



BALOO'S BUGLE



April Cub Scout RT

Tiger Cub Big Ideas 14 & 15

Webelos Sportsman & Family Member

Save It For Us

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One of the things I learned in doing Baloo's Bugle is that I make mistakes. For instance, Roy, a DC pointed out that in the "Passports to other Land" issue the game Palito Verde was listed as a game from France. The game is not from France. I should have known that, but didn't! The game is from South America, purportedly from Columbia. I apologize for any confusion this has caused within your dens.

Most den leaders, I believe, are always on the lookout for new ideas. And sometimes these ideas come upon them in the most unusual way. I, too, am always on the look out for new ideas. Due to a change in our insurance we now go to Lenscrafters for our vision care. Today I went to pick up my glasses. While at our local Lenscrafters I read about a program they have called "The Gift of Sight." This program is all about folks donating to Lenscrafters their old glasses, when they get new ones. They recondition the glasses and give them to people who need them in poorer countries where eye care is an absolute luxury. So, thinking, "This is a great program," I decided to share it with all the readers of Baloo's Bugle. Many leaders are looking for charitable ideas to work into their den/pack programs which are fairly easy to manage. You can go to their site at www.lenscrafters.com to find out more about their "Gift of Sight" program and then set up a time when your pack can organize a day and pick up site for folks in your community to donate their old glasses. This is not an endorsement for Lenscrafter, just a plug for a worthwhile program that they work together with the Lion's Club. Just go to http://www.lenscrafters.com/helping_1.html

National Capital Area Council

April is a great month to focus on Conservation! Earth Day is in April and this is your chance to help each Scout work toward the Cub Scout World Conservation Patch. April is also a great time to schedule service projects, like cleaning out flower beds and gardens, or helping neighbors by planting vegetable gardens.

Spring is also a time to look for new buds on trees and enjoy an array of blooming flowers and shrubs. Birds return and, like our Scouts, they start looking for signs of life in our forests, yards, and streams. Let's help our Scouts learn to appreciate this beauty so that, as they grow, they will help save it for use.

PRAYERS & POEMS FOR SCOUTERS

Valerie sent me a copy of this skit, "Reflections" as promised. I am sharing it with y'all. And she has said when she used this skit at B & G, their wasn't a dry eye in the house, read this and you will see why. Also this would be great for graduation.

MEMORIES FROM THE PAST (SKIT)

Program Helps

Personnel: Narrator, adult, and Cub Scout

(Narrator's voice can be heard but narrator is not visible. This takes place at a Cub Scout home more than 25 years ago. Cub Scout is standing in front of a mirror trying to tie a necktie as he follows instructions in Wolf Book.)

Narrator: When I went to buy our son's first Cub Scout uniform, I vividly recalled a moment from my days as a Cub Scout. One badge required learning to tie a necktie. The Cub Scout book had step-by-step pictures, but I couldn't make sense of them. I stood in front of the mirror, my 8-year-old hands tumbling with the mechanics of tying a necktie, to no avail.

(Adult comes forward and helps Cub Scout tie necktie.)

Finally, my dad stepped up behind me, put his arms over my shoulders, placed his hands on my hands, and with great patience, guided me through the over-and-under and up-and-through motions of tying a tie.

My father isn't with us anymore, but whenever I stand in front of a mirror and tie my necktie, I see his face in the mirror.

I don't know whether Cub Scouts still have to tie a necktie. But I do know that fathers still yearn for opportunities to stand behind their growing sons, place their arms over their shoulders, and with their hands on their sons' hands, guide them on the way to manhood.

What My Den Leader Taught Me:

My Den Leader taught me RELIGION -
"You better pray that will come out of the carpet."

My Den Leader taught me LOGIC:
"Because I said so, that's why."

My Den Leader taught me about WEATHER -
"It looks as if a tornado swept through this room."

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My Den Leader taught me how to solve PHYSICS PROBLEMS

"If I yelled because I saw a meteor coming toward you; would you listen then?"

My Den Leader taught me about HYPOCRISY

"If I've told you once, I've told you a million times don't exaggerate!!!"

Lindalope (Go Viking Council) sent me these words from Audrey Hepburn.

The following was written by Audrey Hepburn who was asked to share "beauty tips."

For attractive lips, speak words of kindness.
 For lovely eyes, seek out the good in people.
 For a slim figure, share your food with the hungry.
 For beautiful hair, let a child run his or her fingers through it once a day.
 For poise, walk with the knowledge that you never walk alone.
 People, even more than things, have to be restored, renewed, revived, reclaimed and redeemed; never throw out anyone.
 Remember, if you ever need a helping hand, you'll find one at the end of each of your arms. As you grow older, you will discover that you have two hands, one for helping yourself, the other for helping others.
 The beauty of a woman is not in the clothes she wears, the figure that she carries, or the way she combs her hair. The beauty of a woman must be seen in her eyes, because that is the doorway to her heart, the place where love resides.
 The beauty of a woman is not in a facial mode, but the true beauty in a woman is reflected in her soul. It is the caring that she lovingly gives, the passion that she shows.

Cleaning your house before a den meeting is like clearing the drive before it has stopped snowing.
 Children will soon forget your presents, they will always remember your presence.
 Children seldom misquote you. In fact, they usually repeat word for word what you shouldn't have said.
 The best inheritance parents can give their children is a few minutes of their time each day.

Circle 10 Council

Think on these things:

It is easier to bend a boy than to mend a man...
 Opportunity knocks but once in the life of a boy – make it happen

It isn't what the boy does to the wood that counts – it's what the wood does for the boy
 Cub Scouts have more need of models than critics
 The interests of childhood and youth are the interests of mankind
 The greatest use of life is to expend it on something that will outlast it
 No man stands too tall as when he stoops to help a boy
 Someone said 'Boys will be boys'. He forgot to add "Boys will be men
 The mark of a trained Cub Scouter is to see something in a mud puddle besides mud
 There is no failure until you fail to keep trying...
 There are not Seven Wonders of the World in the eyes of a Cub Scout –there are seven million
 Cub Scouting is contagious – let's spread it
 Laughter is the shortest distance between two people
 A true conservationist is a man who knows that the world is not given by his fathers, but borrowed from his children
 You can preach a better sermon with your life than with your lips
 The only thing wrong with the younger generation is that many of us do not belong to it any more
 Where we are going and how we move is more important than where we stand
 I shall pass this way but once – if there is any good I can do, let it be now –for I shall not pass this way again
 Others will follow in your footsteps more easily than they will follow your advice

Think About It!

By Jo Anne Nelson

What kind of place would this world be If there were no such thing as "me"? No "I", no "you", no "he" or "she". Just "them" and "they", and "us" and "we"? No music to hear, no art to see, no books to read, no history. What a horrid place this would surely be If there was no individuality.
 Grand buildings stand as testaments to architects' visions. Groups of people, working together, take a drawing and make it become a reality. We enjoy beautiful buildings such as the Taj Mahal, Notre Dame cathedral, and even Stonehenge, because one person had a thought unique in the world.
 Every piece of art, music, architecture, every book ever written, even language itself, started as a glimmer of thought in an individual's mind. Our species evolved and grew because of the value placed on the "oneness" of each person.
 As children grow, they learn to be members of families, communities, nations and humankind. Under all the veneer of civilization and belonging, though, they must learn to be

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unique individuals, in order to develop their talents and become contributing members of society.

“We” can accomplish wondrous things, pooling “our” resources, but only if “he” creates a project for “us” to work on. Ideas, like germs, start with a single cell and expand to fit their container. If the container is too small, the cells start to die. Likewise, if individual ideas are not allowed to expand, they never reach their full potential. “We” must teach the children in our care that each “one” is important. Without “me” there can be no “I”.

I am important to the world. Without me the universe would be smaller.

TRAINING TIP

Has your Den earned the National Den Award?

Cub Scouting happens in the den. The National Den Award creates an incentive for a year-round, fun, quality program in the den. The National Den Award may be earned only once in any twelve-month period (charter year, calendar year, etc.) which is determined by the pack committee.

Requirements

A. Have at least 50 percent of the den's Cub Scouts or Webelos Scouts attend two den meeting and one pack meeting or activity each month of the year.

B. Complete six of the following during the year.

1. Utilize the denner system within the den.
2. Have 50 percent of the den go on three field trips per year. A field trip may be used in place of a den meeting.
3. As a den, attend a Cub Scout day camp, Cub Scout or Webelos Scout residence camp, or council family camping event with at least 50 per cent of the den membership.
4. Incorporate at least three Ethics in Action activity modules in den meetings during the year.
5. As a den participate in at least one of the Cub Scout Sports programs.
6. As a den, participate to at least one of the Cub Scout Academics programs.
7. Have 50 percent of the den participate in a den conservation/resource project.
8. Have 50 percent of the den participate in at least one den service project.

The above information came from the Cub Scout Leader Book on page 9-10. Applications can also be found at your Scout Shop.

TIGER CUBS

Big Idea #14--Family Games, Tricks & Puzzles

Make A Difference 97 Pow Wow

Ripped Puzzles

Materials: piece of paper and crayons

Process: Give each person a piece of paper and have them make a drawing, keeping it hidden from the other players. Make the picture as complicated as possible, with lots of details covering the entire surface. When all are finished drawing, have them tear their picture into an agreed upon number of pieces. The number depends on the size of paper, but don't make pieces unreasonably small. Everyone passes his puzzle to another player who tries to reassemble it.

Calendar Toss

Materials: a page from a large wall calendar, checkers or poker chips

Process: Place the calendar page on the floor. Have the boys stand at least 6 feet away and take turns tossing 3 checkers onto the calendar

page. When everyone has tossed their checkers, have them total up their score. The date they have landed on determines their number of points.

Tug of War

Materials: long rectangle piece of heavy paper, red marker, black marker, blue marker, die, 2 game markers

Process: Make a game board on a piece of paper. Draw a straight line lengthwise through the middle of the board. Place one white dot in the middle of the board. On one side of the white dot place 6 red dots. On the other side place 6 blue dots. Two players sit at each end of the "rope". One game piece is placed on the white circle to begin the game. The players take turns rolling a die and moving the marker toward their end of the "rope". **Example:** If the player on the red end rolls a 4, he moves the marker four dots toward his end. The player with the blue circles then rolls a 5. He moves the same piece back his way five dots. The winner is the first player to move the marker to the end of his rope.

Big Idea #15--Fitness and Sports

Marble Golf

This 9 hole golf course is laid out around the yard. Small tin cans are sunk into the ground. One to four players start off and shoot marbles. They count the shots taken to get the marbles into the cans. Hazards may be small brushes, lengths of drain spouts, tubes through which the golfer must shoot, an upright 2 foot long board with a 4 inch hole. For a water hazard, sink a tin pie plate or other suitable container and fill with water. Use flags made from paper triangles glued to popsicle sticks. Golf rules should be observed in playing this game. (The rules can be found in the Cub Scout Sports Book for Marbles.

Tail Feathers

The tail feathers are neckerchiefs tucked under the belt in back, with at least 2/3 left hanging. The idea is to snatch the tail from someone else's belt. Play in a large area with

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designated boundaries. The winner can either be the one who keeps his tail feather the longest, or the one who collects the most tail feathers.

Balloon Volleyball Game

Boys divide into two teams. Each team sits on the floor facing each other with their feet out in front of them. The leader tosses a balloon between the two teams. Boys try to bat the balloon over the heads of the other team. If they succeed, they get one point. The first team to reach ten points wins. For variety, have the boys use only one hand, or toss two balloons.

Tiger Tail

This game is played like Duck, Duck, Goose. Everyone sits in a circle, except for the one Tiger who is "It". "It" walks around the outside of the circle tapping each boy and saying: "Tiger, Tiger, Tiger, Tiger, Tiger Tail!" The boy tapped as the Tiger Tail must get up and race "It" around the circle back to the empty spot. The person who doesn't get a seat is the next "It".

Huff, Puff Tiger

Have Tigers stand or kneel around a table so that they are all chin level with the table. Place a ping pong ball in the center of the table. All Tigers try to keep the ball from rolling off the edge of the table by blowing hard to keep it in the middle of the table. The person closest to the spot where the ball leaves the table is out. In the end there will only be two Tigers blowing the ball back and forth. One will eventually prove to be the bigger "Blow Hard."

LEADER IDEAS

PRE-OPENING ACTIVITY

Scavenger Hunt

Baden-Powell Council

Provide each Cub Scout or family with the following list. They are to collect signatures of individuals who meet the description. The boy or family finished first or who collects the most signatures in the time limit set wins. The questions can be changed to meet the needs of your group or theme requirements.

- 1. Has the same color eyes as you

- 2. Has traveled outside the United States.

- 3. Graduated from college

- 4. Is the youngest in his family

- 5. Has more than three brothers or sisters

- 6. Has the same astrological sign as you

- 7. Enjoys math

- 8. Can speak two languages

- 9. Has seen the same movie at least three times

- 10. Can drive a tractor

- 11. Has a cat

- 12. Was born in another state

OPENING CEREMONY

Declaration Of Dependence On Nature

Personnel: Seven Cubs

Props: Lit candles from opening.

Scene: Lower or turn out room lights. Each Cub says his line then blows out a candle.

Cub #1: I am part of nature.

Cub #2: I have an affect on everything that lives.

Cub #3: I am bound together with all living things in the air, in the land, and in the water.

Cub #4: My life depends upon nature, upon its balance, upon its resources and upon the continuity of both.

Cub #5: To destroy nature is to destroy myself.

Cub #6: As a member of the human race, I am responsible for its survival.

Cub #7: I am a part of nature, and I will not destroy it, for if I do, my world will be a darker place.

Conserving Our Natural Resources

Sandy from various resources

Personnel: Seven Cubs

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Props: Seven candles in a candleholder, (a half log with 7 holes drilled in it would fit the theme) a lighter or matches and a candle for the Cubs to use to light the candles in the candleholder.

Scene: The CM or DL lights the "lighter candle". The Cubs each light a candle in the holder and read their part.

CUB #1: We have been observing and studying Nature's treasures.

CUB #2: We will help to maintain nature's balance.

CUB #3: We will help and learn from nature's animals.

CUB #4: We will help and learn from nature's resources.

CUB #5: We will protect them from harm.

CUB #6: We will follow the conservation pledge.

CUB #7: Will you all please rise and join me in the conservation pledge.

"I give my pledge as an American, to save and faithfully defend from waste, the natural resources of my country, its soil and minerals, its forests, water, and wildlife."
Thank you. Please be seated.

God's Handiwork

Baden Powell Council

Cub Scout 1: We've learned a lot about taking care of this wondrous planet of ours.

Cub Scout 2: We will protect and clean up the air, so all can enjoy the stars.

Cub Scout 3: We won't litter our fields and streams or throw our trash on the roads.

Cub Scout 4: We will enjoy all the sun's beams and protect the homes of the toads.

Cub Scout 5: Nature is truly a wondrous thing. God's handiwork is everywhere.

Cub Scout 6: In flowers and trees and butterfly wings, in clean water, clean fields and clean air.

C-U-B-S

Heart of America Council

Personnel: 4 Cubs

Equipment: Prepare posters that reflect the messages presented with the letters **CUBS** on them.

Setting: The boys stand in front of the Pack and recite their lines:

C stands for "**Cut Back**". Reduce the amount of trash and waste you make.

U stands for "**Use**". Use things again instead of throwing them away.

B stands for "**Be Sure**". Be sure to recycle whatever you can instead of throwing it in the trash.

S stands for "**Save**" together we can save our planet from too much pollution.

Nature

Heart of America Council

Personnel: 7 Cubs

Settings: With Scouts holding the letters spelling out "Nature" have each of the Scouts read the following:

N: is for **Nothing** so beautiful as a forest in summer

A: is for **Animals** that are free to run and play

T: is for **Tall Pine Trees** that try to touch the sky

U: is for life **Under** the rocks and logs in the woods

R: is for **Rivers** that flow freely all year through

E: is for **Everything** God made for you and me

Please rise for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Building A Better World

Heart of America Council

Personnel: Narrator and 11 Cub Scouts, each holding a card with a letter on the front and his line on the back. Each speaker holds up his letter as he says his line. Last line delivered by all.

B for Brotherhood,
boosting for each other's good

E for Every Land
to share in earth's riches everywhere

T for Trustfulness,
trusting more and fearing less

T for Teamwork
for joining hands to put things through

E for Equal Chance
for each nation to advance

R for Real Respect
in spite of race, creed, or sect.

W for Will to Work
for peace with faith and skill

O for Opportunity
to keep our speech and action free

R for Reverence
for a guiding providence

L for Love to Spread
around when need and bitterness are found

D for Dignity
of man devoted to a better plan.

(All hold up letters)

Narrator: There you have it, that is how you build a Better World.

Twig Ceremony

National Capital Area Council

Equipment: A single twig and a bundle of twigs; American Flag

Begin by posting the colors at the head of the group and follow with this statement: "Scouters, I hold in my hand several twigs. You can see that one twig alone is easy to

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break (demonstrate by breaking a single twig in two), but when I put several twigs together, they are almost impossible to break (make an unsuccessful effort to break the bundle of twigs). There is strength in numbers. As a nation of people working together to preserve our freedom and heritage, we can keep our country strong.

Will you join me in the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag?

Mother Nature
National Capital Area Council

CAST: Leader (Mother Nature), 5 Cubs

Mother Nature: Everything living and properly cared for grows. It needs warmth, water, and care and protection. Cub Scouts grow. What do they need?

Cub #1: He needs food to grow.

Cub #2: He needs a home for shelter.

Cub #3: He needs a man to be his friend.

Cub #4: He needs to go to school to grow mentally.

Cub #5: He needs to go to church or synagogue to grow spiritually.

Mother Nature: It is our job to see that we do not take away any of nature's needs, in this world of ours. (Add other needs for more parts, depending on the number of boys you wish to use in the ceremony). This can also be a closing.

A Campfire Opening

(Audience is seated and all lights are turned off. Campfire is ready to light from each corner.)

First Person: (Enters campfire area with candle in hand and stands in front of campfire facing audience. Lights candle with lighter and says...) "This is the light Scouting. It radiates enthusiasm. As light brings out the sparkle in diamonds, enthusiasm brings out the sparkle in Scouting."

Second Person: (Walks into campfire area and stands on right side of person with lit candle. Lights candle from first candle then faces audience and says...) "This is the light of Scouting. It's energy gives us the strength to do our best!"

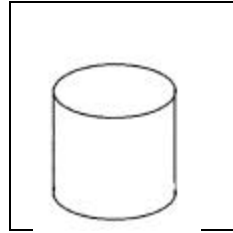
Third Person: (Walks into campfire area and stands on left side of person with lit candle. Lights candle from first candle then faces audience and says...) "This is the light of Scouting. It touches everyone. Remember the brotherhood we share together in this place."

Fourth Person: (Walks into campfire area and stands on right side of person with lit candle. Lights candle from first candle then faces audience and says...) "This is the light of Scouting. It brightens the way of the path we will follow." All four people turn around and walk back to the campfire. One person stands by each corner of the campfire and together they light the campfire. Together they stand behind the campfire and the first person says: "Feel the

warmth from the glow of the light. May it warm your heart." All blow out candles and walk away.

DEN DOODLES

Save it for Us



Paint a film canister silver to represent trashcan. Fill with "trash" (sticks, paper, tin foil.)

PACK/DEN ACTIVITIES

Make Smog

Sandy from various resources

Supplies: Glass jar, Aluminum foil, Ice, Paper, Matches or lighter

Directions:

1. Find a large jar and wash it out with water. Don't dry the jar though, you want it to be slightly damp.
2. Cut a piece of aluminum foil slightly larger than the top of the jar. Put some ice cubes onto the foil.
3. Cut a small piece of paper. Fold it a couple of times then twist it.
4. An adult should light the paper and drop it in the jar. Quickly seal the jar with the foil (which has the ice on top) and watch what happens.

How it works:

The smoke from the burning paper rises up in the warm air. When it reaches the cold air around the ice, it sinks back down to the middle where it mixes with the humidity (water) in the air to form smog. When the weather is damp and warm, the same thing happens over cities that produce a lot of smoke and pollution. Does this happen in your town?

Pollution From Car Engines

Sandy from various resources

THE CAR MUST BE OUTDOORS – NOT IN A GARAGE!!!

Supplies: Square of fine cotton, Strong rubber band, Car

Directions:

1. Take a square of fine cotton (an old handkerchief will do) and wrap it over the end of a cold exhaust pipe. Hold it in place with a strong rubber band.
2. Have an adult turn the engine on for two minutes. Stand away from the car because the exhaust fumes are lethal.
3. After the engine is turned off, ask an adult to remove the cotton. What does it look like?

How it works:

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The dirt on the cotton is soot, which normally goes into the air. When we breathe in, we take this soot, together with car fumes, into our lungs.

Catalytic Converters:

All new cars have a catalytic converter. This is a device that is fitted into the exhaust system to filter out harmful gases and some of the soot in the exhaust fumes. These cars can only use lead-free gasoline and are generally less polluting.

Decomposition Exercise

Sandy from various resources

Have the Cubs bring several common household trash items to the meeting. With a stapler, hammer and nail, or duct tape, attach the trash to a board and expose it to the elements for a month. Make sure that the board is set up in a clear area where it will get the full force of the sun, wind and rain. At the end of the month examine each item and compare their relative decomposition.

CRAFTS

GROCERY BAG KEEPER

Supplies:

2-liter soda bottles
Knife and scissors
Plastic grocery bags

Directions:

1. Wash and dry bottles thoroughly.
2. Cut off about 3 inches off the top of the bottle and about 2 inches off the bottom of the bottle.
3. Stuff the bottles with plastic grocery bags.

MONSTER MARKERS

Supplies:

Roll-on deodorant bottles (Ban works best)
paint

Directions:

1. Take the deodorant bottles apart and wash and dry well.
2. Mix tempera or poster paint. Get out all the lumps. It should be as thick as cream.
3. Pour the paint into the bottle.
4. Put the roll-on cap back on. Use your markers as you would any other kind of marker. Don't forget to put the outer cap back on when you are finished using your markers. Collect lots of bottles and put different colored paint in each.

SEEDLING NECKLACE

Supplies:

Small clear plastic pill bottles
or
Clear 35 mm film containers
Lids for containers
Cotton balls
Seeds
Water
Yarn and scissors

Directions:

1. Moisten the cotton ball thoroughly then squeeze the excess moisture out. Put the wet cotton inside the bottle. Slip two or three seeds between the cotton and the wall of the bottle. Put on the lid.
2. Tie a piece of yarn around the lid then tie the two ends together to form a necklace.
3. Wear your necklace until the seeds have sprouted. Then, plant them in a flowerpot or in your garden.

PUZZLE TREE

Supplies:

Yellow and brown construction paper
Old jigsaw pieces
Scissors and glue

Directions:

1. Cut a tree shape from the brown construction paper. Glue the tree on the yellow paper.
2. Glue the puzzle pieces on the tree for leaves. If your puzzle pieces have lots of red, orange, and brown colors on them you can make an autumn tree and glue some of the pieces at the base of the tree, to make leaves on the ground. Pink pieces mixed with light green pieces make pretty spring trees. Green pieces are just right for a summer tree. Why not make all three to show the different trees during the changing seasons.

Hint:

If your puzzle pieces are not the right color for the tree just turn them over and paint them the color you want.

RECYCLED WIND SOCK

Supplies:

Plastic margarine, Cool Whip, or similar tubs
Scissors and knife
Bells
Glue
Crepe paper party streamers, plastic bags, ribbon, nylon fabric, or yarn

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Directions:

1. Cut the bottom out of the plastic tub. Cut the center out of the lid, leaving the outer ring.
2. Cut 2-foot streamers from the crepe paper, ribbon, or plastic bags. Arrange them around the rim of the tub so that they hang down over the edge. Put a small bead of glue all the way around the inside of the lid and snap it over the rim of the tub to hold the streamers in place.
3. Tie the bells onto a 1-foot length of yarn. Tuck the two ends of the yarn under the lid so that it forms a hanger.
4. Hang outside where the wind will blow it.

SOCK CACTUS

Supplies:

Old white socks Toothpicks
Sand Rubber band
Glue Green poster paint or green spray paint
Large detergent bottle cap, hair spray cap, or similar can top

Directions:

1. Cut the foot off of a sock just after the heel. Stuff the part of the sock you cut off into the foot to make the cactus. You may need to put in part of another sock or pillow stuffing to make it full enough. Close the sock with a rubber band. Trim off some of the extra sock if you need to, but be sure to leave about 3 in. for "planting" the cactus.
2. Paint the cactus green and let it dry.
3. Break several toothpicks in half, dip them in glue, and pole them into the cactus to make the spines. Let the glue dry.
4. To plant the cactus, mix glue into the sand so that it moistens it completely. Use enough sand to almost fill the cap. Stand the cactus in the cap and pack the sand into the cap around the cactus. Let the sand and glue dry overnight.

HAIRY HARRY

Supplies:

Old panty hose or knee-highs
Potting soil
Grass seed
Wiggle eyes
Red paint marker
Small black pom pom
Lo-temp hot glue gun
Scissors
Rubber band
Water
Small flowerpot

Directions:

1. If using panty hose cut off the foot end so that it is about a six inches long.
2. Carefully place a scant teaspoon of grass seed in the tip end of the hose. Place enough potting soil on top of the seed so that you form a 3 to 4 inch ball. Secure the loose end of the panty hose with a rubber band.
3. Hot glue the wiggle eyes below the seeds. Hot glue the pom pom in place for a nose and use the marker to draw a mouth.
4. Hot glue the soil filled panty hose ball to the flowerpot, seed side up.
5. Water and keep moist and in a few days "Harry" will grow "hair".

The Eggheads Baden Powell Council

This year, give your bald Easter eggs a head of hair.

Materials: Eggs and carton, small nail, soil, grass seed, permanent markers, film canisters.

Procedure:

1. Use a small nail to make a hole about the size of a quarter in one end of an egg, the drain the egg and rinse out the shell. Draw funny faces on shells and put them back in carton.
2. Fill the shells with soil (using spoon makes it easier), then plant with grass seeds.
3. Moisten the soil, cover with plastic wrap, and place in a sunny window until the seeds sprouts - generally less than a week. When the eggheads have a thick, green mane, remover the covering and place them on a stand (empty film canisters work for this.)
4. Style the hair into pigtails, buzz cuts, or Mohawks and water every day.

Circle 10 Council

It is time for out of door activities. We need to be aware of out environment and what we can do to help preserve our natural resources. This is an excellent month to work on the World Conservation Award.

Can You Believe?

1. Each person in the United States throws out about four pounds of garbage every day.
2. New York City alone throws out enough garbage each day to fill the Empire State building.
3. In one day, Americans get rid of 20,000 cars and 4,000 trucks and buses.

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4. Fourteen billion pounds of trash is dumped into ocean every year.
5. Forty-three thousand tons of food is thrown out in the United States each day.
6. Each hour, people in the United States use two and a half million plastic bottles.
7. People in the United States throw out about 200 million tires every year.
8. All the people in the United States make enough garbage each day to fill 100,000 garbage trucks.
9. In only one day, people in the United States toss 15,000 tons of packing material.
10. It takes 90 percent less energy to recycle an aluminum can than to make a new one.
11. Sixty-five billion aluminum soda cans are used each year.
12. The energy saved by recycling a glass bottle instead of making a new one would light a light bulb for four hours.
13. Every ton of paper that is recycled saves seventeen trees.
14. Only about one-tenth of all solid garbage in the United States gets recycled.

What You Can Do!

1. Begin your own home recycling center.
2. Organize your den to take a field trip to a park or beach to clean up litter.
3. Instead of using paper towels, use cloth towels, which can be washed and reused again and again.
4. Before you toss soda rings into the garbage, cut all the circles with scissors so animals and birds can't get caught in them.
5. Instead of throwing out some things that you don't want anymore, see if someone else could use them. Try having a yard sale.
6. Keep a ragbag. Put old torn clothes in it and have a supply of rags to help clean the house or use for messy projects.
7. When you go shopping, bring a cloth bag or recycle old brown paper bags by taking them with you.
8. Bring old books you don't want to your library. Maybe the library could use them.
9. Save paper. Use both sides of every sheet. Use recycle paper. If more of us use recycled paper, there will be a bigger demand for it.

Soda Cans

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Before a soda can gets to the store, before it has soda in it before it's even a can, it is part of the earth!

As a conservation project for your den, recycle the aluminum cans your family uses. These cans can also be used for crafts.

Materials needed: Aluminum cans – empty, paint that will hold on aluminum, Hot glue or 6000 glue, materials needed for decorating the cans

Directions:

1. Wash the can thoroughly of all soda.
2. Crush the can so that the can top is on one side and the can bottom is on the other side.
This may take several cans in order to get them crushed correctly.
3. Make the can as flat as you can.
4. Paint the can any way you choose. An example: make a Cub Scout
5. Glue on any accessories needed.
6. A magnet could be attached on the back.

List Of Environmental Groups:

1. The National Resources Defense Council
40 West 20th Street
New York, NY 10011
They're starting kids' environmental organization – ask them about it!
2. The Environmental Defense Fund
1616 P Street NW
Suite 150
Washington, DC 20036
3. Renew America
Suite 710
1400 16th Street NW
Washington, DC 20036
They've got an interesting collection of environmental "success stories" – true stories about kids who made a difference.
4. Greenpeace
1436 U Street NW
Washington, DC 20009

Turn It On! -- Turn It Off!

Circle 10 Council

You can save up to 20,000 gallons of water a year by not letting the water run. That's enough to fill a swimming pool. Imagine pumping water or hauling it from a well every time you wanted to brush your teeth, like they used to the old days. It was hard work! Life is easier now. We can just turn on a faucet and presto water! In fact, it's so easy to get water that we let gallons of it go down the drain without thinking! We need a little water-saving magic: Presto, on! Presto, off! Don't go with the flow! Practice conservation – keep track for a week how much water you have conserved. Here are a few suggestions of what you can do:
When you brush your teeth: Just wet your brush, then turn off the water ... and then turn it on again when you need to rinse your brush off. You'll save up to nine gallons of water each time! That's enough to give your pet a bath.

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When you wash dishes: If you just fill up the basin and rinse dishes in it, instead of letting the water run, you can save up to 25 gallons each time. That's enough to take a five-minute shower.

When you're going to take a bath: Plug the tub before you let the water run, so you don't waste any.

When you're thirsty: If you like cool water, why not leave bottles of it in the refrigerator instead of letting the water run! You'll save water, and still have a cool drink. After you have tracked the water usage in your home, bring your notes to the den meeting and share with your fellow Cub Scouts their notes.

Stop The Drip

Circle 10 Council

An Overnight Project

If there is a leaky faucet in your home, put a container under it to catch the drip. Leave it overnight. You may be surprised to see how much water collects overnight from even a slow drip. It is definitely worth fixing every leaky faucet. You'll save water and you'll save money. If you don't know how to fix a faucet, you can learn how from a book. Find one in the library.

Check The Flow

A One-Minute Project

How much water runs out of your sink faucet in a minute? All you have to do to find out is put a pail in the sink. Turn the water on and let it run while you time it: Stop! What you see in the pail is the water that would have run down the sink in just one minute, while you were rinsing off a dish or washing a potato. This time you saved it. (Use the water you have just saved to water the houseplants.) Next time, you can save water by rinsing or scrubbing in a small pan of water.

Catch A Shower

Circle 10 Council

A Five-Minute Project

Which uses more water, a bath or a shower?

To find out, plug the drain of the tub and take a five-minute shower. Then check the water level in the tub. Is it as deep as the water you usually run for a bath? If you can convince your family to get a water-saver shower head, you should try the experiment after you've installed it to see how much lower the water level is.

Approximately 97% of the earth's water is in the oceans, and 2% is ice. All the fresh water that people use comes from the last 1%.

More than 90% of the world's drinkable water comes from a source under the surface of the earth (groundwater).

A person can live for weeks without food, but cannot live for more than a few days without water.

A faucet dripping at the rate of one drop per second wastes 880 gallons of water a year.

Every ton of recycled paper saves 7,000 gallons of water that would be used in paper production.

Pack Meeting Ideas

Trapper Trails Council

Plan a pack activity in a nature setting, an arboretum or an open field, a National Park or other natural setting. A park would do, but you may need to adjust a few activities. Try a blind-folded nature walk where families walk with their hand on the shoulder of the person ahead of them. The leader would be the Cub master and he of course would not be blind-folded. You could have a quiet moment where they listen to music about nature. "Sharing Nature with Children" is an excellent book of ideas and activities to do with boys and families. Check your local library.

Everything That's Not Supposed To Be The Hike

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All the cubs are to make a list of all things along the trail, that weren't supposed to be there. Some things such as a glass, a pot, saw, extension cord, tennis ball, etc. can be pre-planted. When the boys return they will probably have found more than you put there.

Nature Treasure Hunt

The treasure hunt layout depends upon your meeting site. The committee should lay it out several hours before the meeting. Make sure the course is challenging enough to test the Cub Scout's knowledge. The sample course given here would be appropriate for a small park with some trees, picnic area, and a playground.

Dens start at intervals of 5 minutes. All dens are given scorecards on which they write their findings for each station. Tell them this is not a speed contest. At each station they look under a rock to find a note telling them what to do and where to go next. A dad should be in vicinity of each station to provide minimum help, if needed, and to make sure the notes with directions are replaced by each den.

Station 1: You are standing under a tree. Is it an elm, oak, maple, pine, or crabapple? Write down your answer. Go northwest to 4th Street entrance to the park and look around a bush on the right side.

Station 2: Within 5 paces of this spot, there is an insect's home. Find it and write name of the insect. (Could be an ant colony, beehive, wasps' nest, etc.) Go south 50 paces to the park bench and look around the northeast side.

Station 3: Five paces west of this spot is a yellow flower. What is it? Is it edible? (Plant is a dandelion.) Go west to the tallest tree you see in that direction and look around its base.

Station 4: Within 10 paces of this spot is a plaster cast of an animal track. Find it. Is it of a squirrel, bear, dog, horse, deer or skunk? (Use cast of a dog track.) Go 40 paces

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northwest to the playground swings and look around the post on the southeast side.

Station 5: To your right, a Square Foot Claim is staked out. Write down all the nature things you see within it. Don't dig it. Go south to the charcoal grill.

Station 6: Within 5 paces of here, there are scattered 10 pictures of birds. Write down the names of the ones you can identify. Go east to the twin oak trees and look around the base of the one on the right.

Station 7: Pick up a leaf or bit of grass, and toss it into the air. From which direction is the wind coming? Write it down. Go back to Station land turn in your scorecard. The den with the best scorecard should be awarded a small prize—perhaps an inexpensive field guide to birds and a blue ribbon for each member. All treasure hunters might be given candy at the end of the hunt.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Audience Participation

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The Litter Bug

Heart of America Council

Paper Crackle, crackle

Cans Clatter, clatter

Trash Dump, dump

Litter Bug Toss and Throw

God put bugs in this world for many reasons,

He made them to live in every kind of season.

But the pesky **Litter Bug**, with his **Paper** and **Cans**

Was made through neglected **Trash** by the foolish man.

To keep our land beautiful, get rid of that **Litter Bug**,

So beach goers can again lounge on a clean, sand rug.

Because of this pest, we must walk around

in **Paper** and **Cans** and **Trash** on the ground.

Just who are the **Litter Bugs** who mess up our land?

Do you really ever see them toss that **Paper** or **Can**?

And in dumping his **Trash** he is very sly.

So most of the time it just appears there,

As if it had dropped right out of thin air.

Could it be we are so used to throwing things there,

That we dump **Paper** AND **Cans** without being aware?

Without even thinking when we toss **Trash** and waste,

We could be a **LitterBug** in all of our haste.

So when you unwrap that gum or candy,

Don't throw down the **Paper** just because it is handy.

Next time stop and think when it's pop **Cans** you toss,

'Cause if you're a **Litter Bug** it's also your loss

If every single person would take note of his habit

That pesky **LitterBug** we could certainly nab it.

Then that terrible bug we could surely stamp it out,

With no more **Paper** or **Cans** or **Trash** about

to keep our land beautiful we must all do our part,

By taking care of our **Trash** properly from the start.

ADVANCEMENT CEREMONIES

From David Lyons

WEBELOS -to- Boy Scouts Bridging Ceremony

Del-Mar-Va Council

Props - 4 - 5 to 6 foot 4 X 4's for foundation or 2 X 6's notched to interlock

5 - 4 foot 2x10's - one plain, one yellow, one blue, one green, one red

All words are spoken by same person - Narrator, emcee, Cubmaster, whoever

WEBELOS leader, will you please place the first post on the stage in a North/South direction. (WL places post)

WEBELOS Asst. leader, please place the second post on the stage three feet away from the first post in the North/South direction. (WA places post)

These two posts placed here are symbolic of the foundations of Scouting that these WEBELOS leaders have instilled in their WEBELOS Scouts through activities and outings as represented by the natural brown color.

Scout Master (name) and Assistant Scout Master or Senior Patrol leader), please place your posts in an East/West direction 3 feet apart over the North/South posts that are already in place. (SM and SPL place posts)

As represented by the structure assembly, Boy Scouting will build on the Scouting foundation begun in WEBELOS.

These leaders have set the stage for bridging the boys from Cub Scouting into Boy Scouting.

WEBELOS Scout (name), will you and your parents please bring the unfinished plank forward and place it across the east/west posts. (Scout places plank)

This unfinished plank represents the boys as they arrived in Cub Scouting, full of potential but unfinished.

WEBELOS Scout (name), will you and your parents please bring the blue plank forward and place it snugly against the unfinished plank. (Scout places plank)

This Blue plank represents the Wolf and Bear years of Cub Scouting where with the help of their parents the Scouts became true blue and loyal friends.

WEBELOS Scout (name), will you and your parents please bring the gold plank forward and place it snugly next to the blue planks. (Scout places plank)

This Gold plank represents their golden years in Cub Scouting as Webelos learning important skills through activity badges and culminating in the Arrow of Light.

WEBELOS Scout (name), will you and your parents please bring the green plank forward and place it next to the gold plank. (Scout places plank)

This green plank represents their new beginning as Boy Scouts, who will soon be green Tenderfoot scouts, anxious to begin the Boy Scout trial toward Eagle.

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WEBELOS Scout (name), will you and your parents please place the final plank onto the bridge. (Scout places plank) This last plank is red the predominant color in the Eagle Scout Badge and represents the fact that as they step off the bridge from Cub Scouting to Boy Scouting they are beginning of their journey to becoming Eagle Scouts.

Webelos entering Troop (number), please assemble with your parents at the unfinished board of the now completed Bridge of Scouting?

As we present you with your Pack graduation Certificate, will each parent please remove your sons Webelos neckerchief and slide.

Scoutmaster invites boys across the bridge, calling each by name and (performing whatever ceremonies are customary for your pack and troop)

After all have crossed - Pack (number) please stand and show your pride to the new Boy scouts from this Pack. (Cheer (Blast Off), Applause)...

We are very proud of you all.

The Great Outdoors

Heart of America Council

Personnel: Cubmaster & Assistant Cubmaster

Setting: Cardboard trees and bushes in the background. several boys and adults dressed in casual clothes mill around, stand, then walk off.

Cubmaster: Did you see all those people hanging around the park?

Assistant Cubmaster: Yes, I wonder what they were doing?

Cubmaster: I don't know who they were, but I know they were swimming, playing, cooking, resting and, above all, having **Fun!**

Assistant Cubmaster: Wow, I didn't know you could do all that in the park!

Cubmaster: You know, enjoying the great outdoors may mean different things to different people.

Assistant Cubmaster: A young Bobcat starting his Cub Scouting adventure may be like a young seed just starting to grow. To him, the great outdoors may be just the property surrounding his house.

Cubmaster: His fun may be a swing set, a family BBQ or playing catch with Dad. We have several Cub Scouts who have earned the Bobcat rank.

Assistant Cubmaster: Will the following boys and their parents please join us in the great outdoors? (Read names)

Cubmaster: These Cubs, like a planted seed, have just started. Parents, I give you the Bobcat badge to present to your sons. (Have Bobcats and parents go back to their seats)

A young wolf has gone beyond the Bobcat, like the seedling becoming a tree. His great outdoors extends into his neighborhood.

Assistant Cubmaster: His fun could be bicycle riding, soccer games or visiting friends. We have several Cub Scouts tonight who have earned the Wolf Badge, the second rank in Cub Scouting. Will the following boys and their parents come out to the great outdoors? (Read names)

Cubmaster: A Wolf Cub has accomplished more than the Bobcat. His experiences, skills and knowledge have begun to extend beyond his home. Parents, please present these Wolf badges to your sons. Wolves and parents go back to their seats)

Assistant Cubmaster: The Bear Scout, the third rank in Cub Scouting, has continued up the Scouting trail beyond the Wolf. He has become strong and straight as a young tree, not fully grown yet, but on his way. His backyard extends beyond his neighborhood into the town and country.

Cubmaster: His great outdoors could be fishing in a creek, a walk through town or a visit to a local park or zoo. We have several Cub Scouts who have met the challenges of the Bear and who will receive their awards tonight.

Assistant Cubmaster: Will the following boys and their parents join us in the great outdoors? (Read names)

Cubmaster: The Bear has matured and endured the challenges of the Cub Scout trail. His experiences and knowledge are nearly complete. His backyard is beyond his neighborhood. Parents, please present these badges to your sons. Bears and parents go back to their seats)

Assistant Cubmaster: The Webelos Scout is coming to the end of the Cub Scout trail. He is a fully-grown tree in the Cub Scout forest. He stands straight and tall.

Cubmaster: His great outdoors extends up and down the highways. His activities might include boating on a lake, hiking in the woods and camping overnight. We have several Cub Scouts here tonight who have met the Webelos challenges.

Assistant Cubmaster: Will the following boys and their parents join us in the great outdoors? (Read names)

Cubmaster: The Webelos Scouts have almost completed the Cub Scout trail. They are knowledgeable, skillful and confident. Their great outdoors is almost limitless. Parents, please present these badges to your sons.

Assistant Cubmaster: Please join us in congratulating these fine young Cub Scouts.

Inside Noah's Ark

National Capital Area Council

As we know, according to the story of Noah's Ark, Noah saved two of every kind of animal from the flood. Among these animals were the Bobcat, Wolf, and Bear.

After the great flood, each of these animals began to repopulate the world and teach their young the ways of the Bobcat, Wolf, and Bear. In much the same way, your

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parents, the Cub Pack, and Akela help teach each of you how to be a Cub Scout.

With your family, you learn the ways of the Bobcat. The Bobcat is loyal to its family and follows the way of its pack, just like our Bobcats have learned to follow the Cub Scout Promise and the Law of the Pack. Tonight, we welcome you and your parents as you take this first step on the Cub Scout Trail [Invite each Bobcat and his parents to step forward and receive the award].

The Wolf, like the Bobcat, taught his children to be brave and thoughtful; to not be afraid of new things, because learning makes the Wolf stronger. Our Wolves have also been brave, as they have traveled to new places and learned new skills. Tonight, we honor those Scouts who have earned the Wolf rank [Invite each Wolf and his parents to step forward and receive the award].

The Bear is an animal of great strength, good hunting skills, and great pride. Our Bears should also have great pride in their accomplishments, as they have continued to learn, grow in strength and knowledge, gain new skills, and hunt for knowledge in new places. Tonight, we ask those Scouts who have earned the Bear rank to continue in their growth as Scouts [Invite each Bear and his parents to step forward and receive the award].

Nature Advancement

National Capital Area Council

This little tree is a symbol of the natural beauty of our land. This tree also represents Scouting. It takes a long time for a beautiful tree to grow and develop. In the same way, a Cub Scout spends a lot of time and effort in advancing from rank to rank. So do his parents who help him. Tonight we will see how much prettier this Cub Scouting tree will be when we put some leaves on it. Each of these leaves represents the time and effort put into the advancement work by our Cub Scouts and their parents. Our Den Leaders also played a very important part in the advancement program, for without their support and help we could not have the opportunity to be in Cub Scouting. Will the following boys and their parents, please come forward when called. (Assemble all of them at the front of the Pack, also call up the Scouts' Den Leaders). Each of you has helped nurture this tree. Just as trees endure for many, many years, so the values you have gained from working on achievements, electives and activity badges will last you a lifetime. May you always stand strong and tall like a tree - and be a beautiful resource for our land. Thank you.

GAMES

World Champion Paper-Stacking Contest

Sandy from various resources

Equipment: Lots of scrap copy or computer paper.

To play:

1. Clear a large, open space in the room. Divide the group into two teams or into several small ones.
2. Each team gets equal piles of paper with which to build a tower. No other materials – no staplers, tape, or glue – can be used to construct the tower. Paper should be folded to reinforce construction. The tighter the paper is folded, the stronger it gets – but it also gets smaller. Loosely folded paper might provide large building elements, but the construction will be more fragile.
3. The team that builds the highest tower wins an award. Award citations also for the cleverest construction techniques and the most architecturally beautiful.

Hint:

Have the entire group work together to build a tower first demonstrating the architectural techniques described in #2 of the directions. Divide the Den into smaller competitive groups after experimenting with different building techniques.

Paper, Plastic Aluminum

Sandy from various resources

The Cubs stand in a circle with one Cub in the center. The Cub in the middle holds a beanbag and tosses it to one of the Cubs standing in the circle. While it's in the air, the Cub in the center shouts either "PAPER!", "Plastic!", or "Aluminum!" The Cub who catches the beanbag must name an object made from paper, plastic, or aluminum in 5 seconds while the other Cubs count out loud. If the object's name is duplicated, or if the Cub can't think of an object, he's out of the circle. When there is only one Cub left (the winner) he takes the place of the Cub in the middle of the circle.

Kick The Can

Sandy from various resources

Equipment: Two empty cans

To play:

Divide the Den into two teams and line them up relay style behind a start/finish line. Give each team an empty can. The object of the game is for the first Cub on each team to kick the can to a turning point then back to the start/finish line. One at a time, the rest of the team repeats the action. The first team finished wins.

Litter Basketball

Sandy from various resources

(Boys always get fussed at for doing this – why not make it a game?)

Equipment: Lots of crumpled computer or copy paper, Trash cans

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To play:

Divide Den into two teams and seat them behind a throw line. Place the trash cans about 10 feet away (distance depends on the motor skills of your Den). On the signal "GO!" Cubs fire their paper "basketballs" at the trash can goals. After a set amount of time stop the game. Count the number of "basketballs" in each trash can. The team with the most "basketballs" in the cans wins.

Go Nuts

Baden Powell Council

In this game, the object is to squirrel away the largest stash of nuts. Beforehand, hide a bunch of unshelled peanuts around your yard. Then form two teams and have each group select a spot to serve as their nest. At the sound of a starting whistle or shout, players begin filling their team's nest with as many peanuts as they can find. The team that has collected the most nuts after three minutes wins.

Push-Catch

Baden Powell Council

Everyone is in a circle except for one person in the middle, who is "It.". "It" has a ball that he throws to those in the circle. The leader must shout out either **Push** or **Catch**. The person to whom the ball is thrown must **Do The Opposite Action** that was shouted out. That is, if "It" shouts **Push**, the Cub Scout must **Catch** the ball. If an error is committed by either not doing the opposite or stumbling with the ball, the Cub Scout must sit down or step back and is eliminated from play.

Mismatch

Baden Powell Council

Divide into two teams. Observers leave the room. Mismatches get busy changing things on themselves or in the room. The observers return and try to spot the modifications. The teams switch places and go through the process again.

Haggadah

Baden Powell Council

This month Jews celebrate Passover, a joyous event in the history of their ancestors, when they escaped from slavery in Egypt and journeyed to freedom. Your Cub Scouts can play a version of this Passover game. Players sit in a circle. One holds a beanbag and starts to tell the Passover story. The storyteller stops at any point in the story and throws the beanbag to another player who continues the story. Since many of your Cub Scouts will not know the Passover story, they can play the game making up a story about anything. The boys will have fun trying to add on to a

story as it goes along. If you want, you can pick a theme or topic that you want them to follow for the story.

Reduce It - Reuse It

Heart of America Council

This one's made from scratch and has never been tested that I know. Best of luck! And if it or a variation of it works well, let the world know about it. This game focuses on the idea of "Reduce, Reuse, Recycle" as the way to minimize personal pollution. It will take a little bit of courage on someone's part (the Den Leader's?) because someone has to come forward with their recycling bin and whatever is in it. The object of the exercise is to get the boys thinking about the "stuff" we throw out on a regular basis and how we might eliminate some of it. The leader brings in the recycle bin of "stuff" and, one at a time, displays their wares. The boys then discuss/disgust what, if anything, could have been done to reduce or reuse the items shown. [Note: If you've got beer or other alcoholic beverage bottles in the bin, please remove them before doing this game!]

Keep America Beautiful

Heart of America

The audience is told that a tree will be planted and, through the magic of Scouting, will grow and blossom. Two teams of four are chosen, and each team selects a captain. The captains are given signs to wear which say "sapling." Each captain stands in the middle of his team. Others on the team are handed a paper sack containing a roll of scotch tape, 20-30 green construction paper leaves, a few birds, blossoms, and butterflies made out of construction paper, a bird nest, and a few small real branches. At the signal to "Go", each team begins to make their sapling grow by handing him the branches to hold and taping the contents of the bag to him. First team to finish is the winner.

Trash Ball

Heart of America Council

Divide the group in half and situate them on opposite sides of a volleyball net or rope strung between two trees). Offer each group an equal amount of dry trash, such as newspaper, tin cans, 2-liter bottles, small cardboard boxes, cleaned out milk cartons, etc. On "Go", each team tries to put their trash over the net. Do not set a time limit for the game, but tell them you will signal when the game is over. This unexpected signal prevents a team from collecting all the trash and throwing it over seconds before the time limit. The winner is the team with the least amount of trash on their side of the net at the end of the time limit.

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Cleaning Up Our Town

Heart of America

Equipment: 2 aprons, 2 towels, 2 brooms, 2 dustpans, 2 buckets filled with water, 4 dishes, 1 garbage can.

Divide the group into two teams, and line the up in straight lines at one end of the playing area. Give the broom and the apron to the first boy on each team; at the other end of the playing area, place the dustpan, the bucket, and the dishes and the towel. The garbage can is put between the two buckets. On "Go", the first boy puts on the apron and sweeps the floor to where the dustpan lies. He scoops the dirt into the dustpan and dumps it into the garbage can. The boy then washes and dries the two dishes and races to the start, carrying the apron and broom. The house is clean when all boys have swept the floor and dried the dishes.

Skin The Snake

National Capital Area Council

Divide the boys into two or more teams and line up single file. The first player in line reaches his right hand between his legs and grasps the left hand of the player behind him. This player does the same with the player behind him, and so on until the line is linked. The last player lies flat on his back, still holding the hand from the player in front of him. The line moves backward at a signal from the first player until each player is lying down. The last player gets up and moves forward, pulling the whole line after him. The first team back in position wins.

Toss Game

National Capital Area Council

Cut paddles from plywood and glue on fill dispenser cups. The ball is a bead, like those in Immediate Recognition kits. Tie the bead to a 12-inch string and attach the other end of the string to the paddle. Catch the bead in the cup. Most balls caught in a specified amount of time is the winner.

Observation

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Show 12-15 nature or environmental articles or pictures to the den for a certain length of time. Then give each player a sheet of paper on which to list the articles or pictures. The player with the largest number of correct guesses wins.

SONGS

Trash Rap

(Chant to a rap beat.)

Sandy from various resources

We're Pack _____, comin' on through
 Recycling trash and we're doing it for you!
 We don't claim to have the whole solution
 We're just trying to stop the pollution!
 We pick up the trash and pick up the litter
 We tell our parents and the baby-sitter:

"Garbage is a mess, it makes the world dirty
 If we keep this up, by the time we're thirty
 We'll be sitting on piles of non-decaying plastic,
 Disposable diapers and pieces of elastic,
 Broken glass and old tin cans;
 Clean up the world! That's the name of this plan."

We don't claim to have the whole solution,
 We're just trying to stop the pollution!

The water is filthy; it's not fit to drink
 And the air around us, it really stinks!
 We have to start now to clean up our act
 Or we're gonna kill the Earth and that's a fact!
 The government is working to pass some legislation,
 To make the Earth fit for future generations.
 But, you'll agree that it's not enough
 It's up to us and we've got to be tough!

We're Pack _____, comin' on through
 Recycling trash and we're doing it for you!
 We don't claim to have the whole solution
 We're just trying to stop the pollution!

Try this one as a round.

Make It Better

(Tune: "Frere Jacques")

Baden-Powell Council

We are looking, we are looking,
 Around our world, yes we are.
 Trying to make it better.
 Trying to make it better.
 For everyone - everyone.

Litterbugs Beware

(Tune: Auld Lang Syne)

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We are the folks who hunt the bugs,
 That litter up our streets,
 With papers, bottles, old tin cans,
 And wrappers off their sweets.

Chorus:

No litterbugs, No litterbugs,
 No Litterbugs for us.
 Let's start today to do our share.
 No litterbugs for us.

We want to keep our playground clean,
 Without a lot of fuss,
 Let's start today to do our share.
 No litterbugs for us.

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(Tune: Ball and Jack, words by Pat Miller)
Heart of America Council

First you stand up and touch your nose,
Then you bend right down and touch your toes,
Straighten back up with your arms out straight,
Then you move your arms in circles around in space.
And you start your feet a marching in a Cub Scout stride,
Just keep up the movement and don't you sag,
This is what we call the Good Health Rag!

Around Us

Tune: There is a Tavern in the Town)
Heart of America Council

There are some Cub Scouts in the town, in the town;
And they are looking all around, all around;
To make our town a better place to be,
Each hopes to plant and raise a tree!

This Land Is Your Land

Circle 10 Council

This land is your land; this land is my land,
From California, to the New York Island,
From the redwood forest, to the Gulf Stream waters,
This land was made for you and me.

As I went walking that ribbon of highway,
I saw above me the endless skyway.
I saw below me the golden valley,
This land was made for you and me.

I roamed and rambled, and I followed my footsteps,
To the sparkling sands of her diamond deserts,
All around me a voice was sounding,
This land was made for you and me.

When the sun came shining, then I was strolling,
And the wheat fields waving, and the dust clouds rolling,
A voice was chanting as the fog was lifting,
This land was made for you and me.

This Land Is Our Land

(Tune: This Land Is Your Land)
Circle 10 Council

This land is our land,
We must protect it.
A careless camper
Could put her in danger
So let's all practice

Remember the outdoor code
This land needs help from you and me.

Trash Song

By Carol Mellott, sung to: "London Bridge"
National Capital Area Council

Trash is blowing all around,
All around, all around.
Trash is blowing all around,
All around the town.

Let's get busy and pick it up,
Pick it up, pick it up.
Let's get busy and pick it up,
All around the town.

Put the trash in a big trash bag,
Bit trash bag, big trash bag.
Put the trash in a big trash bag,
All around the town.

Birds in the Wilderness Song

Tune: "The Old Grey Mare"
National Capital Area Council

Here we sit like birds in the wilderness,
Birds in the wilderness,
Birds in the wilderness,
Here we sit like birds in the wilderness,
Waiting for our food.

The Tree Toad

(tune: Auld Lang Syne)
National Capital Area Council

A tree toad loved a fair she toad
That live up in a tree
She was a fair three-toed tree toad
But a two-toed toad was he
The two-toed tree toad tried to win
The she toad's friendly nod
For the two-toed toad loved the ground
That the three-toed tree toad trod

Now three-toed tree toads have no care
For two-toed tree toad love
But the two-toed tree feign would share
A tree home up above

In vain the two-toed tree toad tried
He couldn't please her whim
In her tree toad bower with veto power
The she toad vetoed him!

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CUB GRUB - Fun Food

Mud Balls

Sandy from various resources

Ingredients:

½ cup powdered sugar
2 teaspoons cream cheese
½ to 1 tablespoon cocoa
1 tablespoon margarine
1 to 3 drops vanilla
1 sealable sandwich bag

Directions:

Place all ingredients in the sealable bag and squeeze out all the air. Squish and squash the bag until all the ingredients are well mixed and there is a creamy consistency. Add any flavoring or other stuff like raisins, M & Ms, nuts, peanut butter, etc. Each bag makes a serving for one.

Fallen Logs

Sandy from various resources

Ingredients:

2 Tablespoons margarine (room temperature)
½ cup corn syrup
2 squares chocolate (melted)
1 teaspoon vanilla
3 cups powdered sugar
¾ cup dry powdered milk

Directions:

Put all ingredients in a heavy-duty sealable bag and knead until well mixed. Roll into balls or log shapes and eat.

STUNTS & APPLAUSES

CHEERS

Sandy from various resources

Clean Air: Take a big sniff of air, exhale and say "AHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHH!"

Garbage Bag: In a deep voice say, "Hefty! Hefty! Hefty!"

Give A Hoot: Divide the audience into two sections. Have one section yell, "Give A Hoot!" and the other section yell, "Don't Pollute!" Alternate pointing at each section, pointing faster and faster.

Noise Pollution: Raise hands and have everyone yell as loudly as they can. Lower hands and volume of yells go down. When hands are on floor, everyone must be extremely quiet. Do several time – raise and lower volume. Then, with hands on floor ask the Pack to listen to absolute quiet.

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle: Divide the audience into three sections. Have the first section yell, "Reduce!", the second section yell, "Reuse!", and the third section yell, "Recycle!" Alternate pointing at each section, pointing faster and faster.

JOKES

What's an example of wasted energy?

Telling a hair-raising tale to a bald man!

Why did the mother cat get a ticket?

For littering!

Do you ever file your nails?

Nah, after I trim them I throw them away!

What one habit does every creature on earth share?

Our habit-at!

How does a Cub Scout conserve his mind?

He lets everything in one ear and out the other!

What's an oil truck that leaks all over town?

A city slicker!

How many Cub Scout Leaders does it take to change a light bulb?

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One to call a planning meeting, one to call everyone to find a date when everyone can get together, one to conduct the meeting, one to make an announcement about the planned light bulb changing, one to lead a song, one to write a skit about light bulbs, one to screw it in, two to do a run-on, one to lead a cheer for a job well done, one to bring refreshments, and one to buy patches for everyone who participated!

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Applauses

Spring Applause

Spring up and down and go "boing, boing, boing".

Litterbug Applause

"Crackle, clatter, du p" repeat 3 times.

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Knock, knocks

Knock Knock

Who's there?

Tiss.

Tiss who?

Tiss who is good for blowing your nose.

Riddles

Where does a rabbit go when it needs a grooming?

To the hare dresser.

What's big, gray, floppy and goes Hoppity, BOOM, hoppity, BOOM?

The Easter Elephant

How deep is a frog pond?

Knee-deep, knee-deep.

Why did the king go to the dentist ?

To get his teeth crowned !

How did the farmer fix his jeans?

With a cabbage patch !

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Run-Ons

Cub 1: I asked my mother for a new pair of sneakers for gym.

Cub 2: What did she say?

Cub 1: She said to tell Jim to buy his own sneakers.

Cub 1: Dad there's a man at the door asking for you.

Cub 2: With a bill?

Cub 1: No, with a nose just like yours.

Cub 1: Why do you have a swollen nose

Cub 2: I was smelling a brose

Cub 1: There is no b in rose

Cub 2: There was in this one.

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Banana – Peel banana, eat banana, throw peel over shoulder, rub tummy and say HMMM! GOOD!

Broom – Pretend to take a broom and sweep the floor saying **Clean Sweep** three times.

Rain Clap – Everyone starts by tapping their right thumbs on the palms of their left hands to represent the first few drops of rain. Then use two fingers, three fingers, four, five and the palms of hands. Increase volume of clapping from soft to loud. Then in reverse sequence back to thumbs on palms, as the rain passes.

Paper Bag – Make motions to simulate opening a paper bag, make a face as if the odor is back and pretend to throw the trash in the bag, form neck and twist the top of the bag closed, say "Phooey, it smells!"

SKITS

Keep America Beautiful Contest

Sandy from various resources

Personnel: Six Cubs in uniform.

Props: Comb and mirror for sixth Cub and a large box marked "TRASH!"

Scene: Five Cubs are sitting around a table tying knots or playing a simple game when the sixth Cub rushes in.

Cub #1: (Runs in, very excited) Hey, you guys! Did you hear about the big contest?

Cub #2: What contest? What's it about?

Cub #1: The "Keep America Beautiful Contest," that's what!

Cub #3: Are there prizes? A contest is no good without prizes.

Cub #1: Sure, lots of prizes. Neat ones like bicycles and CD players, and lots of other good stuff!

Cub #4: (Gloomily) I bet it's hard. Contests with neat prizes are always hard.

Cub #1: Nope! It's easy. Even the rules say it's SIMPLE – in big letters. The winner is the person who picks the easiest way.

Cub #5: The easiest way to do what?

Cub #1: The easiest way to keep America beautiful. That's what I've been talking about!

Cub #6: (With a swagger) Ha! Then I'm a cinch to win!

Cub #1: Why's it so cinchy for you? What's your great way to keep America beautiful?

Cub #6: (Takes out comb and mirror and combs his hair) See! That's the easiest way I know to keep America beautiful!

(The other Cubs look at him, then at each other. Quickly they surround him and carry or drag him to a large box marked "TRASH" and dump him in.)

Cub #1: Like he said, guys, we're a cinch to win! That's the easiest way I know to keep America beautiful!

(They exit, laughing while Cub #6 stands up in the trash box with a disgusted look on his face.)

Keep America Beautiful

Heart of America

Personnel: Flower, Grass, Beer Can, Bottle, Cigarette Butt, Litterbug, Candy Wrapper, Trash Can, Cub Scout.

Setting: Flower and grass wave gently in breeze. Litterbug stands at left, laughing and throwing beer can at flower, bottle at flower, candy wrapper at grass, cigarette butt at grass.

Flower: Oh, what hit me? My petals are crushed. My upsweep is downswept.

Grass: You should complain. They buried me.

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Beer Can: You think I like being thrown around? I could be used for tin craft by some Den Leader.

Bottle: Does the Pack Staff realize my potentiality? I could be used as a puppet or trick.

Cigarette Butt: To be lit up is one thing but to be tossed aside and not stripped is just too much.

Litterbug: (Laughs) I dirty America everyday, **Ugly, Ugly, Ugly.**

Candy Wrapper: Just look at me. I was meant to be so sweet and bring such happiness.

Cub Scout: Sees litter trashcan sleeping) Wake up trash can, Litterbug was here.

Trash Can: **Help, help,** you'd think I was a SlimFast girl. No more than they are feeding me. All I ever do is wait. I've tried everything. I've even flipped my lid.

Cub Scout: People have got to realize this is one bug RAID won't kill. Only consideration by others will get rid of this pest. I'll start helping right now to eliminate that old Litterbug!

Litterbug: FOILED AGAIN! (Cub picks up trash.)

Flower: (Sigh) What a relief! I thought you'd never come.

Cub Scout: Every Cub is honor bound to help **Keep America Beautiful!**

Grass: Adults help the Litterbug so much. . Are they too old to be Cubs?

Cub Scout: No one is either too old or too young to do their share in keeping America beautiful. This is the duty and privilege of every American.

The Recycle Machine

Heart of America Council

Personnel: 4 Cubs. In addition, another is hidden inside the machine.

Equipment: Large box made to look like, a recycle machine: other items mentioned.

Jack: Hey look, guys, a recycle machine!

Jim: Let's try it out! (Turns switch on)

Bob: Let's see what it does with this rusty, old pocketknife. (Drops it into machine. Machine makes noise and shakes, then out comes a new, shiny pocketknife.)

All Boys: Wow, it works Fantastic!

Tom: Maybe it can recycle this old, torn handkerchief. (Drops it in and the machine shakes and rattles and turns out a new hanky.)

Jim: That's really great! Here, machine, here's an old, broken pencil for you. Drops it in and the machine performs giving out a new one.)

Bob: It's your turn. Jack.

Jack: I wonder how this things works. (Steps up, peers inside, and the machine pulls him in.)

Jack: Help!

Other Boys: Oh no! What should we do? (All look worried)

The machine finally makes a very loud noise and out pops Jack. A sign on him reads REJECT.)

Tom: Look! He has a sign around his neck. It says 'REJECT'. A Cub Scout's spirit is too strong and durable to ever be worn out.

Jack: Remember, to help save our American resources, follow this motto

All Boys: Use it up, wear it out, make it do, or do without!

Been Fishin'

Heart of America Council

Personnel: 6 Cubs

Setting: Street corner, U.S .A., Cub 1 is just standing around as other boys approach him, one at a time.

Cub 1: Where you been?

Cub 2: Been fishin' at the pond.

Cub 1: Can't catch nothin' there, it's polluted. This sequence repeated with each boy.)

Cub 2: Caught this sole. (hold up his shoe on line and exits)

Cub 3: Caught this Snapper. (rubber band, sling shot, or girdle)

Cub 4: Caught these ShellFish. (Shell oil cans in net)

Cub 5: Caught this Skate. (Roller or ice-skate)

Cub 6: Enters running, hands pole to Cub Scout 1)

Cub 1: Wait a minute. What did you catch?

Cub 6: An old Crab. (Runs off)

Enter Cubmaster or Den Leader with large foil hook attached to seat of pants.)

Note: More boys can be used for: Swordfish, a rusty knife), Herring (wig or wiglet)

Listen at the Wall:

Circle 10 Council

One person goes along a wall listening and listening. Others come along and ask him what he is doing. He says dramatically, "Listen," and the others do. One of them says, "I don't hear anything", in a disgusted voice. "Listen", he says more dramatically and they listen some more. Again someone says, "I don't hear anything." The original listener says, "You know," with a faraway look, "it's been like that all day."

Lost Item Around The Campfire

Circle 10 Council

First boy searches the ground around the campfire. **Second boy:** "What are you looking for, maybe I can help you find it.

First boy: "I dropped my neckerchief slide."

Second boy: "Where were you standing when you dropped it."

First boy: "Over there." (He points into the darkness.)"

Second boy: "Then why aren't you looking over there."

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First boy: “Are you kidding? It’s too dark over there. You can’t see a thing.”

Potted Plant

Circle 10 Council

A scout pretending to be a delivery boy comes wandering through the meeting with a potted plant that he says is for Mrs. Baden-Powell. He comes back through the meeting several times – each time saying, “Potted plant for Mrs. Baden Powell.” Each time the potted plant gets bigger. The last time he comes in carrying a small tree. Finally the leader says there isn’t any adults here, just kids. Delivery boy looks at the card and says, “Oh for heaven’s sake. I’ve been reading it wrong, the plant is from Mrs. Baden-Powell for Ms. Den Leader.” (Name a leader in your unit.)

Trained Caterpillar

National Capital Area Council

Cast: 4-5 Cubs bending over, holding the waist of the one in front. All are covered with a blanket, Den Chief or Leader

Props: Blanket, bucket with water (or small bits of paper)

DC: Hey everyone, this is my trained caterpillar, Hermy.

Hermy can do tricks. Want to see some? (to audience)

DC: Hermy raise you right leg. (All Cubs under the blanket raise their right leg) **Clap, Clap!** (Next do left leg, all hop, etc.)

DC: For Hermy's best trick we need a volunteer. (Get the audience to get someone who can take a joke or suggest one. Place the "volunteer" on the floor). Now Hermy will step over (the person) and never step on them even once. (The caterpillar steps over carefully, but the last boy dumps water (or paper) on the volunteer and the Den Chief/Leader says) I'm sooo sorry, but Hermy isn't potty trained!

Smokey Bear

National Capital Area Council

CAST: 10 Cub Scouts with letters spelling S-M-O-K-E-Y-B-E-A-R

S: Smokey Bear needs your help to prevent forest fires.

M: Matches are as dangerous as poison.

O: Our forests are important.

K: Keep fire where it belongs.

E: Even little fires kill little trees.

Y: You can run from a fire, but a tree can't.

B: Be sure fires are out cold.

E: Every fire hurts.

A: Always break matches in two.

R: Remember, only you can prevent forest fires!

CLOSING CEREMONY

Save It For Us

(A Cubmaster Minute)

Sandy from various resources

The next time you're outside, pause a moment to look at the old trees. They have sheltered countless generations of wildlife and have withstood years of extreme weather and the abuses of man. They've seen children playing at their roots and climbing in their branches. They've heard the conversations of war and peace of the men gathered in their generous shade.

Listen to the brook as it whispers of its secret travels nurturing the earth along the way. Look into it and see the insects, amphibians, and fish that call it home. Wade into its shallows and feel its refreshing coolness.

Nature persistently calls us to leave the sidewalks and traffic lights and noise and hustle and bustle of the city. The earth is calling us back to enjoy its simplicity and beauty.

Good night Scouts. Go in peace and remember to “Do Your Best” to “Save It for Us” so that you, and your children, and your children’s children can enjoy earth’s beautiful and wondrous bounty.

I Will Use

Baden Powell Council

Cub Scout 1: This my country. I will use my eyes to see the beauty of this land.

Cub Scout 2: I will use my ears to hear its sounds.

Cub Scout 3: I will use my mind to think what I can do to make it more beautiful.

Cub Scout 4: I will use my hands to serve and care for it.

Cub Scout 5: And with my heart, I will honor it.

Give a Hoot, Don't Pollute

Heart of America Council

Equipment: Flashlights, fan, American Flag, and cards or 7 small pieces of cardboard. On the first 6, the letters, **N,A,T,U,R,E** and on the last, **Give A Hoot, Do Not Pollute!** If you have access to music, Lee Greenwood’s “God Bless the USA”, “America the Beautiful”, or “God Bless America”.

Setting: Lights off, some boys sitting around or by the American Flag with flashlights on. The fan is on and pointing up at the flag to create motion (just like a breeze would move the flag). Also a spotlight or large flashlight. Start the song, turn on the fan and flashlights and listen to the music. When the song is over, turn on some backlights, and have Cub Scouts come out, one at a time, with each of the cards and hold up the card. Start with N and go though all until **Nature** is spelled. Put the spot light on each when they come out. After all are in front of the

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pack then bring out **Do Not Pollute** and all of the boys say in unison, "**Give a Hoot Do Not Pollute!**"

A Nature Minute

Heart of America Council

Personnel: Cubmaster or Den Leader

I am part of Nature.

I am part of everything that lives.

I am bound together with all living things in air, in land, in water.

My life depends upon Nature, upon its balance, upon its resources and upon the continuity of both.

To destroy them is to destroy yourself. As a member of the human race, I am responsible for its survival.

I am a part of Nature, and I will not destroy it.

Outdoor Code Closing

National Capital Area Council

Leader: As a citizen of the United States, I will do my best to be clean in my outdoor manners.

Pack: I will treat the outdoors as a heritage to be improved for our greater

enjoyment. I will keep trash and garbage out of my country's waters,

fields, woods, and roadways.

Leader: Be careful with fire.

Pack: I will prevent wildfire. I will build my fire in a safe place and be sure it is out before I leave.

Leader: Be considerate in the outdoors.

Pack: I will treat public and private property with respect. I will remember that use of the outdoors is a privilege I can lose by abuse.

Leader: Be conservation minded.

Pack: I will learn how to practice good conservation of soil, water, forests, minerals, grasslands, and wilderness, and I will urge others to do the same. I will use sportsmanlike methods in my outdoor activities.

Nature Closing

National Capital Area Council

Wood and water, wind and tree,

Wisdom, strength, and courtesy,

Scouting favor go with thee.

The Outdoor Closing

National Capital Area Council

Let's remember the food we've shared,

The games we've played, the songs we've sung,

Let's remember all of these things.

Let's remember the skits we've played,
The hikes we've hiked, the problems we've shared,
Let's remember all of these things.

Let's remember the games we've played,
The friends we've made, the fires we've burned,
Let's remember these things.

Yes, let's remember all of these things,
I now declare this council fire closed,
It's memories stored forever in our hearts and minds.

WEBELOS

Sportsman

Sam Houston Area Council

Sports are high on the list of favorite things to do for the Webelos Scout-age boys. You can be certain of instant interest by most members of your den. Chances are that they spend much of their leisure time in organized sports and loosely organized neighborhood games. Some of them probably know enough already about rules, scoring, and techniques for several sports, so that they could pass those requirements immediately.

But that is not really enough! One of the prime purposes of Cub Scouting is encouraging good sportsmanship and pride in growing strong in mind and body. If your Cubs learn all the skills and rules involved in every sport this month, but do not get an inkling of what good sportsmanship means, then the den, and you, have wasted your time.

Agree on the importance of learning sportsmanship. What does it mean in practice? It means that the least skilled gets just as much instruction and encouragement as the best athlete. It means that the better athletes learn not just to tolerate the awkward boy, but to help him. It means that all boys can win and lose with grace and good sportsmanship. Your own example will help to achieve these goals. Stress the fun of the game, not the winning. When you have intra-den competition, compose the teams so that the strength is about even. If you let Cubs choose teammates, there is a good chance that most of the good players will wind up on one team. Encourage the less skillful players. Discourage others from belittling them. Sports in a Webelos den should be fun for all.

Sportsman Thought

Where does a sports star get his skills? What is the formula for winning honors? It is simple, you earn them! To earn something, you work, and if you want to be a winner, expect to work. Getting to be good often means lots of practice. You will need determination and spirit to

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follow any training program. If your big sports thing is baseball, then throwing, catching, base running and hitting are the four big skill areas. All of them can be practiced alone if you have an automatic pitching machine. Otherwise, you can have someone pitch to you. Determine to be a winner and then just practice hard.

Family Member

Simon Kenton Council

Den Activities

Play a game of hazards. Set up a room with several hazards. Have boys come in and find as many hazards as possible. Practice house cleaning skills by cleaning the chartered organization areas. Be sure to get permission and ideas first.

Have a mother come in to the den meeting and talk about clothes washing. Announce that next week's meeting will be at the local Laundromat. Each Scout is to bring a load of wash, soap, and change for the washer and dryer. Practice ways to fold laundry.

Invite a home economics teacher or dietician to talk to your den. Perhaps your den could also plan a week's worth of meals and visit a retail food establishment to price the food required. This would also cover a requirement in the Fitness Activity Badge.

Make outlet insulators. Use foam meat trays, save at home or ask local grocery store for some. Use outlet covers as guides.

Invite a fireman to a den meeting to talk about home safety. Perhaps he can also provide you with a copy of a home inspection sheet.

Take a guided tour a waste disposal facility.

Invite an energy conservation engineer to give a talk on energy. Tour an energy conserving home that is built underground.

Make a list of fun activities that involve little cost; do them over several meetings.

Invite someone from OSHA or a plant safety committee to give a talk after touring a manufacturing facility.

Have a family relation's teacher visit and talk.

Switch chores with another family member for a month.

Keep a personal budget for a month.

Visit with a local financial institution to find out how the monetary system works and how saving money as a family unit can be beneficial in the long run.

Contact the local public utility companies, or the environmental control agency to find out how our natural resources can be saved and what we can do as individuals within the family unit to conserve energy.

Have the boys make their chart showing the jobs that they and other family members have in their homes. Have them bring the charts to the meeting and tell what jobs they are

taking on for the next two months, and how they will do them.

Before the boys inspect the home and grounds to make a list of hazards or lack of security, you might want to talk over some of the home hazards they may find.

You could also contact the Police Department and ask if someone from Crime Prevention could attend one of your meetings to talk about security in your home.

Make a contest out of making a list of things for which families spend money. See who can make the longest list. Talk about the list and see what important expenses were omitted. Give one point for each item. Most boys will forget things like rent, utilities, car payments, stamps, insurance, etc.

Have a contest - take a small piece of cloth and a button, needle and thread. Have the boys sew a button on - judge the button that is sewn best.

Have a cooking contest. Have each boy cook one dish and bring it to the meeting. Be sure they can tell how they made the dish.

Have the boys fix a meal and invite the parents to your meeting for a feast! In the meal planning, they must plan the meal, shop for the food and then cook it.

Have a "Family" meeting at your den meeting and have the boys show Cub Scout Spirit by doing their best to make plans for the rest of the year, or at least three months.

You might invite a mother to show some cooking skills to the boys or to explain recipes. Have the boys use measuring spoons, cups, etc. Have them explain such terms as cream, braising, stewing, and steaming.

Plan a family game night - each family brings a game and takes part in sharing the game with another family. The boys could even "invent" games for the families to play.

It might be fun to have the boys make a recipe book with their favorite recipes from home or a campout recipe book for den campouts. This could include breakfast, lunch, and dinner.

Have a meeting where boys try food that they have never tasted before. Have a "Taste It, You May Like It" party.

Personal Crest

A crest is a design signifying your name, and some noteworthy deed performed by an ancestor. Have your boys design their own crest, incorporating the initials of their name, and some achievement. For instance, if a boy's initials are J. O. T. and he is a baseball player, his Crest might look like the one shown here. Have each boy explain what their crest represents and reproduce it on a foot locker, tool box, a box used to store baseball cards, a plaque, or on paper for a book cover. Reproduce it with acrylic paints or permanent markers and cover it with clear urethane varnish or modge podge.

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Do not throw away those seemingly ruined clothes. Let the Cubs try to save them.

Laundry Hints

Removal with a store-bought cleaner-ballpoint pen ink, facial makeup, motor oil, rubber cement, wax: (One of my favorite pen ink stain removers is using a cheap hair spray on the ink spot--Baloo)

- ?? Put absorbent cloth or paper towel under stained area.
- ?? Place chemical cleaner on stain.
- ?? Rub stain until it leaves the clothing and passes into the material below.
- ?? Remove the absorbent material. Put cleaner on a new cloth. Wipe around edges of stain and toward center of stain.
- ?? Let dry. Reapply treatment if removal unsatisfactory.

Removal with water - blood, ketchup, coffee and tea, dairy products, grass, mustard, soda pop:

- ?? Place absorbent cloth or paper towel under stained area.
- ?? Rub stain gently with water. If stain is persistent, rub in drops of detergent.
- ?? Rinse out detergent.
- ?? Remove absorbent material.
- ?? Wipe dry.

Family Facts

Sam Houston Council

Save your family memories and pass them on to the next generation. Nothing gives more enjoyment to a family than "REMEMBER WHEN". Children learn who they are from their parents and grandparents. To play FAMILY FACTS have each member of your family write out questions that only your family would know - the more personal the better.

- Who went to Canada on vacation?
- What was this family's first pet?
- Who broke their arm during the school play?
- Who ran into the basketball standard and chipped his front tooth?
- What was the address of our first house?

- When is Grandma's birthday?
- When did dad graduate from high school?

Play in the car, home on a rainy day or at family gatherings. For a different twist, make up cards in categories -dates, people, places, events, pets, vacations, etc., and play family trivial pursuit. Use the regular Trivial Pursuit game, but substitute you family cards.

Family Finances

Sam Houston Council

Many Cubs are not aware of how their families spend money. Food, clothing and entertainment are obvious. Suggest to the parents that they share the actual bills with their children and have them add up the total cost. They will be amazed. As the Cubs conduct the safety/energy checklist, encourage the parents to discuss the cost of keeping the house in good repair, the cost of water use, the cost of cooling and heating the house, etc. Then the Cubs will be better prepared to share in ideas for saving money and they will be ready to develop a family energy-saving plan.

Family Conservation Project

Sam Houston Council

With the spring comes the opportunity to be outdoors. Earn the World Conservation Award while recycling and developing environmental awareness.

PowWows around the U.S.

Great Smoky Mountain Council, University of Scouting, Knoxville, TN, March 17, 2001, Contact person: Linda Goff, doublelope@yahoo.com

The Occoneechee Council Pow Wow, Saturday, March 31, 2001, 8:00 a.m., Durham, NC

Central Region

Blue Water Council in Port Huron, Michigan is having their Pow Wow March 21, 2001. The theme is "Man's Best Friend". For more info email Leslie Herman bsa@advnet.net

Northeast

Central N.J. Council Pow-Wow, March 10, 2001 @ North Hunterdon H.S. The theme this year "The best of the west, N.J. Style!" For registration Info, times, classes and/or directions; contact The Hon. John "Mad Dog" Reiner (D.C.) at 908.638.6269 or email jprfox@hotmail.com or Seth "Tex" Rosenzweig at 908.730.8997 or email sirosentex@aol.com. The Central N.J. Council B.S.A. Phone: 609.419.1600

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YAAC POW WOW: "2001: An Odyssey for Cub Scouts",
Central York Middle School--York, PA, March 24, 2001 8:00
a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Contact the Council Office for more
details: 717-843-0901

Web Sites

Theme Related

The Four Season of Natural Resources Activity Book

<http://www.dnr.state.md.us/education/activity.html>

Constructing a Terrarium

<http://www.ext.nodak.edu/extnews/askext/indoor/23.htm>

Compost Bin (make your own)

http://www.makestuff.com/compost_bin.html

Recycle City

<http://www.epa.gov/recyclecity/>

Cool Craft Site

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

Official Source of Time for DOD

<http://tycho.usno.navy.mil/>

2001 WLACC Pow Wow Book

<http://cub.bsa-la.com/powwow2001/book/index.html>

Geologist

<http://www.minerals.net/>

Egg Crafts

<http://familycrafts.about.com/parenting/familycrafts/library/weekly/aa032000a.htm>

Pack 44 Webelos Career Arrow

<http://www.cscitech.com/pack223/carrow.htm>