can see how much they really understand about helping others. Help yourself as a leader by letting the Tigers teach and lead you. Their Ideas matter also, this enables the Tigers to build good self-esteem.

### **Good Turn Ideas**

The Red Cross offers many Service Projects.

Adopt a grandparent in your neighborhood  
Help rake their yard  
Wash car  
Help move trash to curb, every week.  
Become a friend.

Helping someone on a regular basis, gives both parties a sense of belonging to each other.

Make cards or toys for children in a hospital.

Collect good used toys for a women's or children's shelter.

Collect clothes or shoes for the School district Clothes Closet.

### **Go and See It**

Visit a retirement/nursing home

Water the school trees and landscaping during the summer  
Help with your Packs Scouting for Food Drive.

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Visit a Food Pantry

Visit a grocery store and find out how they help feed the hungry

Visit a community organization that gives aid to the needy.

Visit a recycling center. Take aluminum can or plastic containers for disposal.

### Games

#### How Much Do You Need?

Take a roll of toilet paper and have each boy tear off "how much he thinks he needs". This is all the leader tells the boys at this time. After each boy has taken a turn, have him separate it into squares and put them in front of him. Then, give the partner a piece of paper and pencil to write. For each square of toilet paper they must write something that they can do to help someone else.

#### One-Armed Gift Wrap

**Equipment:** Wrapping paper, tape, string, ribbon, pair of scissors, and an empty box for each team.

Divide the boys into groups of two. Give each team the above materials. The object is to wrap the box. One boy may only use his right hand; the other boy may only use his left hand. Set a time limit for them to complete wrapping. This can be repeated as many times as needed to allow each team a chance. Partners should join in as well.

### Games

#### St. Louis Area Council

#### Change Tag

Fast and furious, this game is useful for working off excess energy and working up an appetite. Players move around freely while "It" tries to catch another player. As the players try to avoid him, "It" can be very crafty and call out the name of another player. This player then becomes "It's" temporary deputy and can touch other players for "It". The confusion just adds to the fun and speeds up the game.

#### Second Hand Shop

**Equipment:** As many old clothes, shoes, etc. as possible.

Place as many clothes of all kinds that you can possibly find in the center of the room. On the word "GO" the boys dash into the center and put on as many garments as possible. At the word "STOP" (a pre-set time limit) the boys return to the starting line. Have each boy count each article of clothing as he "disrobes." The one who had the most clothes on is declared the winner.

#### Heart of America Council

Giving your boy a chance to help others enables him to learn that it is an important part of his life both now and in the future. It also lets him learn that helping others can be fun and rewarding.

### Activities

1. Collect toys. Clean them up and donate to a local charity.
2. Decorate and fill a food box for a shut-in or elderly person.

## PRE-OPENING ACTIVITY

### Fancy Flower

Great Sauk Trail Council

How many words can you make from the letters in the word "poinsettia"? We found 100. Can you do better?

### Christmas Toys

Great Sauk Trail Council

Pin on the back of each player (adults make good players in this game), the name of some toy. Use the names of toys such as electric train, doll, teddy bear, etc. Each player tries to learn what is on his back by asking questions that can only be answered "yes" or "no". All questions must be answered correctly. When one has learned what toy he represent, he may take the name from his back, pin it on his front, and retire from the game.

### Plus and Minus

Great Sauk Trail Council

Plus and Minus Add and subtract the letters as shown' then rearrange the letters to form a list of gifts you might find under the Christmas tree.

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|-------------|------|---|
| 1. shook    | +b-h | = |
| 2. aglow    | +n-l | = |
| 3. cocoa    | +h-o | = |
| 4. paint    | +r-p | = |
| 5. steam    | +g-t | = |
| 6. weather  | +s-h | = |
| 7. syrup    | +e-y | = |
| 8. solid    | +l-l | = |
| 9. canyons  | +r-n | = |
| 10. cruet   | +k-e | = |
| 11. chats   | +w-s | = |
| 12. rooster | +e-r | = |
| 13. stares  | +k-r | = |
| 14. vogues  | +l-u | = |
| 15. dance   | +y-e | = |

## OPENING CEREMONY

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### It's a Beautiful Tree

Great Sauk Trail Council

**Preparation:** Each boy is asked in advance to bring an ornament for the pack Christmas tree. Later these ornaments will be donated to a needy family. Ornaments are placed on the tree as the boys arrive.

Cubmaster asks everyone to be seated. Suddenly an angel appears and says: "It's a beautiful tree, but something is missing. What could it be?"

SOMEONE SAYS: "It's the star!" The angel agrees and explaining that he bought a star from heaven to place at the top of the tree. As he puts the star in place, he explains: "The star was a signal for the Wise Men to start on their journey many years ago, and it guided them along the way. Let this star signal the start of our pack meeting tonight, and guide us in the Spirit of Scouting and of goodwill. (Angel disappears)

Cubmaster then leads the Pledge of Allegiance.

### Holiday Magic Scramble Opening

Circle 10 Council

**Preparation:** Two dens and a Den Chief can participate together on this skit. A poster board for each letter of the words "Holiday Magic" is needed. After the letters are written, let the boys decorate their posters as desired. Boys enter the stage carrying letter poster that spell "Holiday Magic". All the letters are scrambled as the boys come on stage. The boys look at one another and at the posters and look puzzled. Den Chief enters, looks at boys, scratches his head and really looks the boys over again. He begins to rearrange the letters by moving all the boys around. He makes several errors. All the time, the boys are looking around, trying to figure out the message. The Den Chief finally gives up. He just cannot figure it out. The boys huddle together and discuss the situation. Finally, one boy goes over, taps the Den Chief on his shoulder, and whispers in his ear. The Den Chief then proceeds to properly arrange the letters to spell "Holiday Magic". When all the letters are finally in place, the dens lead the audience in singing a lively holiday song.

### Christmas Flag Ceremony

(opening or closing)

Santa Clara County Council

(Flag is spot-lighted)

Many people associate me with sunshine and the Fourth of July. I'd like to tell you about some of my more important days. Christmas Day is not usually thought of as patriotic, but YOU be the judge.

My very first Christmas, I remember very well, I was in a boat with General George Washington, crossing the Delaware on his way to Valley Forge. By Christmas of 1814, Francis Scott Key had written a famous song about me after the British had burned our White House. At Fredricksburg, the Christmas of 1862, found ALL my men free from slavery. I was mighty proud that Christmas. The Christmas of 1917 was a miserable one. I was at Verdun, France, in a cold and freezing battle but I stayed on to give my men hope. In 1941, General Douglas MacArthur spent Christmas with me in Manila, cheering our men on. Since then, I've been to Korea and Viet Nam. I spent a little while in Iran and a long time on the moon. I've spent some time in the Persian Gulf nations too. I've been almost everywhere in the world, on one Christmas or another, since that long-ago time we crossed the Delaware. Some Christmases have been peaceful and beautiful—others sad and dreary. I'll still be around this Christmas. I might not get as much attention as the Christmas tree does, or the presents under the tree. But I'll still be there, giving hope and courage to the men and women willing to fight for me and our country.

(May end with audience standing for the Pledge or simply by the lights dying out.)

## CRAFT

Not a craft, but I didn't have a place to put it : )

### Collecting Postmarks

Viking Council

This will get the boys started with the Wolf achievement or Bear arrow on collections. Ask each boy to bring a self addressed, stamped Christmas card to the meeting. Put all their cards into a large envelope, write "Postmark Request" in the lower corner.

Mail the envelope to Postmaster, C?O the town listed below. Your letters will then be mailed from that town and the boys will have "Christmas" postmarks for their collection.

Bethlehem, GA 30620  
Mistletoe, KY 41351  
Noel, MO 64854  
Rudolph, WI 54475  
Silver Bell, AZ 85270  
Christmas, FL 32709  
Nazareth, PA 18064  
North Pole, AK 99706  
Santa Claus, IN 47579  
Wiseman, AR 72587

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### Shooting Stars Or Hanukkah Star

Circle 10 Council

Draw a 5-point star or a 6-point Star of David (about 3" across) on cardboard for a pattern. Then, draw a slightly smaller star pattern. Using two different colors of bright colored felt, cut a star out of each. Using 2 matching ribbons colors, cut three 8" strands of ribbon from each color. Make sure all ends are even, then staple across the top several times to hold them together. Lay the large star on the table and place the stapled ribbons together in the center of the star. Put glue on the back of the smaller star, turn it over and center it on the larger star. This will secure the ribbon strands. When the glue has dried, carefully poke a small hole in the top of the star and thread a short piece of ribbon through it for a hanging loop. You may add glitter, sequins, beads, or write Shalom or Peace on your star with fabric paints.

### Star of David Photo Frame

Simon Kenton Council

Glue 3 Popsicle sticks together to form a triangle. Do the same with 3 additional Popsicle sticks. Glue one triangle upside down over the other to form a Star of David. Cut a photo to fit the center and glue in place.

### All About Kwanza

Simon Kenton Council

Tell the boys that Kwanza was started by an African-American man named Dr. Maulona in 1966. He thought it was important for African-American families to think about traditional African values during the holiday season. Explain that Kwanza lasts from December 26 through January 1. Families sometimes give each other gifts each day during Kwanza. These gifts are homemade food or simple thing to make others happy. Families who celebrate Kwanza light candles each night, sing songs, and tell stories. Families think and talk about the seven values during Kwanza. These values are: unity, self-determination, cooperation, sharing, creativity, purpose, and faith. Discuss with the boys what each of these values means. Ask boys to tell why they think these values are important. Green, black, and red are the traditional colors of Kwanza. Display the words where they can be seen ask, boys to draw pictures and write or dictate a few sentences about how they might practice one of these values.

### Kwanza!!

Circle 10 Council

If you are having a Kwanza celebration in your home, make a list of all the people you wish to invite. Look through magazines for examples of African fabric and designs (Corel Gallery Magic clipart has a large selection as well). You can

follow these designs for your invitations and other decorations. Look around your home for a special cup that you can use for the Unity Cup. Start gathering dried vegetables and fruits to make up the mazao, which represent the crops of harvest, or the many good things in our lives. Make Kwanzaa decorations; the colors of Kwanzaa are red, black and green. Begin thinking of Kwanzaa gifts you can make. Remember that Kwanzaa gifts are not meant to cost a lot of money. Instead, the gifts are meant to celebrate the spirit of kuumba, or creativity.

### Other Kwanzaa Activities

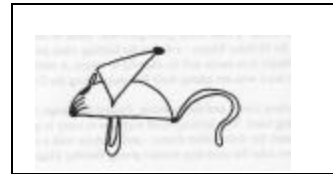
Circle 10 Council

- ◆ Take out the old photograph album and tell your children about their ancestors.
- ◆ Show some movies about the country and people of your family's origin.
- ◆ Take the children to the library and have an "Africa" scavenger hunt for information about Africa.
- ◆ Create a family tree.

## SLIDES

### Christmas Mouse Slide

Great Sauk Slide



Using walnut halves, paint gray, fill with plaster. Insert plastic ring when plaster begins to set. Add wiggle eyes, black

thread whiskers, gray felt tail and ears and red Santa hat.

## LEADER IDEAS

Morris Hollis writes:

I created a small totem pole for each one of my cub scouts. It is about 12 to 15 inches tall with a square base and square pole. attached to the top is a eagle that we cut out of wood and painted. the cub scouts customize this totem pole as they go through scouts by adding things that would remind them of special events. my son added a tiger button for Tigers, a Wolf pin for his year in Wolfs, a small car for the pinewood derby and so on , each totem should be unique. I believe that the more the scout sees at home that reminds him of scouting the more likely he is to keep going in scouts.

The totem has worked great for my den - the kids bring them in every quarter to show them off - my son is always looking for things to go on his. We found that a lot of cloth stores have nice buttons that can be mounted on the

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totem in the shapes of tigers, wolf, bears, etc. Also places like the zoo have pins with their names on them. I cut out wooden feathers on my scroll saw and put the year on them for my son to put on his totem for each year he is a cub. Anything can go on these - it is up to the scout. My son decided to use one side of the pole for each year - some cubs put everything around the bottom of the pole. If you have any questions on this totem email Morris Hollis mhollis@bv.net

Cubmaster, Pack 57 in Palm Bay Florida. We are in the Central Florida Council - South Brevard District.

**Pack 888** Sailfish district, Gulfstream Council in Stuart, FL participated in the Service to America Project by helping their PTA's Walkathon. Read how the Cub Scouts helped with a fundraising event.

Project Name: Pinewood PTA Walkathon

Our school PTA's big fundraising event this year was a Walkathon. The Cubs made posters that were placed around the school to encourage other students to sign up sponsors. During the walkathon itself the Cubs all wore their pack T-shirts so the rest of the school knew that the Pack was supporting the school.

The service projects below in the archives of Scouts-L. So if you are think Service Project at Christmas time here are a few ideas.

A Service Project we will be doing for the first time this year is called, "Trim a Mitten Tree". The idea came from Family Fun Magazine. Set up a holiday tree and ask the den or pack to trim it with mittens, scarves, and hats. Then, donate the offerings to a local shelter or another charitable organization that can distribute them. Also in the magazine it mentions the following books for ideas:

160 Ways to Help the World:Community Service Projects for Young People (Facts on File, Inc.)  
Teaching Your Kids to Care (Carol Publishing Group)  
The Kid's Guide to Service Projects (Free Spirit Publishing)  
The Kid's Guide to Social Action (Free Spirit Publishing)

I hope this helps.

**Laureen De**, Knox Trail Council, MA  
Den Leader, Advance Chair  
MOM

### Tim Harkness

I will tell you all the "Mother" of all Cub Scout service projects. First off I love service projects, and this one would be the best. I was doing service calls in a senior citizen apartment complex. Three stories with a hall way down the middle of each floor. The hallway was roughly 200 feet long on each floor. Never actually measured it.

Anyway these hallways have not been painted since the building was built in the early '70's. Bingo! I thought, SERVICE PROJECT!!!! I told up the owners, which was the local housing authority, that the BOY Scouts would paint the hallways if they supplied the paint. The manager agreed and all arrangements on their end to get the supplies were taken care of. On my end, I went to roundtable, advertise the service project for 2 months. Pushed it real hard. Told everyone that each boy had to have a roller brush and a parent to help. What I did get for Boy Scouts was my troop, and another out of town troop totaling 9 boy scouts and four parents. 13 people, how are we going to do this big building with 13 people? Then came in five Cub Scout Webelos Dens and parents wanting to do a project for the Citizenship Activity badge! We had a boy and parent every 10 feet for two of the floors and saved the third floor for the next Saturday.

It was great, the boys had a great time, the senior citizens loved having the boys around and the walls got a great paint job.

Now I admit the manager was nervous seeing all these young kids painting the walls, but when we pulled up the plastic off the floor, it was like a professional had done the job. We won't mention all the paint puddles and foot prints all over the plastic though!

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Tim Harkness, Asst. Scoutmaster Troop 59

### Peter Farnham

Our pack does an annual service project, usually in mid-June. It consists of a clean-up of the parking lots and grounds for our chartered organization (about 60-90 minutes worth of work) followed by a picnic, and some sort of other fun event to finish off the afternoon. Last year we played volleyball; this year we're doing a "field day" activity with round-robin stations where the boys do different exercises. The boys will get a fitness belt loop out of it at the end of the afternoon.

This year, we are also supplying 20 boys to support some of the booths at our school's spring festival. They'll shag balls, fetch and carry, etc. We'll have applications available for non-cub boys expressing an interest in joining the pack, and uniformed adults around all day to answer parent questions.

A couple of years ago I organized a shoreline cleanup along the Potomac River south of Alexandria for a couple of wolf dens. Only a few boys turned up (we were competing with basketball, soccer and baseball leagues) but it was worthwhile--we picked up an unbelievable amount of trash. We coordinated this through the National Park Service. We also all received a very nice "NPS Volunteer" patch. Service projects are good things to do. Cubs should do more of them. Hint--link them with

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something fun, however, like a picnic, and be sure the boys get something out of it they can wear on their uniforms.

Pete Farnham CM, Pack 1515  
The Great GW District, NCAC

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Lydia sent this to me. This would be something that could be modified to say A Leader:

A FRIEND.....

- (A)ccepts you as you are
- (B)elieves in "you"
- (C)alls you just to say "HI"
- (D)oesn't give up on you
- (E)nvisions the whole of you (even the unfinished parts)
- (F)orgives your mistakes
- (G)ives unconditionally
- (H)elps you
- (I)nvites you over
- (J)ust "be" with you
- (K)eeps you close at heart
- (L)oves you for who you are
- (M)akes a difference in Your life
- (N)ever Judges
- (O)ffers support
- (P)icks you up
- (Q)uiets your fears
- (R)aises your spirits
- (S)ays nice things about you
- (T)ells you the truth when you need to hear it
- (U)nderstands you
- (V)alues you
- (W)alks beside you
- (X) plains things you don't understand
- (Y)ells when you won't listen and
- (Z)aps you back to reality

"Flexible people don't get bent out of shape."

This would make a nice ceremony to thank an adult leader with the boys of the pack holding posterboard with their alphabet letter on the front and the saying on the back.

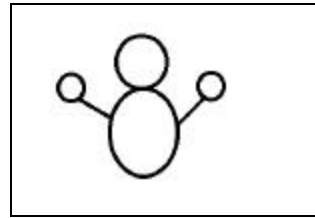
The author of this is unknown to us. An important note that Lydia included to those she sent this to: **Give to your local Red Cross or other disaster organization.**

## DEN DOODLES

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**December 1999 – Holiday Magic**

Snowman from Styrofoam balls and toothpicks



## AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

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**A great Christmas**  
Great Sauk Trail Council

**SANTA CLAUS:** (Hold belly and laugh) HO, HO, HO

**SNOW:** (Sprinkle with fingers saying) FLAKE, FLAKE, FLAKE

**PRESENTS:** (Spread arms and shout) A new bike

**GREETING CARDS:** (Throw up hands and say) Hang 'em on the wall

**MOM AND DAD:** (Scold with finger) You'd better be good

**HOLIDAY DINNER:** (Shrug shoulders, hold up hands saying) Where's the beef

**ANGELS:** Do "Twilight Zone" theme while flapping arms

**DECORATIONS:** Sing "Deck the Hall with Boughs of Holly!"

**CHRISTMAS:** All sounds and parts at the same time

My favorite holiday is **CHRISTMAS**. I enjoy sending **GREETING CARDS**, I enjoy a big **HOLIDAY DINNER**, I enjoy the **SNOW**, but most of all, I enjoy **SANTA CLAUS** bringing me lots of **PRESENTS**.

The house is filled with **DECORATIONS**. My favorite are silver **ANGELS**. I help **MOM AND DAD** open the **GREETING CARDS**, fix the **HOLIDAY DINNER**, shovel **SNOW**, wrap **PRESENTS**, put up **DECORATIONS**, and polish the silver **ANGELS**. After we are finished, I leave out milk and cookies for **SANTA CLAUS** while **MOM AND DAD** clean up I can hardly wait until **CHRISTMAS** morning.



## BALOO'S BUGLE

I race to the tree. I see **SANTA CLAUS** has left me lots of **PRESENTS**, with little **GREETING CARDS** on them. He's put some new **DECORATIONS** on the tree, including some new silver **ANGELS**, and he has sprinkled the branches with **SNOW**. Of course, he has left some lovely grown-up gifts for **MOM AND DAD**.

So we sit down to eat our **HOLIDAY DINNER** I turn on the radio and Frank Sinatra is singing "Hark the herald **ANGELS** Sing"! **MOM AND DAD** and I say grace and eat our **HOLIDAY DINNER** while the **DECORATIONS** twinkle all over the house. After dinner we look at the **GREETING CARDS** one more time, and then go out for an afternoon stroll in the falling **SNOW**.

I tell you, that **SANTA CLAUS** is quite a guy. He sure knows how to turn out a great **CHRISTMAS**.

### The Great Christmas Gift Exchange Great Sauk Trail Council

If you are having a gift exchange as part of your den or pack meeting, try this:

Everyone sits in a circle, holding the gift that they brought for the "exchange." Someone reads the story below, reading slowly enough for the gifts to be passed. Every time the word **RIGHT** is read, everyone passes the gift in their hand to the **RIGHT**. Every time the word **LEFT** is read, everyone passes the gift in their hand to the **LEFT**. The gift each person is holding when the story ends is the gift they keep.

Christmas was almost here, and Mother **RIGHT** was finishing the Christmas baking. Father **RIGHT**, Sue **RIGHT**, and Billy **RIGHT** returned from their last minute Christmas errands. "There's not much **LEFT** to be done," said Father **RIGHT** as he came into the kitchen. "Did you leave the basket of food at the church?" asked Mother **RIGHT**. "I left it **RIGHT** where you told me to," said Father **RIGHT**. "I'm glad my shopping is done," said Billy **RIGHT**. "I don't have any money **LEFT**." The hall telephone rang, and Susan **RIGHT** left to answer it. She rushed back and told the family "Aunt Tillie **RIGHT LEFT** a package for us **RIGHT** on Grandma **RIGHT'S** front porch. I'll rush **RIGHT** over there now and get it, she said as she **LEFT** in a rush. Father **RIGHT LEFT** the kitchen and brought in the Christmas tree. By the time Susan **RIGHT** returned, Mother **RIGHT**, Father **RIGHT** and Billy **RIGHT** had begun trimming the tree. The entire **RIGHT** family sang carols as they finished the decorating. Then they **LEFT** all the presents arranged under the tree and went to bed, hoping they had selected the **RIGHT** gifts for their family. Now, I hope you have the **RIGHT** present for yourself, because that's all that's **LEFT** of our story, except to wish you a Merry Christmas. Isn't that **RIGHT**?

## FUN FACTS

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Greeting Cards  
Viking Council

Joseph Cundall of London is said to have published the first Christmas cards in 1846. Less than 1000 were sold that year, but nearly a decade later, it had become a tradition. It's not Christmas without Christmas cards, is it?

Let the boys design some special greeting cards from your den. Send them to the Cubmaster, pack leaders, school principal or minister where your den meets, mayor of your town, or to the newspaper.

97% of the water on the earth is salt water; only 3% is fresh water

Dogs see only black, white and gray. They can hear much better than humans, though. They can hear sounds ten times farther away than we can.

One out of every 144 people in America has the last name of Smith.

When you have difficulty hammering small nails, you can use an ordinary comb to hold the nails while you start them.

One out of every 21 people in the world is an American.

December 1 is Eat A Red Apple Day

December 21 is Look At The Bright Side Day

The original graham cracker was developed in 1829 by Sylvester Graham, a clergyman.

## BOOK(S) OF THE MONTH

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**Cub Scout Leader How-To Book**

**Cub Scout Leader Book**

## CEREMONIES FOR UNIT LEADERS

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**I As a Leader of the Pack**  
Great Sauk Trail Council

(Cubmaster ask all leaders to come forward, calling each one by name and giving Pack position. Ask each one to give Cub Scout Sign and repeat the following in phrases.)

I, as a leader of Pack \_\_\_\_ promise to work in harmony with other members of the committee at all times for the benefit of the youth members.

I realize that I have the opportunity to influence the lives of young people in the Scouting program by my example as a leader.

I pledge to spend as much of my time as I can to learn how to be the best-qualified leader that I can be.

I promise to support the rules and regulations of the Pack Committee, and will work hard to provide the boys of Pack \_\_\_\_ with an exciting worthwhile program.

## BALOO'S BUGLE

I accept my leadership role as a serious and important responsibility, I promise I will always do my best.

### Leader Appreciation

Greater St. Louis Area Council

(Have four candles and light each individually)

Scouting is made up of many things, people and ideas. Tonight we are going to take a few minutes to reflect on some of the more pertinent aspects of Scouting.

**FIRST** - Scouting is a program. As depicted by our first candle it is one of the many items of Scouting. It is a program dedicated to the development of character, citizenship, and the mental and physical fitness of our youth.

**SECOND** - Scouting is for the youth of our community. Young boys who expect to learn, gain recognition by advancement, but most of all they expect to have fun with others of their own age.

**THIRD** - Scouting is the parents of young Cub Scouts. For without parents taking an interest in the activities of their son, taking them to meetings, and fulfilling the part of Akela, we would not have Cub Scouts.

But, as you can see, this leaves one lone candle. This candle represents the leaders of Cub Scouting. Would (call leaders by name) please come forward? I light this candle for you, for you have been a faithful leader to us and we want you to know that your work, dedication, and tireless effort have been gratefully appreciated. For without your leadership as with the leadership of all Cub Scout leaders, the first three candles: Program, Youth, and Parents would be meaningless.

### Naughty or Nice

Don and Earl (the poem is from them and they are nice)

### Snowman's Poop

Here's the scoop on the snowman poop. A zip-loc sandwich bag with about 12 dozen or so mini-marshmallows with a note saying "Santa has checked his list, he even checked it twice! He has found out you have not been very nice! Since coal is expensive, here is the scoop he is filling your stocking with Snowman Poop!" Cotton Balls can also be used.

## ADVANCEMENT CEREMONIES

### Parent Re-dedication

Greater St. Louis Area Council

**Personnel:** Cubmaster (CM), parents of boys advancing

**Setting:** As parents present the emblem of the new rank to

their sons the Cubmaster may ask them to repeat this promise.

**CM:** Parents, will you please give the Cub Scout sign and repeat after me:

We will continue

To do our best

To help our son

Along the achievement trail

And share with him

The work and fun of Cub Scouting.

### The Magic Tree

Simon Kenton Council

**Equipment:** Undecorated Christmas tree, gold paper stars for ornaments, several unbreakable colored ornaments, invisible thread/fishing line to tie to ornaments.

This is our pack Christmas tree. It looks pretty ordinary, doesn't it? The problem is, this tree is very difficult to decorate. No matter how carefully, they are hung, the ornaments just won't stay on!

(Hang an ornament or two. As you turn away, pull the thread and the ornament will fall.)

This tree can only be decorated by the magical power of Cub Scout advancement. Each advancement will become a gold star. As it does, watch how beautiful our tree becomes!

(Call each boy to receive his awards/advancements. Give him a gold star to hang on the tree for each advancement or award he receives.)

Look how magically our tree now sparkles with advancements - just as the lives of each of these Cub Scouts sparkle with new skills and knowledge.

### Magic Advancement Ceremony

Greater St. Louis Area Council

There's no magic in what we are about to do next. It's time for recognizing the Cub Scouts whose hard work and skills have earned them the right to advance along the Scouting Trail. No hidden cards, no disappearing balls or coins, no magically appearing scarves are involved in advancement. It's strictly a matter of knowing what you have to do and doing it - with the help of adult leaders, den chiefs, and families, it's true. But the bottom line is that a boy has to do the work by himself.

Well, perhaps there is a bit of magic in that after all - because by fulfilling the Bobcat, Wolf and Bear tracks and marching along the Arrow trail, a boy transforms himself before our very eyes. And during his years in the Webelos program, a Cub Scout enters a period of accelerated growth and development - often earning an activity pin a month as his hunger for knowledge blossoms.

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So maybe Magic is what we're recognizing tonight - the best kind of magic. Recognizing young men who have discovered the magic of transforming themselves one step at a time toward their ideals of knowledge, strength, and good citizenship.

### **Santa's Magic Advancement** Santa Clara County Council

**Equipment:** Christmas tree with lights, extra large cardboard telephone, small Christmas stockings with awards inside, candy canes for all children at the pack meeting.

**Personnel:** Santa Claus, elf (Cubmaster)

**Setting:** Hang the stockings with awards inside on the tree. Light the Christmas tree and dim the room lights. Santa Claus is outside the room but can be heard by the audience.

**Cubmaster:** (speaking into telephone) Santa Claus, you will be welcome at the pack meeting. What can we do to help you get here, Santa?

**Santa Claus:** Why, sing "Here Comes Santa Claus." It will give me all the magic I need to arrive. But remember, everyone must sing for the magic of their voice to guide me.

Cubmaster: Okay, Santa, we'll do our best! (Hangs up telephone and leads the song.)

On the last notes of the song, Santa arrives, calling "Ho, ho, ho, Merry Christmas!" and carrying his bag of gifts, including candy canes for all the children. He takes the stockings from the tree and picks out the advancement awards, calling on the recipients and their parents to come forward. After the parents have pinned awards on the boys' uniforms, Santa gives candy canes to all the children.

### **Arrow of Light - The Spirit of Scouting** Great Sauk Trail Council

**Personnel:** Arrow of Light Award Candidates and their Parent, Webelos Den Leader, Committee Member and Den Chiefs.

**Equipment:** Ceremonial board, about 18 inches square, with four candles: blue-spirit of Cub Scouting, white-spirit of scouting, yellow-Arrow of Light rank, green-Scout, Arrow of Light Awards, straight pins.

**Committee Member:** Tonight we honor the Webelos that have completed the requirements for the Arrow of Light Award. The Arrow of Light Award is the highest award that any Cub Scout can obtain. This is the only award that a Cub Scout may wear after he becomes a Boy Scout. (Den Chiefs come forward and get their candles. Then they line up down the middle making two rows for the families to come through.

**Committee Member:** This candle (white) represents the spirit of Scouting. As I light this candle may the tiny flame remind us all of our good times in the past and good times yet to come in Scouting.

**Committee Member:** Now I will light the way for you Webelos who have fulfilled all the requirements for the Arrow of Light Award. (Light the Den Chiefs candles.)

**Leader:** Now will the following Webelos and their parents come forward to receive the Arrow of Light.

**Committee Member:** Before you is a blue candle that represents the spirit of Cub Scouting-that spirit of giving goodwill and doing your best. (Lights the blue candle) Do you promise to fulfill the Cub Scout Promise and the Cub Scout motto, "Do Your Best", when you receive the Scout badge? If so say, "We will".

**Webelos:** We will.

**Committee Member:** These Webelos have faithfully promised always to keep alive the spirit of Cub Scouting. As their parents, do you also promise to continue to help your boy in his Scouting adventures? If so, say "We will".

**Parents:** We will.

**Leader:** Now, Webelos and parents, form a circle, holding hands. The yellow candle represents the Arrow of Light. I am using the flame from the spirit of Scouting to light the yellow candle. (Light the yellow candle). Remember that the spirit of Cub Scouting and Scouting are one of the same. The spirit of the entire Scouting movement is one of service, high ideals, and fellowship. Webelos, will you please repeat after me the Webelos promise: "I (name) promise to do my best to show that a Webelos Scout is faithful to his Cub Scout Promise, to be a true Webelos Scout by joining a Boy Scout troop and to uphold the Scout Oath and Law, as I have upheld the Cub Scout Promise, and the Law of the Pack.

## GAMES

### **Christmas Treasure Hunt** Great Sauk Trail Council

Each boy is provided with a small red Christmas stocking and is given a list of objects hidden around the room, which he is to find. No boy is allowed to pick up more than one of each of the objects hidden. Give a prize to the one who brings back the largest number of treasures in a set amount of time. Some of the things that may be on the list

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are unsharpened pencil, eraser, peanuts, lollipops, small toys, peppermint, etc.

**What's On The Tree**  
Great Sauk Trail Council

A small portable Christmas tree should be trimmed ahead of time for this game. It should hold samples of the usual Christmas tree type ornaments (star, tinsel, and glass balls) as well as things one would never expect to see on a Christmas tree (nail, key, cork, etc.)

Players sit in a row or circle, each with paper and pencil. Leader of the game carries tree slowly down the row or around the circle, tells everyone to take a good look, and then goes quickly out with the tree. Boys list as many things as they can remember that they would not usually see on a Christmas tree.

**Santa's Reindeer Game**  
Circle 10 Council

Boys stand side by side on a line called the "North Pole". Another line at the end of the playing area is designated as "My House". Each boy selects the name of one of the reindeer for himself. One of the boys is selected as Santa Claus and he goes to the middle of the play area facing the reindeer, between the North Pole and My House. Santa calls the name of one of the reindeer, and all the reindeer with that name try to run to the line marked My House before they are tagged by Santa. All those tagged by Santa go to the center and help Santa tag the others. When all the reindeer names have been called, the last reindeer tagged is the new Santa.

**Christmas Stocking Relay**  
Circle 10 Council

One red stocking for each team is hung. Each contestant is provided with a teaspoon and three large cotton balls. These cotton balls must be picked up off the floor with the spoon, carried to the stocking, and dropped into it. This is run as a relay, with each runner putting his cotton balls into his team's stocking and returning to the next runner. The cotton balls must be put into the stocking without using hands.

### SONGS

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**Tommy, the Cub Scout**  
(Tune: Frosty the Snowman)  
Great Sauk Trail Council

Tommy, the Cub Scout  
Was a very happy boy  
With a uniform of blue and gold  
And a den that gave him joy.

Tommy, the Cub Scout  
Earned his badges one by one.  
He did his best and met the test.  
A good citizen he's become.

He helps out other people when  
He sees they need a lot.  
He does his chores around the house  
And feeds his dog (named Spot).

Tommy, the Cub Scout  
Does his duty willingly.  
Someday he'll join a Boy Scout Troop  
And a fine man he will be.

**Down in the Basement**  
(Tune: Up on the Housetop)  
Great Sauk Trail Council

Down in the basement Cub Scouts pause,  
They are helping Santa Claus  
Toys, games, and puzzles and goodies, too,  
Make children happy, yes they do.  
Ho, ho, ho, who wouldn't go  
Ho, ho, ho, who wouldn't go  
Out helping Santa, click, click, click,  
Try a goodwill project, quick, quick, quick.

**Holiday Time**  
Tune: Jingle Bells  
Circle 10 Council

Holidays are a time  
When there's something in the air  
More than bells that chime  
More than songs to share.  
Something gay and bright,  
More than lights aglow,  
You sense it morning,  
Noon and night,  
Wherever you may go.

**CHORUS**  
Holiday time, holiday time,  
Every Jack and Jill,  
Knows what fun it is to feel  
All a tingly with goodwill  
Holiday time, holiday time,  
Though the air be chilled,  
Everyone is tingly now,  
With a feeling of goodwill!

**Oh Christmas Tree**  
Tune: O Tannenbaum  
Circle 10 Council

(1)  
Oh, Christmas tree! Oh Christmas tree!  
Your needles falling down on me.  
Oh Christmas tree! Oh Christmas tree!  
Your needles falling down on me.  
"It's freshly cut," the salesman said.  
But now you're home, I see you're dead.  
Oh Christmas tree! Oh Christmas tree!  
Your needles falling down on me.

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(2)  
 Oh Christmas tree! Oh Christmas tree!  
 You fell over on my TV.  
 Oh Christmas tree! Oh Christmas tree!  
 You fell over on my TV.  
 The cable lines are in a pinch,  
 I can't watch Snoopy or the Grinch.  
 Oh Christmas tree! Oh Christmas tree!  
 You fell over on my TV

(3)  
 Oh Christmas tree! Oh Christmas tree!  
 Oh Christmas tree! Oh Christmas tree!  
 There's something under you I see.  
 Oh Christmas tree! Oh Christmas tree!  
 There's something under you I see.  
 Is it a present gaily wrapped?  
 No, it's a blob of gooey sap.  
 Oh Christmas tree! Oh Christmas tree!  
 There's something under you I see.

### A Hanukkah Song

Greater St. Louis Area Council

Eight bright lights, eight bright lights,  
 See how they glow, see how they glow,  
 They call to mind the Maccabees,  
 The struggle for our liberties,  
 The glory of their victories,  
 Eight bright lights.

## FUN FOOD

### Red and Green Fizz

Viking Council

Food coloring is useful for adding novelty to clear drinks, such as 7-Up. Just a few drops of red will color the drink. Make colorful ice cubes by mixing a few drips of green into the water you use in the tray. (Or use 7-Up in the tray, so the ice doesn't dilute the drink.)

### Santa Pizza

Viking Council

Your den will love this easy snack! Buy a plain cheese frozen pizza, and use the following ingredients to decorate it before baking.

Hair and beard - shredded white cheese and sliced onion

Eyes - black olive halves

Eyebrows - green pepper strips

Nose - cherry tomato half

Cheeks - pepperoni slices

### Dreidels

Viking Council

In Jewish tradition the "Festival of Lights, or Hanukkah" is an eight-day celebration. It commemorates the victory of the Jews over the Assyrians and the rededication of the temple of Jerusalem. Families gather, special foods are cooked, and gifts are given each day. The children love to play games with dreidels. Find out more about this holiday from your Jewish friends.

Dreidels to eat" push a toothpick all the way through a miniature marshmallow. The stick the point into the base of a chocolate Hershey Kiss.

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A fun inexpensive way to package the holiday cookies is to get a large gallon pickle jar. I got 8 of these from elementary school cafeterias. I bought a pack of ten of cellulose sponges (those really cheap ones). I took my Christmas cookie cutters and traced the shape onto the sponge. I then used paint and the shaped sponges (Christmas tree, reindeer, sleigh, snowman) and sponged the design onto the jars. Each one of my cubs got these as a gift from me. And filling up the jars was no problem since I always make way too many cookies. If a gallon jar is just to big, use a large mayonnaise jar.

### Cracker Jacks

LinScouts

### CRACKER JACK

- 3 qt. popped corn
- 1 c. brown sugar
- 1/2 c. butter
- 1/4 c. corn syrup
- 1/2 tsp. Salt
- 1/8 tsp. cream of tartar

Cook all except popped corn over medium heat to 260 degrees or hard ball.

Boil slowly. Pour over popped corn. Put in 200 degree oven for 1 hour.

Stir 3 times during the hour. Let cool.

## STUNTS & APPLAUSES

### Applause

Santa Clara County Council

**Rudolph Applause:** Put thumbs to your head with fingers up, forming antlers. Wrinkle your nose, saying, "Blink, blink, blink."

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**Ice Cube Cheer:** Shape an ice cube with a thumb and index finger, saying, "COOOOL!"

### Applause

Greater St. Louis Area Council

**Good Turn:** Stand up and turn around

**Great Job:** Have one half of the audience say "Great and the other half say "Going." Alternate each side.

### Stunts

Greater St. Louis Area Council

The Library

**Librarian:** Please be quiet, young man. The people near you can't even read.

**Scout:** Then what are they doing in a library?

### Walk-Ons

Linda M

#1 Before criticizing people, walk a mile in their shoes. Then when you do criticize them, you will be a mile away and have their shoes.

#2 Whenever I see an old lady slip and fall on a wet sidewalk, my first instinct is to laugh. But then I think, what if I was an ant and she fell on me. Then it wouldn't seem quite so funny.

#3 I hope if dogs ever take over the world and they choose a king, they don't just go by size, because I bet there are some Chihuahuas with some good ideas.

#4 When I found the skull in the woods, the first thing I did was call the police. But then I got curious about it. I picked it up, and started wondering who this person was, and why he had deer horns.

## SKITS

### The Magic Chef

Greater Sauk Trail Council

Have boys' line up in chef hats, with illustrations of their magic recipes. The Magic Chefs of Den \_\_\_ have come up with some new holiday recipes for preparing that holiday turkey:

**Cub #1:** I'm going to cross a turkey with a kangaroo, so I'll get a turkey with a convenient pocket to hold the stuffing.

**Cub #2:** I'm going to cross my turkey with a centipede, so there will be plenty of drumsticks for everyone.

**Cub #3:** I'm going to cross my turkey with an octopus--my family is smaller than his (points to previous Scout)-and then besides extra drumsticks, I'll have ink for thank-you notes.

**Cub #4:** I'm going to cross my turkey with an electric eel and end up with a turkey that cooks itself!

**Cub #5:** My recipe is the best of all--I'm going to cross my turkey with a chameleon. Then when we're tired of leftovers, it will change into something else!

### Santa's Chimney Woes

Great Sauk Trail Council

**Props:** Chimney, large Santa sack

**Scene:** This skit is set on a rooftop. Santa is stuck in the chimney and trying to get himself out. During the entire skit, he is struggling to free himself.

**Santa:** (Struggling) This is embarrassing! I've never got stuck before!

**Reindeer #1:** You shouldn't have dropped out of that aerobics class.

**Reindeer #2:** You looked so funny in those leotards! (All the reindeer giggle.)

**Santa:** It's not my fault. They're making the chimneys smaller every year. Besides, I watch what I eat.

**Reindeer #3:** Yeah. You watched all one billion cookies that you ate.

**Santa:** I haven't gained a pound in the last 200 years. Let's change the subject. What's taking those other reindeer that we sent to "Stop and Go" for grease so long to get back

**Reindeer #4:** The video games must have sidetracked them. You know how much Prancer loves to play Alien Invaders.

**Santa:** I suppose I should have listened to you when you started complaining about my excess weight.

**Rudolph:** All that added stress raised my blood pressure. That's the reason I have this red nose!

**Santa:** I guess I'll just have to get back into shape. I'll have to start eating your carrot sticks instead of Christmas cookies. I'll take up glacier golfing, tundra tennis, snow soccer. I'll, (suddenly) Hey! I think I'm loose! I can move! (Reaches over and grabs the bag of toys. Both Santa and the bag disappear into the chimney as he yells) MERRY CHRISTMAS!

**Reindeer #6:** I hope the next house has a sunroof!

### How Big

Greater St. Louis Area Council

(Den Leader is standing on stage. Scouts enter one by one carrying presents. You can add other decorations and backdrops as desired.)

**1<sup>st</sup> Boy:** Merry Christmas! I brought you something. (Hands her a small box)

**Den Leader:** That's very nice, Bill, but there is no need.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Boy:** Hi! Look at the present I brought you. (Hands her a bigger box.)

**DL:** Well, Bob

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**3rd Boy:** (Rushing in) Here's a present. Boy is it heavy!

**DL:** Well, Tom, what a surprise. You didn't really have to.

**4th Boy:** (Rushes in carrying box almost too big to handle)

Look what I have! Boy, are you going to like it!

**DL:** Oh dear, Boys

**5th Boy:** (Pushing heavy box across floor) Here's a Christmas gift from me. It's really neat!

**DL:** My goodness.

**6th Boy:** (Pulling a wagon on which is a box much too large to carry). Wait until you see this one! I really spent a lot of money!

**DL:** Boys, you are all very kind. But I think we should have a talk about all of this. Where's Jim?

**1st Boy:** He's coming. I don't know what is taking him so long. He doesn't have a very big gift. In fact, I didn't see him carrying anything.

**2nd Boy:** Here he is now.

**Jim:** Sorry, I'm late. I stayed after school to finish your Christmas present.

**3rd Boy:** I don't see a present. Look at all the BIG presents we brought. I can't even see yours. (Smirks)

**Jim:** Mine isn't very large, but I hope you'll like it. It's a poem.

**All:** What a present! (Lots of laughing)

**DL:** May I see it, Jim? (He hands her the paper and she reads it).

"I have no money, so I guess I'm poor  
But I have friends, that is for sure  
I have no money so I couldn't buy  
The things I'd like, though Christmas is nigh  
I have no money, but I don't care  
'Cause I have you, with whom to share  
A happy Christmas Season.  
I have no money, so I was sad  
But I looked around, and I was glad  
The things I have are worth a lot  
Some kids don't have the things I got  
I have my dad, I have my mom  
I have my dog - he loves me some  
And in my den I've learned to share  
Not things or money, but love and care  
For each of you I wish as much  
That you'll each know the work of such  
As family, friends and all the things  
That last when Christmas gifts are gone."

## CLOSING CEREMONY

### Do Your Best - Holiday Closing

Simon Kenton Council

**Arrangement:** Boys with key words hold up cards saying:  
Do Your Best.

**Cub 1:** Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.

**Cub 2:** That's called the Golden Rule.

**Cub3:** You're all Cub Scouts of Gold and Blue

**Cub 4:** The Pack Lay is your special tool.

**Cub 5:** The best way we know to celebrate this season

**Cub 6:** Is in giving your best to others.

**Cub 7:** And now we wish you, for that very reason,

**All:** Happy Holidays!! May we all be brothers.

**C-H-R-I-S-T-M-A-S**

Great Sauk Trail Council

**Preparation:** 9 Cubs enter each with a card with the appropriate letter on them.

**C** - is for Christ, who birthday we observe

**H** - is for Happiness to those we serve

**R** - is for Reverence and a prayer from above

**I** - is for Incense, a Wise man gave in love

**S** - is for Snow, a blanket so pure and white

**T** - is for Time, as it stands still tonight

**M** - is for Mary, the mother of the babe

**A** - is for Answers, as we search for the light

**S** - is for a Star, shining brightly tonight.

Please join us in singing "Silent Night."

### Gifts

Viking Council

Why not pick something from this list of Christmas gifts which are NOT advertised n television?

Give your parents the words, "I love you."

Give your children a full day of your time.

Give an ear to someone who needs a listener.

Give a hand to someone less strong.

Give an old friend a surprise visit or letter.

Give a former neighbor a phone call.

Give yourself time to reflect on this holy season.

### The Rabbi & The Soap Maker

Golden Spread Council

A Rabbi and a soap maker were walking along and the soap maker questioned the Rabbi by asking, "What good is religion? There's been religion for a long time, but people are still bad to each other"

The Rabbi was silent until they saw a boy who was dirty

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from playing in the street. The Rabbi asked the soap maker, "What good is soap? We've had soap for many, many years and people still get dirty"

The soap maker protested the comparison and insisted that the soap had to be used in order to keep people clean.

"Exactly my point", said the Rabbi. "Religion", he said, "has to be applied in order to do anybody any good."

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### SCIENTIST

**Field Trip**  
Viking Council

Visit the control tower of an airport. Learn about the principles of flight. Tour an airplane and look at all the control dials.

**Chemical Test**  
Viking Council

**Materials needed:** a clean glass, 1/4 cup of water, a teaspoon of salt, red and green liquid food coloring, a strip of paper towel about one inch wide, a pencil

**Instructions:** Mix together a few drops of the red and green food coloring. Make a spot on the paper towel with this mixture about one inch from the bottom. Let dry.

Pour the water into the glass and stir in the salt. Place the pencil across the top of the glass. Hang the paper strip over the pencil so that the end of the paper with the spot just dips into the water.

Wait a few minutes, and the water will slowly climb up the paper. The spot will separate into patches of red, yellow, light green and blue.

Why? The food coloring is a mixture of different colored chemicals. As the salt water climbs up the paper it dissolves the chemicals. Some chemicals rise higher than others.

Separating chemicals this way is called Chromatography. When the chemicals are separated they can be identified more easily.

### Atmospheric Pressure Experiment

Simon Kenton Council

We live under a blanket of air called the earth's atmosphere. The air in the atmosphere exerts pressure of almost fifteen pounds per inch on every surface of earth.

**Hanging Water** - Fill a glass to overflowing and lay a piece of cardboard atop it. Support the card with one hand, turn the glass upside down, and remove your hand from the card. The card does not fall. It remains on the glass and allows no water to escape. Why? The air pressure from below the cardboard is greater than the pressure of the water above and presses the card tightly against the glass.

### Air Pressure Experiment

If we compress air (put more air into the same space), we will increase its pressure and can use it in machines. Your bike tires use compressed air to give you a smooth ride.

**Balloon in Bottle** - Place a deflated balloon inside a two-liter bottle, with the lip of the balloon over the top of the bottle. Try to blow up the balloon. What happens? Air pressure inside the bottle increases as the balloon takes up space, so air pressure is fighting against you. To inflate the balloon, you would need to compress the air trapped between the balloon and the bottle. To compress air requires force. The human lungs are not strong enough to inflate the balloon and to compress the trapped air.

### Crystal Clear Project

**Materials:** Salt, sugar, Epsom salts, laundry detergent flakes, 4 glass jars, 4 spoons, magnifying glass, thread or thin string, very hot water, pencils, paperclips, food coloring.

### Directions:

- ◆ Fill a jar half full of very hot water. Stir a cup or more of salt, a little at a time, until no more will dissolve.
- ◆ Rub some salt onto a piece of string. Tie it around a pencil, tie a paper clip to the other end, and drop into the water. Lay the pencil across the jar.
- ◆ Put the glass in a cool place where it won't be disturbed. Do not touch the jar or the pencil. Watch for a few days.
- ◆ Repeat the process with Epsom salts, sugar, and laundry flakes. Try adding a little food coloring to one of the solutions.

The salt dissolves in the hot water. Cold water can't hold as much salt in a dissolved form. As the water cools, the salt forms again on the string. Observe each type of crystal with magnifying glass.

### Experiments in Pascal's Law

**Holding Water in a Straw** - Place a straw in a glass of water. Seal the top of the straw with your finger and remove from glass. Water remains in the straw. Why? With your finger you are lessening the air pressure over



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the straw. The greater pressure of air under the straw can hold the liquid inside the straw.

**Plugging the Gaps** - Fill a pop bottle with water, put a straw in the bottle, and seal the tip of the bottle with clay, taking care that the straw is not bent or crimped. It will be impossible to suck water out of the straw. Why? The air pressure inside the straw is reduced, so that the air outside the straw forces the liquid to remain where it is.

**Drinking from Two Straws** - Hold two straws side by side, one inside the glass and one outside the glass. If you try to drink the water, it will not enter the straws. Why? The second straw equalized the air pressure inside your mouth.

### Food Science

Invite a dietitian to your den meeting to talk about how and why foods cook. Why do you add yeast, salt or soda to recipes? What happens if you forget part of the ingredients? How does a microwave oven cook foods? What other ways are there to prepare food?

Do some cooking in your kitchen and then sample the foods. (Microwave cupcakes, hot-air popped popcorn, cookies baked in the oven, grated cheese broiled on bread, steamed pudding, YUM!)

### CRAFTSMAN

#### Auto Reflector

Simon Kenton Council

Changing a tire at night on the side of the road can be dangerous. You need a reflector of some type to warn oncoming traffic of your car. The boys can easily make such a device.

**Materials:** 1/4" plywood - cut three pieces, 2" x 8"; drill; reflector tape; coat hangers.

#### Directions:

- Sand plywood pieces and drill a 1/4" hole in the top of each. Each reflector is made of three pieces of plywood.
- Cut the coat hanger into 6" pieces.
- Cut reflector tape into several 2 - 3' pieces and stick onto two of the three pieces in a diagonal pattern. Space the tapes evenly.
- Stack the two reflectorized wood pieces on top of the other wood piece. The top holes should line up. Push a piece of coat hanger wire through the hole and wrap the ends of the hanger to form a loose loop. Tape off the ends so they won't be exposed.
- The reflector is formed by creating a tripod with three legs. The two reflectorized legs should face traffic at night. Place the reflector about 10 yards behind vehicles to warn oncoming cars.

### Field Trips

Viking Council

Arrange to visit a home under construction. Talk to the workers at the beginning of the month, and look at blueprints. Visit again at the end of the month to see the progress made in that time.

Visit a bicycle shop. Learn about the different kinds of bikes. Ask about bike maintenance. At your den meeting, take apart an old bike, then put it back together.

### Stilts

Viking Council

Make two sets of stilts at your den meeting, then race as teams. Be sure you have a large area to "walk" in.

### Carpenter Skit

Viking Council

Two boys are taking nails out of a box. One keeps throwing nails away.

"Why are you throwing all those nails away? They are perfectly good."

"The heads are on the wrong end!"

"Silly, those nails are for the other side of the house."

### Toolbox Race

Viking Council

Egg carton "toolboxes" should be prepared before the meeting. Use an assortment of bolts, screws, etc. and mix them all together in the holes.

To play the game, give each Cub an egg carton. On signal, they must organize all the items into separate compartments. The first one to sort his "toolbox" gets to take it home with him.

Talk about the necessity of organizing your work area at home. Look at someone's garage or shop to see ideas.

### Web Sites

#### BSA Web Site

<http://www.bsa.scouting.org>

#### Get a Cub Scout Uniform for \$36.00

<http://bsa.scouting.org/stuff/cubuniform/index.html>

#### Cub Scout Activity Guide

[http://usscouts.org/profbvr/cub\\_activities/start.html](http://usscouts.org/profbvr/cub_activities/start.html)

#### Hints and Tips for New Cub Leaders

<http://usscouts.org/cubscouts/cslg.html>

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### Cub Scout Discussion List

<http://onelist.com/community/Cub-Scout-Talk>

From Lorie

McDonalds is offering a free kit (\$1.00 postage and handling) via this link. Nice kit, too, in softside nylon bag

Try

[www.drugstore.com/kit](http://www.drugstore.com/kit).

Theme Related

Absolutely Free Christmas Craft Supplies

<http://www.santaland.com/craft1.html>

Christmas Calendar Chain

<http://www.night.net/Christmas/f-calendar.html>

Rosie's Christmas Tongue Twisters

<http://www.night.net/Christmas/f-twisters1.html>

Christmas Fun For Kids

<http://www.lonestarlink.com/Christmas/chkids.htm>

From Linscouts (Thank You)

Christmas Links

<http://www.craftsfaironline.com/Xmas.html>

Wendy's Holiday Crafts

<http://www.netfix.com/poptart/oldx.htm>

Mystik's Christmas Craft Page

[http://members.tripod.com/adm/popup/roadmap.shtml?member\\_name=majakal\\_mystery\\_tour&path=christmas/ball.html&ts=938234718&ad\\_type=POPUP&id=d1dc0173a2e470b107096b53d9b0dc71](http://members.tripod.com/adm/popup/roadmap.shtml?member_name=majakal_mystery_tour&path=christmas/ball.html&ts=938234718&ad_type=POPUP&id=d1dc0173a2e470b107096b53d9b0dc71)

Kendall's

<http://home.earthlink.net/~sakend/xmas.html>

<http://members.aol.com/twoanda/holidays/xmas.htm>

SantaLand

<http://www.santaland.com/arts.html>

Christmas gift and craft project ideas

<http://www.makestuff.com/christmas.html>

Scouting & Pack Pages

Pack 101

<http://members.aol.com/kqa7452/pack101/pack101.htm#spec>

Craftsman Activity Badge

Pack 114 Fun Pages

<http://www.creighton.edu/~bsteph/pack114/funpages/web-crf2.html>

Citizen Activity Badge

Pack 114 Fun pages

<http://www.creighton.edu/~bsteph/pack114/funpages/web-cit2.html>

Naturalist Activity Badge

<http://www.geocities.com/Yosemite/Trails/2431/natural.htm>

Geologist Activity Badge

<http://www.geocities.com/Yosemite/Trails/2431/natural.htm>

Just For Fun

A+ Free Stuff

<http://aplusfreestuff.com/>

### Presidential Sports Award

<http://www.lifelines.com/getfitmodule/presmain.html>

Mike Bowman, our webmaster is an absolute web genius-- check out his district page

<http://members.tripod.com/colonialdistrict/>

<http://www.pedagonet.com/clipart/clipart.eht>

Trivia

<http://www.funtrivia.com>

Family Site

<http://family.go.com/>

Ask Jeeves

<http://www.ask.com>

Whale Link

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

More freebies

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

Planter G-hop

<http://www.planetg-hop.com/>

Think it is garbage?

<http://users.hsonline.net/kidatart/htdoc/matchtmp.htm>

<http://users.hsonline.net/kidatart/htdoc/matchtmp.htm>

Kids Craft Discussion Board

<http://craftcentralstation.com/dbkids.html>

Crayola Kids Online

[http://www.bhg.com/crayolakids/makeit/lbag\\_animals/lunch.html](http://www.bhg.com/crayolakids/makeit/lbag_animals/lunch.html)

## PowWows around the USA

### Southern Region

The Pow Wow for the **Coastal Carolina Council** is in Charleston, SC, and cover most of the SC Coast. This years Pow Wow, "Turn Back the Clock", will be held **Nov. 20**, at Middleton High School. For information about registration, participants may contact our Scout Office at (843) 763-0305. The cost will be \$20.00, and will include 4 classes and a Blue and Gold Banquet, plus an electronic Pow Wow book (paper copies to cost extra), a mug, and "extras". Registration forms will be mailed out to registered leaders in the Council, but if someone from outside the council would like to attend, they can request a form by emailing me at [rtulk@hotmail.com](mailto:rtulk@hotmail.com). I plan to make these forms available by email also.

**Longhorn Council** (fort Worth, TX) University of Scouting is currently scheduled for Saturday, November 6.

**The Tukabatchee Area Council** will be holding its Pow Wow in December.

Location: Trinity Presbyterian Church, 1728 S. Hull St. Montgomery, AL

Date: December 4, 1999

Time: 8:00 AM

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Fee: \$10.00 early-bird, else \$15.00 - includes "Blue & Gold" meal, Pow Wow Book and tons of resources. Theme: "Cub Scout Spirit"

Num. of classes: 30+

Contact(s): Anne Parramore, Chair, (334) 279-7544

Karl Ward, Asst. Chair, (334) 272-8976

Notes: Special Cub Scout Trainer Wood Badge joint beading ceremony at the Blue & Gold.

Karl Ward, District Training Chairman, "I used to be a Buffalo", SR-CS-12

### Central Region

**Great Sauk Trail Council** will hold it's PowWow on January 22, 2000 at Saline High School in Saline MI. This event will include training sessions for Cub and Boy Scout leaders, as well as a couple of sessions for/about unit commissioners, new this year. The cost for this will be around \$10 for early registrations. When the final cost is decided later this month I will have an update on that., but will decide that later this month. Event contact person is Amy, as she is co-chair for this event!

Great Sauk Trail Council

1979 Huron Parkway

Ann Arbor MI 48104

(734) 971-7100

or Amy Echlin (734)487-5042 [amyechlin@hotmail.com](mailto:amyechlin@hotmail.com)

Corinne Stolaruk (734)971-6201 [ccstolaruk@aol.com](mailto:ccstolaruk@aol.com)

**The Heart of America Council** Pow Wow will be:

Saturday, November 6, 1999

Theme: Scouting For a New Millennium

Location: Truman High School, Independence, MO

Contact: Bryan Bolding, HOAC, 10210 Holmes, Kansas City, MO

Phone 816/942-9333

Cost: Varies with what you want - Base fee, lunch, book, patch, etc.

Judy Yeager, and a good ole' Bobwhite, too. . .

From Barb Stephens

**The Mid-America Council** Pow Wow will be held Saturday, November 13, 1999 from 8:00am - 4:00pm at Boystown in Omaha, Nebraska. The theme is "Reflections of the past - Visions of the future." This year the local Girl Scout Council will be involved - both attending and teaching and we will resurrect Den Chief training. Cost has not been set yet, but should be well under \$10 to attend, and about \$10 for the Pow Wow book. Watch

<http://www.novia.net/boyscouts/training.htm> for more details. For questions, call Scouter Services at 402 431-9272.

**Dan Beard Council** (Cincinnati) will be holding Akela's Workshop on November 6, 1999.  
Ed Milbrada, Cub Roundtable Commr, Ft Hamilton District,

Dan Beard Council (Cincinnati)

**Northwest Suburban Council's** PowWow is November 6th, 1999 Being held at Oakton Community College in DesPlaines ILL. Theme is "Follow the Yellow Blue Road - To Success" Registration is at 8:00AM closing around 4:30-5:00PM (hours are not yet set in stone).

### Northeast Region

#### Connecticut Rivers Council

From Jerry Cub Training Chairman-Nutmeg District We are having both Pow Wow and a University of Scouting this coming year. The Pow Wow is November 20th at East Windsor Jr.-Sr. High School, East Windsor, CT, and we are using a medieval theme. The University of Scouting is being held January 22-24, 2000 at Camp Rowland, Niantic, CT. We offer degrees in Commissioner Science and District Studies, and a certificate program in Roundtable Science.

Anyone wanting information can call or write the Council Service Center:

Connecticut Rivers Council, BSA

60 Darlin St.

PO Box 280098

East Hartford, CT 06128-0098

(860) 289-6669

### Western Region

**POW WOW Nevada Area Council**, Reno, Nevada

November 6 1999 at Billinghurst Middle School

Reno, NV

Co-Directors Pat Sheen and Pat Slye

Theme: Cub Scout Mystery Theater

E-mail: [Jsheen@mail.co.washoe.nv.us](mailto:Jsheen@mail.co.washoe.nv.us)

**Southern Sierra Council**, Cub Leader Pow Wow

Saturday, Nov. 13, 1999

8:30am-3:30pm

Leo B. Hart School

Bakersfield, CA

Contact: Randy Thornburg, [RCTHORN@aol.com](mailto:RCTHORN@aol.com)

### Resources

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<http://usscouts.org/cd/index.html> or you can get it as a CD

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