



BALOO'S BUGLE



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November Cub Scout Roundtable

December Cub Scout Theme

A CUB SCOUT GIVES GOOD WILL

Tiger Cub Requirement #4

Webelos Craftsman & Scientist

FOCUS

Cub Scout Roundtable Leaders' Guide

Howdy!! Welcome to the Helping Hand Ranch! To be a top hand at this ranch you need to lend a Helping Hand. This holiday season, Cub Scouts will learn about Scout Spirit by finding fun ways to do good turns for people in their communities. They might even get to be atop hand!

Cub Scout Program Helps

Cub Scouts learn about the spirit of Scouting and the meaning of the season by performing a good deed for someone in need during the holiday season. Making gifts for friends and family is a fun part of the celebration of the season. Keeping service to God and others in mind, have your den collect donated food or gift items for an "adopted" family in need. Conduct a pack-wide collection of winter coats and gloves or blankets for the homeless. Prepare an outing to work in a soup kitchen or homeless shelter, make decorations to brighten up a nursing home or other care facility or sing carols for the people who live there. The opportunities to "do a good turn" are endless this month.

CORE VALUES

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Some of the purposes of Cub Scouting developed through this month's theme are:

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- ✓ **Spiritual growth**, Boys will become aware of and thankful for who they are and what they are.
- ✓ **Good Citizenship**, Boys will become aware of community organizations that need volunteers, like themselves, to assist others.
- ✓ **Friendly Service**, Boys will spread happiness to those they serve and help by doing good turn projects.

The core value highlighted this month is:

- ✓ **Faith**, Cub Scouts will learn that the Master of all Scouts wants us to show our faith in Him by helping others.

Can you think of others??? Hint – look in your **Cub Scout Program Helps**. It lists different ones!! All the items on both lists are applicable!! You could probably list all twelve if you thought about it!!

COMMISSIONER'S CORNER

Chris and I are need of Pow Wow Books, especially in electronic format. My books from last fall's Pow Wow's have run out. And I only have two from January Pow Wows and one from March (which is actually a copy of one of my January Pow Wow books). So, if you can get us copies, it would be great or Baloo's Bugle may be pretty thin next month. Thank you. I can arrange swaps with my council's Pow Wow book that will be issued in January 2004. Just write – commissionerdave@comcast.net.

My Roundtable staff is all prepped for our western night in November. It is Holiday Time at the Helping Hands Ranch. We are going to have a western Christmas party. Should be a great night. When I read that description this summer before our Annual RT Planning Dinner, I thought it was crazy but now I see the big picture.

My Pack will be doing our annual used toy and clothing drive for C.I.N.D.Y., Children In Need of Donations from You (They started with the acronym and worked backwards). We encourage all our Cub families to clean out their children's rooms over the Thanksgiving Weekend. Then they bring the toys and games and clothes they have out grown to the December pack Meeting. We always get a big pile in the center of the room. I am sure you, too, can find an organization or family to help.

This will be happening right after the annual Scouting for Food Drive. By working with our partner Troop we are able to cover all of both towns we serve. This year we are putting out the bags one weekend and the troop is picking them up the following weekend. Next year we should reverse. We use the Webelos on whichever side needs the extra help, or they do both weekends!! We get a big boost on this from Philadelphia's ABC Affiliate, WPVI, Channel 6, providing backing and publicity for the drive. Thank you.

In the past we have done caroling and crafts at local Independent and Assisted Living Residences. This will probably be a Valentine's Day project this year. Don't miss the opportunity this month to bring that last line of the Law of the Pack to life!!

We use some funny words in Scouting and frequently new leaders get confused. I just finished staffing a Wood Badge course and people were still trying to make Wood Badge one word. It is always two words. (as is the name of the most regal creature – the Bob White!!)

Another strange word is WEBELOS. This is an acronym. When I was a Cub (bad start) it meant Wolf, Bear, Lion,

Scout. Now it means WE'll BE LOyal Scouts. So, you see it must always be WEBELOS. Your son is a WEBELOS Scout. Never drop the S. As the lady who trained me to be a RT Commissioner says, "If you drop the S, there is nothing to which to be loyal." WEBELOS is singular and plural. Also, there are two E's and only one W in WEBELOS. I often see it misspelled by dropping the second E and/or with a W between the O and the S. Please don't.

I hope you all enjoy this theme and have a great holiday season. I tried to present a balanced sheet of holiday ceremonies and activities but my Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod background (enhanced by attending Valparaiso University) is probably evident.

Next month is January's Theme, "Home Alone." I love starting my December RT with, "I hope you all had a great Holiday Season but aren't you glad the holidays are over and we are back to normal!!" I guess you have to be there. It usually brings a big laugh.

PRAYERS & POEMS FOR SCOUTERS

Scout's Prayer

From Circle Ten Council- Source not given

Our father,
 Make us trustworthy, for there are those who trust us.
 Make us loyal, for through loyalty we reach our highest ideals.
 Teach us to be helpful, for through helpfulness do we forget our selfishness.
 Make us friendly, for there are so many who need a friend.
 Train us in courtesy, for courtesy is the carpet of life's floor. It deadens the sound of shuffling feet and adds warmth to the silence.
 Make us kind, for kindness is the oil in the cogs of life's machinery.
 Insist upon our obedience, for victory comes only to him who obeys.
 Make us cheerful, for cheerfulness is the green grass among the rocks in the path of life.
 Train us in thrift, for thrifty habits brighten our future.
 Make us brave, brave in the dark and brave in the light, But save us from becoming fakers in bravery.
 Help us to be clean, clean in thoughts, speech, and in deed and may we remember that our bodies are our holy temples, and that any abuse thereof is to tamper with thy great plans.
 Above all, oh god, help us to be reverent toward all things which Thou hadst made for our enjoyment when we are in thy great out of doors, among the trees, along the Streams, and on the hillsides.
 May we know that it was thee who made the waters to flow, the trees to reach heavenward, the mountains to endure to all ages.
 In all these things we ask that thou will help us.

AMEN

Christmas is for Children

Author Unknown

From Baloo's Classics

Christmas is for children, at least that's what they say,
 It's time of wide-eyed wonder, a magic holiday
 When candy canes and gingerbread fill tummies with delight
 And little sleepyheads try hard to stay up through the night.
 Yes, Christmas is for children, anyone will tell you so.
 The twinkling, colored lights on trees, make youngsters' eyes just glow!
 Each package and each stocking, is approached with childish joy
 And toys bring squeals of laughter, from each eager girl and boy.
 Yes, Christmas is for children, all they say is true.
 How wonderful that at Christmas time, grownups are children, too!

"If Huck [Finn] and Tom [Sawyer] were in today's schools, they would be labeled ADD and drugged."

Michael Gurian

Stick To It

Southern NJ Council

It matters not if you try and fail,
 And fail, and try again,
 But it matters much if you try and fail,
 And fail to try again.

Beatitudes for Children

Santa Clara County Council

Blessed is the child...

- Who has someone who believes in him and has high hopes for him.
- Who has someone to whom he can carry his problems unafraid.
- Whose home is a haven of happiness.
- To whom life is a book of knowledge and who is privileged to turn the pages one by one.
- Who is allowed to pursue his curiosity into every worthwhile field of information.
- Who has someone who understands that childhood's griefs are real and bitter and call for loving empathy.
- Who is led gently by the hand along the pathway of life by someone who is guide, companion and inspiration.
- Who has about him those who believe in his divinity and not his depravity.
- Whose love of the truth, the beautiful and the good has been nourished through the years.
- Whose innate imagination has been turned into channels of creative effort.
- Whose efforts to achieve have found encouragement and kindly commendation.
- Blessed is the home or community or nation which sees in a child the hope of the future and dedicates itself to the realization of that hope.

SCCC suggests using this as closing with following introduction and conclusion said by the Cubmaster: CD

Intro - As the Cub Scouts and Webelos of our pack have demonstrated the meaning of goodwill, I think it is appropriate to close with the 'Beatitudes for Children,' as a reminder that the children of today are our hope for tomorrow.

Ending - "May we all in this season and throughout the years strive to Do Our Best to make every child feel blessed.

This next quote is a little deep for Baloo but I was really moved when a friend at work sent it to me. It makes you think about the lasting effect we can have with our Cub Scouts. Commissioner Dave

"I have come to the frightening conclusion that I am the decisive element. It is my personal approach that creates the climate. It is my daily mood that makes the weather. I possess tremendous power to make life miserable or joyous. I can be a tool of torture or an instrument of inspiration; I can humiliate or humor, hurt or heal. In all situations, it is my response that decides whether a crisis is escalated or de-escalated, and a person is humanized or de-humanized. If we treat people as they are, we make them worse. If we treat people as they ought to be, we help them become what they are capable of becoming." – Goethe

TRAINING TIP

Youth Protection training - online:
<http://www.scouting.org/pubs/ypt/ypt.jsp>

To complete online Youth Protection Training, the person must have his/her registration card with the registration number to be able to print a completion certificate at the end of the session. You do not have to be a registered Scouter to take the training, but you have to be one if you want Scouting credit for doing so. Periodically, your Council will get a printed summary of people who have completed the online course from the BSA. They can issue pocket cards if taking the course preceded registration by a brief period of time.

Den and Pack Discipline

KDScouter

Hiawatha – Seaway council

I received these articles from a new Scouting friend just after I sent the last Baloo off to be put on the web and saved it for this month. It should follow up to discussions you had at your Roundtable. Commissioner Dave

Boy Behavior

Peter Van Houten

Discipline is seldom a problem if you time the activities so that the NEXT activity is always something they would rather do than what they are doing NOW. My meetings worked best with the following schedule.

- Gathering time
- Flag (Opening) Ceremony

- Announcements (Business)
- Advancement Activity or Craft
- Games
- Snack
- Closing

For some reason there is always someone eager to do a flag ceremony in a Wolf den, so that gets us started. They expect announcements, and have not gotten antsy yet, so it is an easy transition to explaining the activity or craft. When they are finished or bored (same thing) with the craft, they are always receptive to the idea of playing a game, likewise snack.

I like the agenda. Add Before the Meeting and After the Meeting and you have the Classic Seven Parts of a Den Meeting taught in Position Specific Training. See that Training stuff really works! Personally, I put snack after Closing, that way the boys are occupied if I want to talk with a parent. CD

Also, plan a backup plan for when an activity that sounded great just does not go over with the Scouts. I have had the chance to work with two dens on the same activity at different meetings, and what works with one den might be a complete flop with another, so be prepared with an alternative. As long as you keep them busy they are easy to handle.

Another approach to discipline that worked well for us is the bead jar. Each time they come to a meeting they get one bead for attendance, one for being in uniform, and one for a good turn they have done if they have done one, or if they do one during the meeting. We put the beads in a small jar and when it is full they all get to choose a special treat for the den. We spent part of one meeting coming up with rules of conduct for Scouts that should result in a bead being taken away.

There was an article in the September Baloo about this concept only using marbles. CD

I had the Scouts make suggestions on what rules they thought belonged on the list, and then the Scouts voted on them. These became THEIR rules, and thinking about them and deciding about them was a positive learning experience. It only takes a gentle reminder from myself or one of the other Cubs to stop a behavior that is on the list.

Den Code Of Conduct

www.PowWow-OnLine.net

Surprisingly enough, most den leaders find that if their den has a Code of Conduct to follow, their home, their furniture, and their dignity remain intact throughout their Cub Scout experience. Boys need to know just how far they can go, and the Den Code of Conduct will tell them this.

Each den will want to develop their own code to fit those special boys. Don't make too many rules. Omit insignificant ones. The rules should be simple, clear, and concise so they can be understood by the boys. In fact, the boys should help set the rules.

Some dens use a good conduct candle. This is a large candle that burns during den meetings. When any boy breaks the

conduct code the candle is extinguished for the remainder of the meeting. After several den meetings, the candle will be burned down, and a special treat or trip is planned for the den. The sooner the candle burns down, the sooner the boys receive their treat. In this way, the candle serves as an incentive for good behavior.

Suggestions for a Code of Conduct

- Enter by back door.
- Wipe feet before entering.
- Leave boots on porch.
- Go directly to den meeting room.
- No running or wrestling indoors.
- Show courtesy and respect for other den members, leaders, and the den meeting place.
- Bring den dues and handbook to each meeting.

Some Cubs answer to what the code should say:

- Don't interrupt
- No nasty jokes
- No cussing
- No punching or kicking
- Listen to Akela and don't talk back
- Don't stick your tongue out or spit
- No talking ugly about other people
- If a boy disobeys more than three times in one den meeting, he will phone his parents to pick him up immediately.
- Always go straight home after den meetings.

Friendly Reminders

It is important to keep boys under control at all times, without smothering them.
 If you lose control, you need to know how to regain it. Don't try to out shout the boys. Stand where the boys can see you and raise your arm in the Cub Scout sign. Train your boys to respond to this signal. They should know that when the sign goes up, they get quiet.
 Don't say or shout, "When the sign goes up, the mouth goes shut." Or you've lost the advantage of the sign
 Alternate sitting, doing quiet activities, and doing less quiet activities.

Know when the boys are getting restless and change the pace of the meeting. Go outside for an active game or contest. Give them a chance to blow off excess steam.

I love cheers for this – give someone a cheer for something they did, make it a really active one. It provides “wigggle time.” CD

Balance is important. Know where to draw the line.

Did You Know.....

Wtsmith.com/rt

Boys behave better when they wear their uniforms. They act out their Scouting roles. Tiger Cubs are more willing to **Search Discover and Share** when wearing their Tiger shirts. Cub Scouts and Webelos are more willing to **give good will** when wearing their uniforms.

The Ten Needs of Boy

York-Adams Council

- To climb a mountain and look afar.
- To sit around an embered campfire with good friends
- To test his strength and his skills on his very own.
- To be alone with his own thoughts and with his God.

- To reach out and find the hand of an understanding man ready and willing to help.
- To have a code to live by... easily understood and fair.
- A chance to play hard just for the fun of it... and to work hard for the thrill of it.
- To have a chance to fail... and know why.
- To have and to be a good friend and have a chance to prove both.
- To have a hero... and a vision to measure him by.



Achievement 4, How I Tell It

This requirement is about Communication. Getting our Tigers to talk with others and be positive in what they say. They may learn how to carry on conversations and a little about mass communication.

Tigers can learn there are many modes of communication – when we talk, write, dance, sing or draw pictures. We communicate too with our faces when we frown or smile and our bodies with how we stand or move our arms. Our uniforms and beads (on our Tiger totems) and patches communicate information about who we are and what we like to do.

Adults communicate through newspapers, magazines, books (Harry Potter) television and radio. Be open to showing all these to your tigers to help them search, Discover and Share.

Achievement 4 Family Activity

4F - At a family meal, have each family member take turns telling the others one thing that happened to him or her that day. Remember to practice being a good listener while you wait for your turn to talk.

Mealtime conversations should be kept positive. Sharing your day's activities could be become a regular family activity. Try to do this at a meal when everyone is there. Sharing amongst family members is always good so try to keep doing it even if only a few members are present.

The requirement helps promote Family Understanding, one of the Ten Purposes of Cub Scouting!!

This requirement involves doing a Character Connection on Respect. There are three elements to every Character Connection. A Tiger must first know what is correct, then practice doing it and finally commit to doing it in the future. If you want more info on Character Connections there is a BSA Bin Item 13-323A or go to Bill Smith's Virtual roundtable at - <http://www.wtsmith.com/rt/chardev.html>

For the Respect Character Connection –

Know – Have the Tiger discuss how he can show respect while talking with others. How to listen respectfully. How he may interrupt and still be respectful.

Practice – Have him participate in a family conversation (The one for this requirement would be great!!) Then discuss how he and others showed respect.

Commit – Have him discuss how it felt to be respected while he talked and how he felt showing respect o others. Have him make a list of three things to remember to help him talk respectfully.

Achievement 4 Den Activity

4D - Play "Tell It Like It Isn't"

This is the old “Whistling Down the Alley” game where the boys line up and pass a secret along. By the time it gets to the end, it usually is different than the start. *The more boys the more fun.* The Adults should join in, too, to make the line longer.

After the game discuss how things your Tiger may hear may not always be accurate. That messages change as they are passed from person to person. Discuss, too, how unkind words (gossip) can do harm and is often untrue. Cubs should only try and say things that are true. **Honesty** is a core value of Cub Scouting.

Achievement 3 Go and See It

4G - Visit a television station, radio station, or newspaper office. Find out how people there communicate with others.

This is very easy. Where I live we have a great radio station, WJBR (www.wjbr.com) that invites Scouts up to tour. Then, if the Den wants to, they tape them saying the Pledge of Allegiance. Every day at 7:00 AM, they play a tape of a group (school class, Den, Troop, Club). *They even came to my roundtable and had us one morning saying the Pledge.* I really like it when I hear a Tiger Den; they are so honest and excited. And most say it correctly – saying “One Nation Under God” as a continuous phrase without a pause. Of course it helps that the morning DJ, Michael Waite, grew up in Indiana, the Heartland of America, and his assistant, Mr. Rhoads is an experienced Philmont trekker!! I have heard the Pledge said on several other area stations so maybe there is one by you.

Our local newspaper encourages tours. When my son’s Den went for Communicator, they inserted a picture of the Den on the front page and ran enough copies so each Scout could get one!!

Tiger Activities

Circle Ten Council

Christmas Song

Tune: Rudolph

Here's to the Cubs in our den.
As they follow, help and give.
All of the boys in our den,
Know just how a Cub should live.

Now that it's time for Christmas,
We've been very helpful boys,
We've gathered lots of old things,
Fixed them up like brand new toys.

Saved our pennies every meeting,
Bought a lovely Christmas tree,
Trimmed it up to take to our Den-adopted family.

Bright and early Christmas morning,
When they see our shiny toys,

We'll be happy that we shared our
Christmas joy with other boys.

Hanukah Fun Song

Tune: Merrily We Roll Along

Hanukkah is here at last,
Here at last, here at last.
Hanukkah is here at last,
There's fun for everyone.

We spin the dreidel merrily,
Merrily, merrily,
We spin the dreidel merrily,
Come and join the fun.

There's fun for you and fun for me,
Fun for you, fun for me.
There's fun for you and fun for me,
With toys and games and cheer.

The candles burn so cheerily,
Cheerily, cheerily,
The candles burn so cheerily,
It's the best week of the year.

Tiger Grub

Rudolph the Reindeer

1/4 cup peanut butter, creamy
2 slices whole wheat bread
16 raisins
4 Cherries
16 pretzels - twist style

1. Spread peanut butter on bread slices
2. Cut each slice into 4 triangles.
3. Turn triangles so point is down,
4. Place two raisins in center for eyes.
5. Cut the cherries in half
6. Place one half at the bottom point for the nose.
7. Break twist pretzels to make antlers
8. Place at the upper two corners.

Variation: Turn pretzel down near the nose to make cats
with whiskers

Magic Reindeer Food

Supplies:

Uncooked oats
Ziplock Bag
Ribbon
Glitter

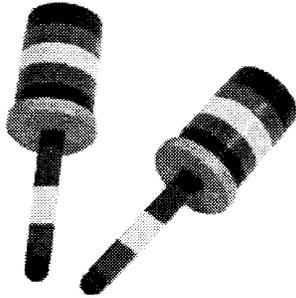
In a Ziplock bag, put a little bit of uncooked oats and glitter.
Shake to mix.

On Christmas Eve night
Before the little ones yawn
Sprinkle "Magic Reindeer Food"
On your front lawn
The smell of the oats
And the sparkles so bright
Will surely help Rudolph
With his Christmas Eve flight.

Holiday Crafts

Mini Music Makers

Easy to make from empty film canisters and craft sticks.



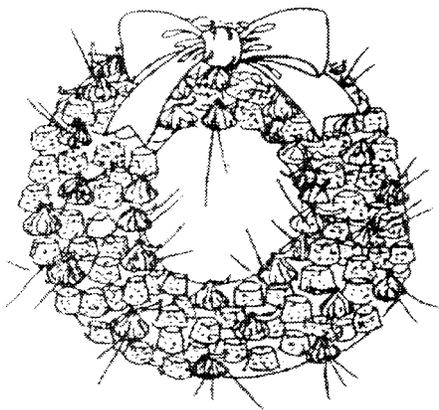
You need:

- Two Empty Film Canisters
- Two Craft Sticks
- Colored Vinyl Tape
- Black Marker or Paint
- Rice, Beans, or Beads
- Scissors

Instructions:

Paint the craft sticks black. Decorate the sticks and the containers using colored vinyl tape. Cut a slit in the tops to hold the craft sticks securely. Fill containers half full with rice, beans or beads. Replace the tops. Push in the crafts sticks.

Chocolate Kisses Wreath



Supplies:

- Foil covered chocolate kisses
- Poster board
- Gumdrops
- Cake frosting
- Ribbon

Directions: Cut a large circle from the poster board and one from the center of this circle. You can use the cake frosting to cover the circle or you can use regular glue to cover the circle. Glue the chocolate kisses and gum drops onto the wreath. You may choose another shape if it is more appropriate for your celebration!

Photo Ornament

Materials:

- Four photos of family members
- 4 inches red ribbon
- Thumbtack
- Glue
- Foam cube

Directions:

1. Cut the photos to the size of one side of the cube.
2. Glue a different photo to each of the four sides. Leave the top and bottom blank.
3. Fold the ribbon in half to make a hanging loop. Secure the ends to the top of the cube with the thumbtack.
4. Let the glue dry.

Seasonal Gift

(for a Parent/Teacher, etc.)



Materials:

- Oval wood piece
- Pens
- Glue
- Tulip paint
- Pipe Cleaner or Ribbon

Directions:

1. Paint the wood piece white.
2. Write "TIS THE SEASON" on the top.
3. Write "TO CELEBRATE" on the bottom.
4. Let the boys decorate with their favorite holiday items.
5. Glue the pipe cleaner or the ribbon hanger on the back.

SPECIAL OPPORTUNITIES

Over the last few months I have had an item each issue about a special award Cub Scout can earn. This issue it is the Internet Scout Patch of USScouts.org

If you missed any they were:

August – Emergency Preparedness Award

September – Boys’ life Reading Contest

(repeated again this month)

October – Leave No Trace Award

Upcoming issues may feature – World Conservation Award, Religious Awards, and Sports and Academics Awards. If you have suggestions, please let us know. CD

Internet Scout Patch - Earn It!
U.S. Scouting Service Project



This is an educational program of the U.S. Scouting Service Project and is not part of the advancement program of any WOSM Scouting Association

Cub Scout (Under 11 years old) Requirements:

Do ANY 8 of Requirements 1 through 11

AND Do Requirement 12

Online help - <http://usscouts.org/internetscoutpatch-earnit.asp>.

(You can find the Boy Scout (over 11 years old) requirements here)

- 1. Computer Access** Find out where computing resources are available in your community or school OR visit a store where computer hardware, software and accessories are sold. Share with your leader (or a parent) and with your Den what you learned.
- 2. Getting Connected** Find out what internet service you use at home, or your parents use at work or learn about a service that is available in your home town. Discuss with your parents and Den Leader what you learned.
- 3. Online Safety** Learn about Online safety and how to protect yourself on the Internet. With your parents, guardian, or Scout Leader, go to http://www.netsmartz.org/KIDS/index_hasFlash.html and complete each lesson.
- 4. Web Browsers** Explain what a browser (for example; Netscape Navigator, Microsoft Internet Explorer, Opera, Amaya, or Lynx) is and how use a browser to find information on the World Wide Web.
- 5. Using the World Wide Web** Demonstrate how to connect to the Internet and World Wide Web using a computer & modem or other device (Cable Modems, DSL, etc) . Once connected:
Explain the difference between a web page and a website.
Demonstrate what a "link" is and how it works.
Explain how to change from one URL to another.
- 6. Searching for Information** Use a search engine on the World Wide Web Examples of search engines include; Google (<http://www.google.com>), Yahoo (<http://www.yahoo.com>), AltaVista (<http://www.altavista.digital.com>), Lycos (<http://www.lycos.com>) and FirstGov (<http://firstgov.gov>). Find a website which addresses some part of Scouting.
- 7. Using the Web for Scouting** Visit <http://macscouter.com/CubScouts/CubCmptr/index.html>

and under the category "Let's Go Surfing", find and print out games, songs or skits. (If Bears find a game, song or skit they like and get their Den Leader's approval, they can plan and conduct one of the above during a den meeting and complete Achievement 24c.)

- 8. Your Own Web Page** With the help of an adult build a simple web page and show it to your Scout Leader (or a parent). This web page should include text, a link, and a graphic. (note: This web page does not have to be put on the internet to qualify and can be done as a den project.) Discuss with your Scout leader (or a parent) how an individual with disabilities can access the web.
- 9. Using E-mail** Show how to send and receive e-mail.
- 10. Internet Communications** Explain what Messenger-type services (AOL Instant Messenger, MSN Messenger, Yahoo Messenger, etc.) are and how to use them. Explain to an Adult what to do when somebody you don't know tries to chat with you. Explain what to do when somebody tries to find out where you live or go to school. With an adult present, use one of these tools.
- 11. Safe Computing** Explain what a computer virus and worm are. Explain how to protect your computer from viruses, worms, and other malicious programs.
- 12. Downloading Software** Explain to your Scout Leader what can go wrong with your computer when you download software and how to safely download software. If you have a home computer, discuss with your parents what software you can download on your home computer.

Boys' Life Reading Contest

Enter the 16th Boys' Life Reading Contest Now!

Boys' Life Reading Contest Patches

COLLECT ALL FOUR!



Write a one-page report titled "The Best Book I Read This Year" and enter it in the Boys' Life 2003 "Say Yes to Reading!" contest.

The book can be fiction or nonfiction. But the report has to be in your own words—500 words tops. Enter in one of these three age categories: 8 years old and younger, 9 and 10 years old, or 11 years and older.

First-place winners in each age category will receive a \$100 gift certificate good for any product in the Boy Scouts Official Retail Catalog. Second-place will receive a \$75 gift certificate, and third-place a \$50 certificate.

Everyone who enters will get a free patch like the square one above. (The patch is a temporary insignia, so it can be worn on the Boy Scout uniform shirt. Proudly display it there or anywhere!) In coming years, you'll have the opportunity to earn the other patches.

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

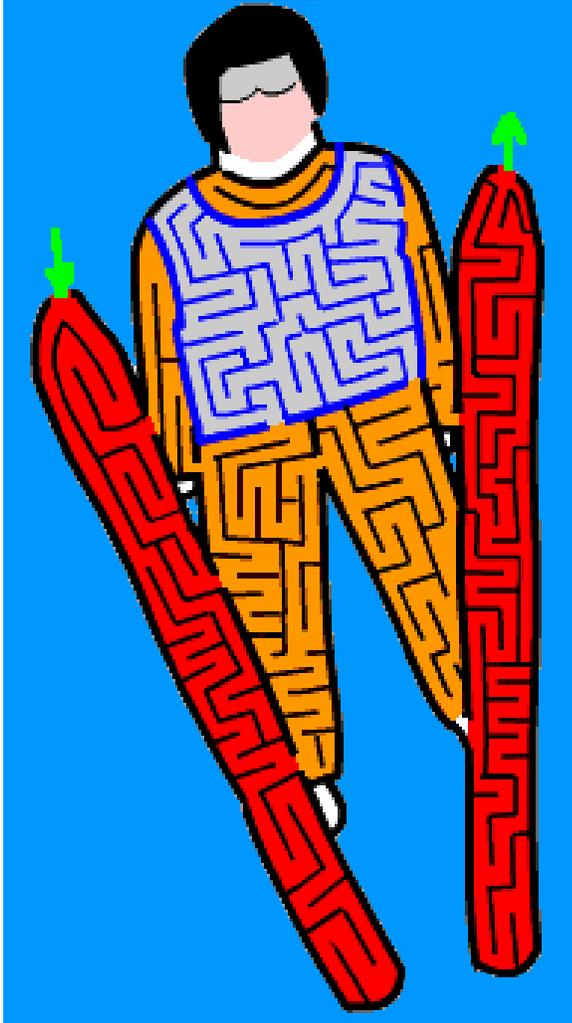
Send your report, along with a business-size, self-addressed, stamped envelope, to:

Boys' Life Reading Contest, S306
P.O. Box 152079
Irving, TX 75015-2079

For more details go to www.boyslife.org

Entries must be postmarked by Dec. 31, 2003.

PRE-OPENING ACTIVITY



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How Many?

Southern NJ Council

Fill a clear container filled with red, green and white jellybeans, holiday M&Ms, counting as you fill. Everyone makes a guess on a slip a paper (be sure they include their first and last name) as to how many treats are in the jar. The winner gets the container & candy.

Gingerbread Person Photo Shoot

Southern NJ Council

Get a refrigerator or wardrobe box. Decorate the front with a gingerbread man. Cut a hole in the front of box so cubs can show their faces while having their picture taken.

Santa's Bag –

Southern NJ Council

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

Maze

Santa Clara County Council

I recommend you copy the picture then print it Cub size for them to solve. CD

OPENING CEREMONY

Cub Scouts Means...

Viking Council

Arrangements: 8 Cub Scouts hold cards spelling out CUB SCOUT and read the lines written on the back of the cards.

- Cub # 1:** C – is for Cheerful Cub Scouts. Giving Goodwill means we are cheerful as we work and play.
- Cub # 2:** U – is for useful Cub Scouts. Giving Goodwill means we help our family, our teachers, and our Scouting leaders.
- Cub # 3:** B is for busy. Giving Goodwill means we are busy helping other people enjoy the holiday season.
- Cub # 4:** S is for serving. Giving Goodwill means we give service with a smile and help the needy.
- Cub # 5:** C is for courteous. Giving Goodwill means we are courteous. If we are courteous, other people will be courteous too.
- Cub # 6:** O is for orderly Giving Goodwill means we keep our rooms and belongings orderly which helps our family in this busy season.
- Cub # 7:** U – is for understanding. Giving Goodwill means we remember to keep secrets, and understand when our parents are tired or busy.
- Cub # 8:** T – is for thankful. Giving Goodwill means we are thankful for our home, church, school, and for our family and friends..

GREETINGS

Viking Council

This is a classic that appears almost every year for your Holiday Pack Show. Commissioner Dave

Set Up: The Den Chief explains that the audience is to respond by doing as the boys say and then introduces the ceremony.

The boys hold cards that spell out the word G-R-E-E-T-I-N-G-S. Each exposes his card as he speaks his line.

G - Glad to see you here tonight.

R - Reach out your hand to a friend left or right.

E - Everyone smile and shake his hand,

E - Everybody smile and nod at another friend.

T - Together now, stand up on your feet,

I - I'd like for you all to take your seat.

N - Now that we're all friends, we'll start the show,

G - Good will is a feeling we all like to know.

S - So now we say greetings to everyone.

All - We've tried to give goodwill in all that we have done.
So Cubmaster, our program's begun.

The boys motion for Cubmaster to come on stage

December Lights Opening

Chief Seattle Council

This is the season of lights. It is a time when the days are shorter and the nights are long. But, somehow, things seem brighter. Shopping centers are bright with holiday lights.

Thousands of homes have single candles to light the way for the Christ Child. Other thousands have candles burning to commemorate the miracle of the oils of Hanukkah. Even the stars in the winter sky seem brighter.

The most brilliant glow comes from the spirit of goodwill that you live all year 'round in the Cub Scout Promise and Law of the Pack.

Let us all stand and repeat them together.

Chief Seattle suggests the Cubmaster says this opening.

Santa Clara County Council add this beginning –

Setting: Cub Scouts leave the room and march back in by dens. Dim the room lights and have each Denner hold a single candle or small flashlight as the dens return. When the dens have reached their places, the Cubmaster then begins the remarks:

Goodwill Opening

Chief Seattle Council

And the angel said, "Peace on earth, goodwill toward men." Cub Scouts give goodwill by being thoughtful and kind, and by doing Good Turns. In this holiday season, may our good will shine as brightly as the star in the East, so that other people will follow our example. Please join me in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Holiday Pledge Of Allegiance

Chief Seattle Council

Set Up: A narrator to say the lines of the Pledge of Allegiance and 6 Cub Scouts to say the accompanying lines.

Someone to play music. While this ceremony is being done, background music (such as "Joy to the World".) plays softly.

Narrator: I pledge Allegiance

1st. Cub: At this joyous time of year

Narrator: To the flag

2nd Cub: A symbol of unity as Christ is a symbol of peace

Narrator: Of the United States of America

3rd Cub: A land chosen above all others

Narrator: And to the Republic for which it stands

4th Cub: The people who care and share

Narrator: One Nation under God

5th Cub: Who shared his son with us

Narrator: Indivisible

6th Cub: A nation united through love

Narrator: With Liberty and Justice for all

Then ask all in attendance to join with you and repeat the Pledge of Allegiance.

Opening Ceremony I

Southern NJ Council

Props: Box wrapped with holiday paper and tied with a bow. In the box are a menorah, small Christmas tree, invitation, Kwanzaa candelabra, Instant Recognition patch and beads, small wrapped gift, small felt stocking, and card saying "Do Your Best."

Cubmaster: (Opens box and looks inside.) December is one of the most exciting months of the year, and certainly one of the busiest. This month we have: Christmas (Takes out tree.); Hanukkah (Removes menorah.); Kwanzaa (Removes candle holder.), and Holiday parties (Takes out invitation.). What a great time for all of us! Our pack has had lots of fun this month working on advancements (Takes patch and beads from box.), but one of the best things was our special service project/Good Turn (Takes stocking from box.) This helped us live the theme "A Cub Scout Gives Goodwill" We've been busy, and all the time we have followed the Cub Scout Motto: (takes paper out of box and shows it while saying motto) "Do Your Best" and the ending of the Law of the Pack, "A Cub Scout Gives Goodwill." Now den ___ will present the colors.

Building A Better World

Santa Clara County Council

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.

Den leader introduces this Opening by stating – All this month we have been learning how a Cub Scout gives goodwill and through this goodwill he can help build a better world. We will now show you how a Cub Scout can help build a Better World -

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)

Den leader - There you have it - that is how you build A BETTER WORLD.

PACK/DEN ACTIVITIES

Goodwill Caroling Party

Southern NJ Council

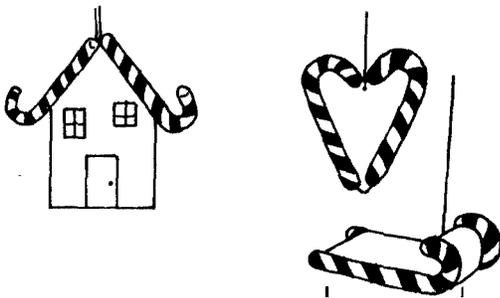
The whole idea is to give good will and holiday spirit to each of your Scouts' families by having the boys sing carols at each boy's house. At each house have the parent provide a different refreshment. For instance, the first house could provide hot cocoa. The next house could provide cookies. The next house could provide some finger sandwiches, and so on, until all of the boys' homes have been visited.

Candy Cane Ornaments

Chief Seattle Council

Deck your tree with flavor!!!

Materials: Use small candy canes about 3-3/4" long, attached with cake frosting glue to construction paper cutouts.



Cottage - Cut a little house from paper. Attach two candy canes to outline the peaked roof. Glue on paper door and windows. Punch hole and attach string loop for hanging.

Heart - Cut a paper heart. Attach two canes to form a border. Tie on a hanger.

Toboggan - Cut a 2" x 3 1/2" piece of paper. Curl one end around pencil. Attach to candy cane runners. Tie on string for hanging.

Cinnamon Cookie Cutter Ornaments

Santa Clara County Council

Materials -

3/4 cup water

1 cup cinnamon

4 tablespoons white (Elmer's) glue

Combine all ingredients.

Refrigerate for 2 hours.

Knead in your hand until workable.

Roll out on a board between 2 layers of waxed paper.

Use cookie cutters to make shapes.

Use an ice pick, toothpick or chopstick to make holes in the tops for threading a ribbon for hanging.

Penguin Pins

Chief Seattle Council



You'll need:

Ice cream stick or craft stick
 black, white and orange acrylic paint

3/8" red felt

tiny white pompon

tacky glue; glue gun

sunflower seed in shell

paintbrush 1"-long x 1/4"-wide

square of knit rib fabric

pinback

toothpick

Paint sunflower seed orange and craft stick black. When dry, paint white oval on stick, from top to 1" above bottom. Glue seed nose 1" below top. Paint eyes 1/4" below top and buttons with toothpick. Glue felt scarf around neck; snip fringe.

Hat: Glue 1/4" at 1" edges of rib fabric together; gather and glue one end closed; turn. Fold under 1/8" at lower edge; glue onto stick. Glue on pompon; hot-glove pinback.

Indoor Snowman Making Contest

Santa Clara County Council

Divide the Pack into four or more groups, and give each group materials to make a garbage bag snowman (large white garbage bags, newspapers, tape, etc). See which team can make the best snowman in a given amount of time. The teams can make the snowmen anyway way they wish. Have the scouts fill white garbage bags with wrinkled newspaper. Place the filled bags on top of each other to make a huge snowman. Use construction paper, crayons, markers, ribbon, glue, tape, etc. to decorate the snowman.

Holiday Time?

Southern NJ Council

The holidays are a time of laughter and good cheer, for gathering together and making memories that will last

forever. These holiday traditions will live from year to year. Some outdoor activities that you and your den can do are:

1. Decorate an outside tree with homemade animal-friendly decorations, such as strings of popcorn, birdseed balls, and pinecone/peanut butter feeders.
2. Take a car or bus ride through neighborhoods gaily decorated with bright shining lights and lawn ornaments.
3. Stroll through the neighborhood singing holiday carols.
4. Take a walk in the woods gathering pinecones and other nature items to use to make holiday decorations and presents.

End each activity with a holiday party!

Holiday Card House

Chief Seattle Council

Good for holding presents, treats, or supplies!!

Materials needed:

Seven Holiday cards cut to measure 4" X 6" (for each house)

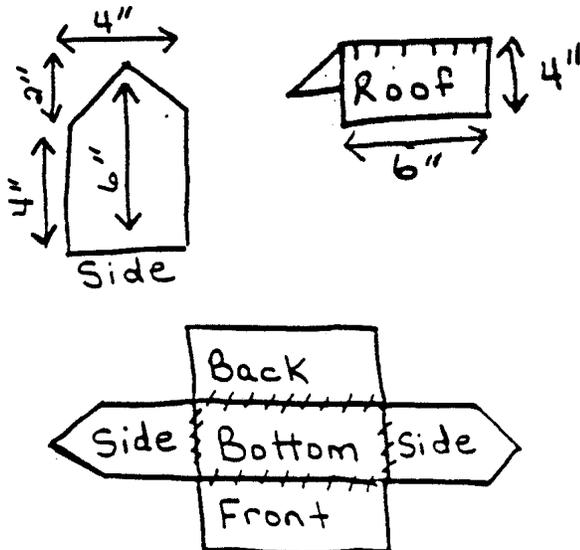
Paper punch

Yarn - Various colors

Tapestry needle

To assemble:

Trim the length of two cards to measure 4" on each side with a 6" peak in the center as shown. These will be the side walls. Punch holes 1/2" apart around the four sides of every card. Follow illustration and sew the bottom and sides of the house together using a tapestry needle and yarn. Then, bring up each side and sew together. Sew the two roof pieces together. Place roof over house and attach seams to side peaks.



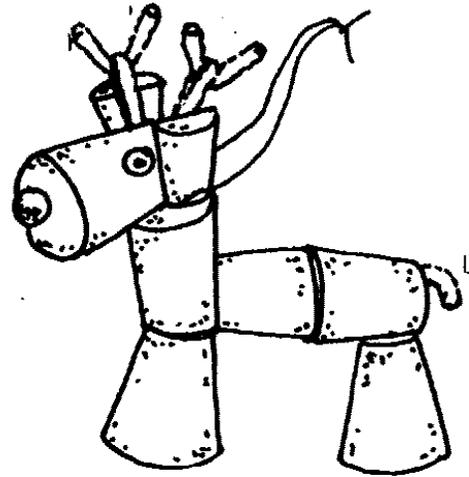
Glittery Holiday Decorations

Chief Seattle Council

Draw outlines of holiday items (e.g. Christmas Tree, Santa Claus, Menorah) on lightweight cardboard. Carefully cut out. Spread glue on one side and sprinkle with glitter. Do the same for the other side. Tie narrow cord at the top to hang.

Cork Reindeer

Chief Seattle Council



Materials:

Six corks all the same size for the head and body.

You'll need one more cork for the base of the antlers. If corks don't fit together well, cut away cork until they do.

Glue body pieces together. Glue on legs. Let dry completely.

For the base of antlers, cut cork in two. Glue to head. Make antlers and tail from pieces of pipe cleaner. Glue to reindeer. Glue on paper eyes and a pom-pom nose. Tie yarn harness around neck for a hanger.

Indoor Sled Race

Santa Clara County Council

Use large cardboard boxes. Divide the group into teams and have a relay race. Each team member takes a turn in the sled "box or piece of cardboard." The other team members have to push or pull the person in the sled to a line marked across the room and back to the start. Another team member gets into the sled and the team does the same thing. Keep playing until one team has pushed all their team members across the room and back to the start line.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Helping Others Viking Council

Lights: "Blink, blink, blink"

Cub Scout: "Do Your Best"

Helping Other People: "Warm Fuzzy"

Pack: Yell the Pack Number

Old Lady: "No, I Don't Want To Go"

Tree: "Ahhhhhhhhh"

Once upon a time, in a CUB SCOUT PACK a CUB SCOUT was learning about **HELPING OTHER PEOPLE**. The CUB SCOUT helped an **OLD LADY** across the street. But the **OLD LADY** did not want the CUB SCOUT to help her. The **OLD LADY** did not care that the CUB SCOUT had been learning about **HELPING OTHER PEOPLE** or that the CUB SCOUT and his **PACK** had set out to do good deeds. The **OLD LADY** just wanted to get a **TREE**. But the CUB SCOUT and his **PACK** were learning about **HELPING OTHER PEOPLE** and really wanted to **HELP OTHER PEOPLE** and so the CUB SCOUT helped the **OLD LADY** across the street. The **OLD LADY** thought what kind of a **PACK** is this? The **OLD LADY** just wanted her **TREE** and pretty **LIGHTS**. The CUB SCOUT said, "Nice **OLD LADY**, my CUB SCOUT **PACK** and I are learning about **HELPING OTHER PEOPLE**. I'll help you get your **TREE** and put your pretty **LIGHTS** on, if you will just let me learn about **HELPING OTHER PEOPLE** by getting you across this busy street". The **OLD LADY** sighed and smiled and said "Thank you".

The House Where Santa Claus Lives Santa Clara County Council

This is my personal favorite Audience Participation for the December Pack meeting. It is in the Cub Scout "How To Book." Commissioner Dave

SCCC suggests several ways to lead this Audience Participation -

Have Santa enter and tell the following story:

Old Santa has traveled many a mile to be with you. He has been impressed with your preparations for the holiday season and has had a look into all your homes. Tonight, Santa would like to tell you about a house you have never seen before. It is the house where Santa Claus lives. While I tell you this story, I will need your help for certain words. Every time these words are spoken, I want you to make certain signs. Let's all practice them before we start the story.

Then list the parts and the motions

Now, let's begin our story.

After the story Santa says - Now old Santa must be on his way. He has one parting thought for all of you. Keep the Cub Scout Promise and always do your best. If you do, you can make it Christmas every day of the year. Merry Christmas everyone!

Another way to present the story without the aid of a costume is

Presenter says, "I'm going to tell you a story about the house where Santa lives. There will be certain signs for you to make. Anyone seen not making the signs will have to come up in front and help me."

I always call up front one Scout or sibling for each part and have them make the sign for that part (house, shed, reindeer,..) so the group can follow easier. Besides involving more people in telling the story, they are actually living cue cards for me so I remember what comes next!!!

Commissioner Dave

ADVANCEMENT CEREMONIES

Whatever Advancement ceremony you chose this month – please be careful to make it clear that the awards are earned. They are not presents or gifts. The boys worked hard to earn them. We are not just giving them away.

Thank you. Commissioner Dave.

The Fourth Bead, A Den Ceremony Southern NJ Council

Cub Scouts who have completed the Wolf or Bear rank, receive their badges at a pack ceremony. But it's a good idea to recognize them in the Den too, as soon as they finish the 12th achievement.

Personnel: Den Leader, advancing Cub Scout

Equipment: Bead from Immediate Recognition Kit

Den Leader: Today (Name) gets his fourth bead for passing three more achievements for Wolf (or Bear) rank. Do you know what that means? It means that he has finished all 12 achievements for Wolf (or Bear). At our next Pack meeting, he'll get his new badge. I think that's great! He'll wear his new Wolf (or Bear) badge on his left shirt pocket. (**Attach bead to thong of Progress toward Ranks patch**).

Keep working on advancement, (Name). That way you will get the most fun in our Den and Pack. Let us see you other Cubs keep advancing, too. Congratulations!

Holiday Advancement

Santa Clara County Council

Set Up: This requires a bit of advance prep. All boys who are to receive awards need to be notified that they should bring a can of food or a small gift to the meeting.

You'll need a Christmas tree.

Cubmaster: I came from the North Pole tonight to share in the spirit of giving. Everyone should be able to feel the rewards of this wonderful season. We have several boys here tonight to whom I would like to give something—something for which they have worked very hard and deserve to receive. They will also be giving goodwill by helping those who are less fortunate, which is the sign of a true Scout. (Call out boys' names, one at a time, and present each with his award and an ornament. The boy places his ornament on the tree and his food or gift under the tree.)

Just look at the glow and feel the true spirit of giving. These Scouts have not only worked hard all month to earn their awards, but have shown that extra measure of kindness and giving in this season of goodwill.

Goodwill Enlightens the World*Santa Clara County Council*

Setting: Place a world globe on a table. Place candles around the globe, one for each rank to be given out. Dim the room lights. Assistant Cubmaster holds a lighted candle.

Cubmaster: We read in the newspaper every day about wars. Television shows us daily pictures of bombings and destruction in many parts of the world. This is a dark picture, and not what each of us wants for our children and ourselves.

Scouting is one of the things that helps to bring people together because its ideals and goals are the same everywhere. We tend to think of Cub Scouting as just our Pack and our Den. But there are Cub Scouts like us in countries around the world.

(Name of Leader) holds a candle representing the spirit of Cub Scouting. As we present our advancement awards tonight, he will light a candle next to the globe for each rank.

We have some boys who have passed the requirements for the rank of Bobcat. Will **(call Scouts receiving awards)** and their parents please come forward? (Present badges to parents to pin on boys' uniforms and parent pins to boys to give to parents. Light the Bobcat candle.)

(Repeat for each rank.)

Notice how the darkness surrounding the world has gone away as the light of the Cub Scout spirit has spread around the globe. If we all continue to work on our achievements and have our Cub Scouts give Goodwill by keeping the Cub Scout Promise, we can keep the light bright and help our world to be a better place for everyone.

GAMES**Holiday Present Relay***Chief Seattle Council*

Equipment: One wrapped package for each team

How to Play: Divide into teams. The first runner of each team runs from the starting line across the room where he unties the wrapped gift. He runs back to his team and touches the next player in line. This player then runs to the unwrapped gift and must rewrap it. He returns to the next teammate and the process begins again. First team to complete wins.

Pin the Hanukkah Candle*Chief Seattle Council***Materials:**

A poster-size menorah

A cardboard candle for each player

How to Play: Draw a menorah on a large sheet of cardboard and tape it to the wall. From lightweight cardboard or poster board cut out a candle for each player. The candle represents the shames or candle used to light the eight Hanukkah candles. Put a pin through the flame of each candle. Blindfold a Cub Scout and turn him around three times. He then tries to pin his shames on any of the menorah's candles. The one who comes closest, wins.

From Santa's Sack*Chief Seattle Council*

Fill a big bag with all sorts of dress-up clothes, including wigs and funny hats. Players form a large circle around "Santa's Sack". Put on some music and have them start passing a balloon around the circle. When the music stops the one with the balloon runs to the sack, grabs something quickly and puts it on before returning to his place. Continue until the sack is empty then hold a fashion show and judge the most colorful fashion, the funniest fashion, etc. Give everyone a prize.

If You Go To The North Pole With Me...*Chief Seattle Council*

This can be used in both Den and Pack Meetings. Group can be divided into smaller groups, which compete or can be done within the den with boys taking turns. The Den Leader chants: "If you go to the North Pole with me, what are the wonders you will see?". Players call out what they might see and then must act out the Scene. More than one boy can help. In the Pack Meeting, each "picture" can be held, forming a living tableau of the North Pole.

You could make a memory game with this title by having the first person name something he would bring. Then the second person repeats the first item and adds one, and the third names the first two and adds one and so on.

Commissioner Dave

Tissue Paper Relay*Chief Seattle Council*

Not theme related but I saw it in the Chief Seattle Pow Wow book for this month and thought it was good. CD

Give each player a drinking straw. Divide the den into two teams. Give the first player on each team a square of tissue paper. On signal, he tries to lift the tissue paper off the table by inhaling through the straw and pass it to the next member of his team without dropping it. The next player must take the tissue paper using the straw and pass it to the next team member. If the paper falls, it must be picked up with the straw.

Presents Pantomime*Southern NJ Council*

Each boy thinks of a present he would like to give a make-believe friend (or a real friend) and then decides how to act out movements for his chosen present. (For example, if he chose a dog, he could chase his tail around in a circle, give a paw to "shake", or roll over with paws up) There are no limits on the price, or availability of this pretend present. The leader should consult with each boy as needed to choose a present and work out the movements. When all the boys have decided on the presents and movements, have each in turn act out his present and see who can guess what it is.

Trim the Tree*Southern NJ Council*

Line up the dens for a relay. Attach large sheets of paper to the opposite wall and give each boy a different colored crayon. On signal, the first boy runs to his paper and outlines a Christmas tree. Then the next boy runs up and draws in a stand. The others draw ornaments or lights. The first team to trim its tree wins.

Hanukkah Peanut Hunt*Southern NJ Council*

Buy package of peanuts. Write K on 4, H on 4, N on 4, U on 4 and A on 4. Hide all the peanuts, lettered and unlettered, hunt for 5 minutes.

10 points for greatest number

5 points for each lettered peanut

20 points for the enough letters to write HANUKKAH

Pass the Dreidel*Southern NJ Council*

Cubs sit in circle, start music. Pass the top around the circle. When the music stops, the Cub holding the dreidel drops out. Last Cub is the winner.

I get Dreidels every year for my Roundtable from a friend. The small ones cost about 10 cents. To find the rules for the Dreidel game and the story of the Dreidel and lots of other Hanukkah games check out the websites listed in Baloo. Commissioner Dave

Christmas Stocking Contest*Southern NJ Council*

Two or more red stocking are hung up, the number depending on the number of contestants you have for each side. Each boy is provided with a teaspoon and three apples, or tennis balls. These apples must be picked up off the floor with the spoon, carried to the stocking and dropped into it. It may be run as a relay, with each runner putting in just one apple, returning and handing the spoon to the next runner. The apples must be gotten into the stocking without the aid of the extra hand.

What's Wrong with Christmas*Southern NJ Council*

This is a variation of the classic Kim's game. It is a good game for den meetings. On a table or tray place a number of Christmas type objects, such as a candy canes, bell, sprig of holly, etc. Scatter through these a number of objects that are not a part of Christmas, such as Halloween mask, green shamrock, red heart, hard-boiled egg, etc. Cover all objects until time to play the game; then remove the cover and give Cub Scouts two minutes to look at all the objects. Recover all objects, and give each boy a pencil and paper. Ask them to write down all non-Christmas items. Cub Scout with longest list wins.

SONGS**Hanukkah Fun***Southern NJ Council*

Tune: Mary Had A Little Lamb

Hanukkah is here at last,
Here at last here at last.
Hanukkah is here at last.
Oh what fun we'll have.

We spin the dreidel merrily,
Merrily, merrily.
We spin the dreidel merrily,
Oh what fun we'll have.

The candles burn so happily,
Happily, happily.
The candles burn so happily

Gift Giving*Viking Council*

Tune: I'd Like to Teach the World to Sing

I'd like to give the world a gift,
that all men will be free.
And though I'm just a growing boy,
There's things that I can see.
To see that Scouting is a way,
To start to understand.
That caring, helping, smiling, learning
Help me be a man.
And so at Christmas here's a gift,
That you can give to me
Please help me grow in mind and spirit,
To be what I can be.

When You're Helping And You Know It*Chief Seattle Council*

Tune: If You're Happy And You Know It

When you're helping and you know it lend a hand
When you're giving and you show it things are grand.
If you're helping and you're giving
Then you help make life worth living.
Keep on helping, keep on giving, take a stand.

Joy To The Cubs*Chief Seattle Council*

Tune: Joy To The World

Joy to the world, our Cubs are here.
Let all the pack rejoice.
Their badges they have earned today.
Award them now without delay
Let all the pack now cheer
Let all the pack now cheer.
For those Cub Scouts who advanced today.

Winter Snow Seattle Style*Chief Seattle Council*

Tune: Edelweiss

Winter snow, winter snow,
Each December you tease me.
Darkened skies, threatening clouds
I expect snowflakes to greet me.
Flurries of white may you fall on me
Fall on me just one time.
If they fall, they don't last
I guess I'll go to Snoqualmie Pass.

Slow*Chief Seattle Council*

Tune: Where Has My Little Dog Gone

Oh why, oh why, hasn't Santa come yet?
Oh why - does anyone know?
If he'd trade his sleigh for a modern jet,
He wouldn't be so slow!

Hanukkah Fun

Southern NJ Council

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Helping Santa Claus

Southern NJ Council

Tune: Up On The Housetop

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

Reindeer Poky

Santa Clara County Council

(Tune: The Hokey Poky)

You put your antlers in. You put your antlers out.
You put you antlers in and you shake them all about.
You do the Reindeer Poky and you turn yourself around.
That's what it's all about!

Additional verses -

You put your hooves in....
You put your red nose in....
You put your fluffy tail in...
You put your reindeer body in...

Oh, Saint Nicholas

Santa Clara County Council

(Tune: Old McDonald Had A Farm)

Old St. Nicholas had a tree
(form tree with arms)
Ho, ho ho ho ho!
And on that tree he had some horns
(blow horns)
Ho ho ho ho ho
With a toot toot here and a toot toot there
Here a toot There a toot
Every where a toot toot

Continue.... substitute horns with:

Lights flash flash
candy canes yum-yum
drums..... boom-boom
bells ring ring
birds..... peep peep
stars twinkle twinkle

CUB GRUB - Fun Food

Hot Spiced Apple Cider

Southern NJ Council

1 Gal. Apple Cider or Apple Juice
1-9 oz bag of Cinnamon Red Hot Candy
1/2 cup Sugar
5 cinnamon sticks
20 - 25 Whole Cloves
1 cup Prepared Cranberry Juice
1 cup Prepared Orange Juice
Butter
In a large pot, combine all ingredients except butter. Over a medium heat, bring to a boil. Stir frequently until sugar and candies dissolve. Reduce heat and simmer for an hour. Before serving, place a small butter pat in each mug. Pour cider into mug over butter. Add cinnamon stick and stir.

Edible Ornaments

Southern NJ Council

1 cup butter or margarine
1 1/2 cup powdered sugar
3 cups flour
2 - 4 tablespoons heavy cream
red and green food coloring
2 dozen chocolate kisses
2 dozen maraschino cherries
Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

1. Cream butter, sugar, and vanilla until fluffy.
2. Blend in flour, salt, and enough cream to hold dough together.
3. Divide dough in half.
4. Tint one half with red food coloring and the other half with green food coloring.
5. Mold a Tablespoon of red dough around each Kiss (that is unwrapped)
6. Mold green dough around cherry.
7. Roll cookies between palms of hand to make smooth, round balls.
8. Place balls 1" apart on ungreased cookie sheet.
9. Bake 12-14 minutes, or just until cookies are set (cookies must not brown)
10. Let cool completely.
11. Dip each cookie into icing

Icing

Blend together:
2 Cups powdered sugar
1/3C heavy cream
2 teaspoons vanilla

Mix and divide into two bowls. Tint one red and the other green. Then roll into desired topping (Chocolate jimmies, colored sugar, crushed peppermint, confetti, sprinkles, etc.)

Yummy Igloo

Chief Seattle Council

1/2 Apple, cored
miniature marshmallows
peanut butter
1. Place apple cut side down on a plate.
2. Spread peanut butter all over the outside of the apple.
3. Cover peanut butter with miniature marshmallows.

Eatable Yule Log
Chief Seattle Council

Ingredients:

2 1/4 cups graham cracker crumbs
3/4 cup miniature marshmallows
1 cup chopped dates or raisins
2 cups chopped nuts
1 cup cream

Stir together all ingredients till thoroughly mixed.
Shape into one 1 large or several small logs.
Wrap in foil or plastic wrap: refrigerate.

Tasty Menorahs
Santa Clara County Council

Ingredients: Bread, cream cheese or butter, carrot sticks, pretzel sticks, raisins

Spread bread with cream cheese or butter; arrange 8 pretzels as candles and carrot stick as large candle in center. Use raisins as flames at ends of carrot and pretzel sticks.

Cinnamon Rolls
Santa Clara County Council

Ingredients –

2 cans crescent rolls
1/4 cup sugar
1 cup powdered sugar
1 stick softened butter
1 teaspoon cinnamon
2 tablespoons milk

Unroll crescent rolls and make 4 rectangles from dough. Spread with butter. Combine cinnamon and sugar and sprinkle over dough. Roll each rectangle into a long roll, then cut each into 5 slices. Place slices cut side down in a lightly greased pan. Bake 20 - 25 minutes. Cool slightly, then drizzle with mixture of powdered sugar and milk.



STUNTS & APPLAUSES

Applauses
Chief Seattle Council

Happy Holidays Cheers –

Done similarly to “Chip, Chop”
Divide audience into two groups,
raise right hand and half say HAPPY,
raise left hand and the other half say HOLIDAYS.

Or do Merry Christmas, Happy Chanukah, Happy Kwanzaa
Or three groups – Happy New Year
Or any other holiday you wish –

Snowball cheer – Reach down and pick up some imaginary snow, pack it into a snow ball. Pull arm back and throw snowball and yell SPLAT!

Grand Applause – While sitting, stomp feet three times, slap legs three times and stand up and yell HURRAH!

Elves applause –

1st. “Saw, saw, saw” (make sawing motions)
2nd. “Tap, tap, tap” (make hammering motions)
3rd. “Paint, paint, paint” (make painting motions)

Southern NJ Council

Rudolph Applause - Put thumbs to head with fingers pointing up to form antlers. Wrinkle nose and say, "Blink, blink, blink!"

Goodbye Santa Applause -Pretend to throw a pack onto your back and say, "Merry Christmas to all and to all a good night."

Christmas Bells Cheer - Pretend to hold a bell rope, then get the left side of the audience to say "DING" on the down stroke and the other side of the audience to say "DONG" on the up stroke

Frozen Cub Cheer: Wrap your arms around yourself, and say, “BRRRRR!”

Santa Clara County Council

Shine Your Halo - Children open palm and move in a circular motion over their head.

Run-Ons

Chief Seattle Council

Why is a star in the heavens like a hole in the roof?
Because it's a sky-light!

What happens when a cat crosses the desert at Christmas?
It gets “Sandy claws!”

What lives in winter, dies in summer, and grows with its root upward?
An icicle!

Why does Santa like chimneys?
They soot him.

Southern NJ Council

How did Scrooge score a touchdown?
The ghost of Christmas passed.

What wear armor and goes around on tip-toes?
A Silent Knight

Where do snowmen keep their money?
Snowbanks

What's in December that is not in any other month?
The letter “D”

On what side of a house do pine trees grow best?
The outside

How many pieces of candy can you put in an empty stocking?

One, after that it's not empty

Santa Clara County Council

What would you get if Minnehaha married Santa Claus?
Minnehaha Hoho.

Why do mother kangaroos hate rainy days?
Because their children have play inside.

What is brown, has a hump, and lives at the North Pole?
A lost camel.

SKITS

The Twelve Days of Christmas

Southern NJ Council

Characters: Bob, 12 Cub Scout friends (if den has less than 12 boys, have them do several parts)

Props: Items called for in skit on a table (use your imagination to create wilder items)

Setting: Bob is standing by table with props. As each boy enters, he hands him the appropriate item.

Cub #1: On the first day of Christmas my good friend gave to me -- a knob for my TV. Thanks Bob.

Bob: You're welcome!

(Each cub takes items and exits. Then next cub enters from opposite side of stage)

Cub #2: On the second day of Christmas my good friend gave to me -- two napkins. Thanks Bob.

Bob: You bet!

Cub #3: On the third day of Christmas my good friend gave to me -- three French fries. Thanks Bob!

Bob: No problem!

Cub #4: On the fourth day of Christmas my good friend gave to me -- 4 comic books. Thanks Bob!

Bob: Glad to do it!

Cub #5: On the fifth day of Christmas my good friend gave to me -- five rusty nails. Thanks Bob!

Bob: Don't mention it!

Cub #6: On the sixth day of Christmas my good friend gave to me -- six greasy rags. Thanks Bob!

Bob: OK!

Cub #7: On the seventh day of Christmas my good friend gave to me -- seven soggy sweatshirts. Thanks Bob!

Bob: Yeah, you're right!

Cub #8: On the eighth day of Christmas my good friend gave to me -- eight mugs for milk shakes. Thanks Bob!

Bob: Give me five! (does high five with Cub #8)

Cub #9: On the ninth day of Christmas my good friend gave to me -- 9 dirty dustpans. Thanks Bob!

Bob: Cool dude!

Cub #10: On the tenth day of Christmas my good friend gave to me -- ten leaping lizards. Thanks Bob!

Bob: Check you later!

Cub #11: On the eleventh day of Christmas my good friend gave to me -- 11 pies for pitching. Thanks **Bob:** (A pie plate full of whipped cream can actually be thrown at Bob here - if you like!)

Bob: (wiping off cream) That's what friends are for!

Cub #12: On the twelfth day of Christmas my good friend gave to me -- twelve dump trucks dumping. Thanks Bob!

Bob: Bye, pal! (last cub exits, table is cleared of all props) Now, let's see. That was (singing) 12 dump trucks dumping, 11 pies for pitching, 10 leaping lizards, 9 dirty dustpans, 8 mugs for milk shakes, 7 soggy sweatshirts, 6 greasy rags, **5 RUSTY NAILS**, 4 comic books, 3 French fries, 2 napkins and a knob to adjust my TV. (looks at audience and wipes brow)

Whew! I finally did it. I finally got my closet cleaned out!

A Gift of Goodwill

Santa Clara County Council

Personnel: Den Chief & 8 Cubs

Setting: A group of 8 Cub Scouts are gathered around. Each boy is wrapping a gift. Den Chief enters.

Den Chief: Hey, guys, let me see what each of you is wrapping.

Cub 1: Gloves for my dad.

Cub 2: An owl plaque for my mom.

Cub 3: Oreo cookies for my little brother...so he'll quit eating mine!

Cub 4: A doll for my sister.

Cub 5: Wind chimes for my mom.

Cub 6: Ink pens for my brother; he really likes to write.

Cub 7: A lamp for my mom.

Cub 8: A lacy handkerchief for my grandmother. She likes to wave goodbye.

Den Chief: Hey, you guys are really giving goodwill. (He laughs.)

Cub 4: We hope so.

Cub 6: Aren't we supposed to do that all year?

Den Chief: Yes, but let me show you something unusual. (He takes a large piece of poster board and a marking pen. He calls on each boy in order to name again the gift he is wrapping, and writes the first letter of each on the board (such as 'G' for gloves). The result spells out 'Goodwill,' which he holds up for the audience to see.)

Cub 1: Hey, that's right! We're giving goodwill separately and together! (Looks at Den Chief) Figure that one out!

CLOSING CEREMONY

Year's End Closing Ceremony

Viking Council

Staging: House lights are dimmed.

Ceremony board or log contains seven small candles and one tall candle representing the spirit of Cub Scouting.

Cubmaster: (lights candles) This last ceremony for (year) is one of rededication. Tonight four candles represent the Cub Scout ranks... Bobcat, Wolf, Bear, and Webelos.

Will all Bobcat Cub Scouts and their parents please stand. Bobcats, do you promise in (new year) to do your best to help other people and obey the Law of the Pack, and to advance one rank?

Bobcats: We'll do our best. (Extinguish Bobcat candle) (Follow same procedure for Wolf and Bear Cub Scouts)

Cubmaster: Will all Webelos Scouts and their parents please stand? Webelos Scouts, do you promise in (new year) to do your best to help other people and obey the Law of the Pack, and to earn the Arrow of Light award, if you have not already earned it?

Webelos: We'll do our best. (Extinguish Webelos candle)

Cubmaster: Three candles and the Spirit of Cub Scouting candle remain burning. The three candles stand for Follows,

Helps and Gives, which means, "We'll be loyal". Will you be loyal Cub Scouts in (new year)?

All: We'll do our best. (Three candles are extinguished)

Cubmaster: The spirit of Cub Scouting still burns as it does in the hearts of Cub Scouts everywhere. May it continue to burn brightly in your heart during the new year as we go upward and forward in Pack (number). Good night, Cub Scouts.

Goodwill Closing Ceremony

Viking Council

Set Up: 8 Cub Scouts each with a sign with one of the letters on front. The words are written on the back in large print. Boys say their parts in turn.

- G - Good Cub Scouts are friends to all.
- O - On their honor to obey the pack law
- O - Once they spread goodwill all around.
- D - Doubled friendships will surely be found.
- W - Working together to make the world a better place.
- I - Including as friends -- boys from each faith and race.
- L - Leaving behind them a path of good cheer.
- L - Let's all practice it now and all through the year.

Good Turn Closing Thought

Viking Council

Most of us are happiest when we are doing something for others. Think, for a moment of a time when you were helpful to someone. Chances are it made you feel pretty good. Of course, we feel best when we do something for others without being found out. When we help others regularly, it soon becomes a habit and gets to be a natural thing. Once a Cub Scout establishes this habit, he learns the real meaning of a good turn.

Cubmaster's Closing Minute

Chief Seattle Council

"I will do my best!" Do these words sound like there is a job that has to be done? Yes, it does. What do they mean? These words explain what every Cub Scout, Webelos, and adult leader has promised to do.

What do they mean for the young 7 year old Cub Scout? For him they mean that he will try to do his best in all things that are taught to him by his Den Leader at den meetings and by his Cubmaster at pack meetings. He has to do his best in helping around the house, school, and community.

What do they mean for the Webelos? He now turns his thought to going on Scout trips, hiking, and camping out under the stars with just the sounds of the night all around him. He learns the first part of the Scout Oath that says, 'On my honor, I will do my best. Yes, like the knights of old, he has to be gallant, brave, and strong. He has to do his best to be kind, courteous, thrifty, and prepared at all times, especially when called upon in times of need.

What do they mean for the adult Scouter? This is the person who lives up the street and has volunteered to see that activities for the boys get carried out. The adult leaders have to do their best in showing and teaching the boys how to do their best. They give up their time to go to training, committee meetings, and den and pack meetings.

But what is the true meaning of 'To do your best'? It means doing the best work and service that you are a of at all times. Service to your family, to God, and to your community. As we leave tonight, let us all remember that doing his best is one way a Cub Scout Gives Goodwill during the holiday season and throughout the year.

Southern NJ Council

Family Traditions

Cubmaster: Each of us has some traditions that are only practiced by our own families. Let's remember to enjoy those traditions and our families at this time of year. Remember it is better to give than to get. See if you can find the joy in giving this year!

A Cub Scout Gives Goodwill

In a recent issue of Scouting magazine, there is a story about a Webelos Scout named Daniel Simon of Pack 381, Buffalo Grove, Illinois. Daniel earned a \$750 gift certificate, and instead of spending the money on himself, he filled seven shopping carts with toys for other children who might not get anything that holiday season. It was a fine act of kindness and generosity. For Daniel, the Cub Scout Promise and the Law of the Pack aren't just words; they represent a way of life. Especially the phrase, "A Cub Scout Gives Goodwill." Wouldn't it be a great holiday tradition if we all followed Daniel's example and performed some special good turn for someone in need, giving a little goodwill in the process? That would bring a lot of joy to the people we served. It would also bring a lot of joy to us, knowing that we had done something to make someone's life a little better. Think about what you can do to give good will and serve others at holiday time. What better way to build good memories that will last forever?

Starry Night

Commissioner Dave's scouting Classics

Set Up: - Dim or turn off room lights except for an electric candle or flashlight

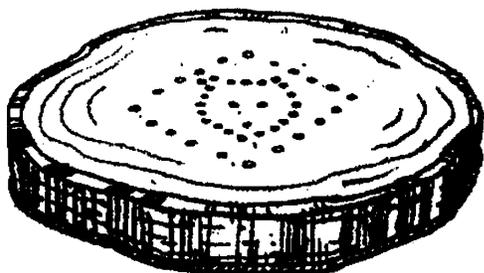
This is the season of lights and stars, when days are short and nights are long with beautiful stars. Lord Baden-Powell, the founder of Scouting, once said this to his scouts, "I often think when the sun goes down, the world is hidden by a big blanket from the light of heaven. But the stars are little holes pierced in that blanket by those who have done good deeds in this world. The stars are not all the same size; some are big, and some are little. So some men have done great deeds, and some men have done small deeds, but they have all made their hole in the blanket by doing good before they went to heaven."

Let's remember when we look at the starry sky, to make our own hole in the blanket, by giving goodwill through doing good deeds and helping other people.

WEBELOS Craftsman Technology Group

Circle Ten Council

Hot Plate



You will need:

A cross-section of a tree trunk, at least 6 inches in diameter
Sandpaper
Felt
Glue
Nails
Wood
Sealer

Directions

1. Sand the wood piece smooth.
2. Glue felt to bottom of the wood.
3. Draw a design on a piece of paper and center it on the top surface.
4. Make a permanent outline of the design by hammering nails at 1/2 inch intervals.
5. To finish, spray or paint with a wood sealer.

Elephant Puzzle

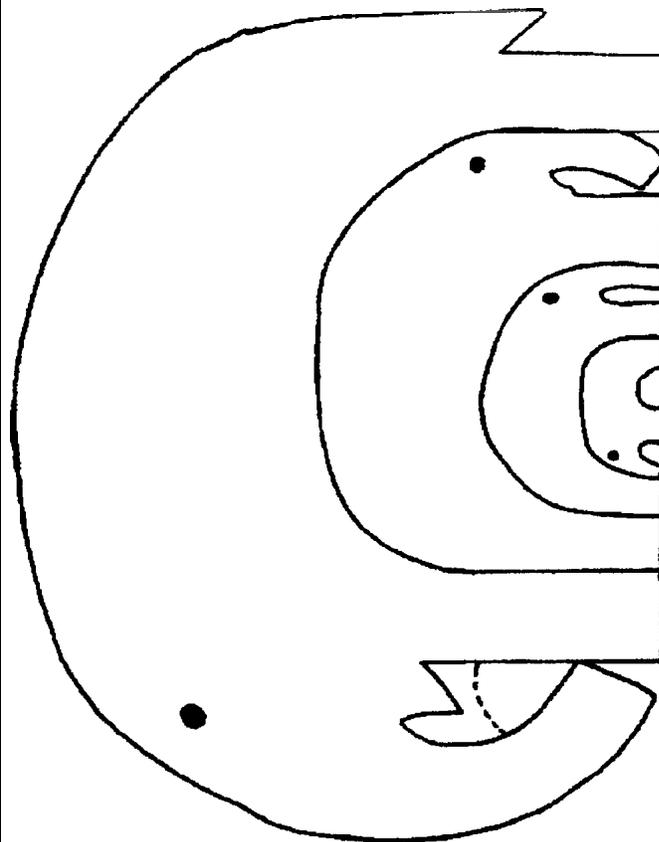
This puzzle is made from scrap wood. It makes a great gift for a younger child. Any thickness of wood may be used. Enlarge pattern as needed. Features may be painted on if desired. REMEMBER if giving to a small child the smallest piece MUST be big enough not to become a choking hazard.

Directions

1. Trace the pattern onto the wood with heavy pencil lines.
2. Cut out with a jigsaw and sand all edges well. REMEMBER cut dotted line first then tusks.
3. Paint each piece with a bright color.
4. Paint in the finishing features with acrylic paint.
5. Varnish to seal.

Discussion -

While completing requirements for this Activity Badge, your boys will develop some new skills and may develop new interests and hobbies based on craft projects completed for their Craftsman activity badge. They will also learn how to use some basic tools. While working with boys on this activity badge, keep these things in mind:



Patience - Some boys require a high degree of patience. Stick with it; you'll be glad you did. Enlist the help of the assistant den leader, den chief, and fathers, so you won't need to do it alone.

Preparation - Have all tools laid out at separate workstations before the den meeting starts. Build a sample of the item yourself before the meeting and make note of the steps that require the most coordination. Be prepared to help boys individually in these areas. Show them your sample so they can get an idea of what the finished product will be like.

Perseverance - Insist that the boys finish the item, which they begin. This is very important. Don't even consider using a project, which the boys can't complete within a reasonable length of time. Watch for signs of discouragement, and help the boys who seem to be having trouble.

Help the boys understand safety practices and to take safety precautions where needed. They should realize that sharp tools are a necessity and use them with care and safety. Encourage every boy to put forth his best effort and reserve your praise for projects very worthy of compliments.

Ideas for Den Activities

- Visit a tannery or local leather factory.
- Visit a furniture factory, lumberyard or cabinetmaker.
- Have someone give a demonstration of metal work, including the use of the tin snips and a vise.
- Have someone give a demonstration of leather craft and explain how to use different leather tools.
- Invite someone to visit your den meeting and give a demonstration on the proper use and care of tools.

- Discuss methods for finishing wood projects. This includes the importance of proper sanding and staining, filling holes and or scratches, and applying finishes like stains, varnishes, enamel or shellac.
- Arrange to visit a home under construction. Talk to the workers at the beginning of the month, and look at blueprints. Visit again at the end of the month to see the progress made in that time.

Tips from an experienced Webelos Leader

The *Cub Scout Leader How-To-Book (Chapter 3)* is an excellent resource for ideas on wood projects, metal and tin craft, leather crafts and plastic crafts.

In completing the requirements for the Craftsman activity badge, a boy must complete at least seven (if he chooses Requirement #6) and up to ten (if he chooses Requirements 4, 5, 7 or 8) craft projects. It is impossible to do that many projects of a suitable degree of difficulty at your den meetings. You might want to schedule a "workshop" on a Saturday morning or two to provide extra opportunities to complete requirements. (If working on items near the holiday season that could be given as gifts, call this a "Santa's Workshop Saturday.") So here is a chance to involve the parents. You can also enlist the help of the parents in furnishing tools to be used during the den meeting.

Craftsman Field Trip Ideas

1. Visit a lumberyard.
2. Visit a wood or metal shop. Have them tell about tools and how to care for them.

Demonstrations for Pack Meeting

1. How to use the coping saw, bench fork or V-board and C-clamp.
2. How to nail, toenail, clinch a nail, and use a block to pull a nail.
3. How to drill a hole for inside cutting with coping saw.
4. How to use a pocketknife - care, safety measures, sharpening, whittling.
5. How to nail a butt joint.
6. How to apply finish - crayons, tempera, wax paint, enamel, shellac.
7. How to make a bench hook and how it is used.
8. Proper use of wood tools, leather tooling, aluminum tooling.

For Materials

- Ask your lumber yard for scrap lumber they are going to throw away.
- Ask carpet companies for carpet scraps which are to be discarded.
- Auto upholstery companies will sometimes give you plastic scraps left over from seat covers.
- Check with cabinet shops for scrap pieces of lumber, molding, etc.

CD Crafts

Make mantel clocks from old CD's, scrap pieces of wood and clock movements. Another use for old CD's is to put the label side down and then put felt pads on 4 sides or rubber feet on the 4 sides. Then turn the CD over and you have a great coaster to use on tables, etc.

Desk Organizer

Material:

- Tin cans - Tuna can, juice concentrate can, soup can
- 4" x 4" block of wood
- 3 wood screws
- Nail punch
- Screwdriver
- Spray paint
- Hammer

Directions

1. Punch a hole in the center of each can bottom.
2. Arrange on block of wood and mark the center hole on the wood.
3. Punch a starter hole on the marks
4. Screw cans to wood.
5. Outside of cans can be painted and block of wood may be painted or stained.

**Scientist
Technology Group**

Circle Ten Council

Ping Pong Ball Curves

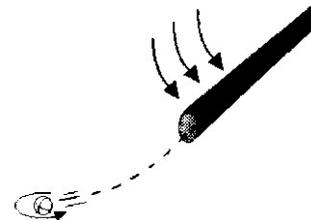
Materials:

- Two cardboard mailing tubes of a greater diameter than a ping pong ball
- 1 sheet of medium sand paper
- Ping pong ball
- White glue
- Magic Marker
- Ruler Knife

Procedure:

1. Cut a 2 foot length from the mailing tube.
2. Roll up the sheet of sand paper, with the grit to the inside, into a tube. Check to see that the ping pong ball will still roll in the tube with the sandpaper in place. Remove the sandpaper, spread white glue in several places and slide the sand paper back into the mailing tube so that the sand paper is flush with one end. Let the glue dry.
3. Use a marker to make two circles around the ball at right angles with each other. These lines will help you see the spin of the ball.

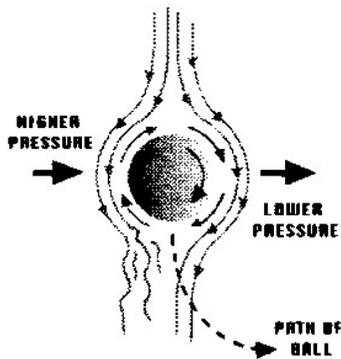
Throwing:



1. Practice throwing ping-pong ball curves in an open place.

2. Hold the tube with your throwing hand at the end opposite the sand paper. Drop the ping-pong ball in the tube.
3. Quickly swing the tube horizontally through the air. The ball will shoot out the tube and curve through the air as it flies forward.
4. Repeat step 3, but use a piece of mailing tube with no sandpaper on the inside and note the results.
5. Now repeat both steps 3 and 4, but use your other hand to throw the ball so that it spins in the opposite direction and note the new results.

Discussion: The mailing tube makes it easy to achieve a "major league" curve pitch with a ping pong ball. As the ball is thrown from the tube, the ball rubs against the sand paper on the inside of the tube from the direction the tube is moving. Friction from the sand paper on the ping pong ball causes it to spin rapidly in a clockwise direction for right-handed throws and counterclockwise for left handed throws.



As the ball spins, the surface friction of the ball with the surrounding air drags a thin layer of air with it. This is referred to as the boundary layer. At the same time the ball spins, it is moving forward. On one side of the ball, the boundary layer air is traveling in the same direction as the air stream that is flowing around the ball (the blue arrows). On the other side, it is traveling in the opposite direction (the red arrows). On the side of the ball where the air stream and boundary layer air are moving opposite to each other friction between the two slows the air stream. On the opposite side the layers are moving in the same direction and the stream moves faster. According to Bernoulli's Principle, faster moving air exerts less pressure, so the ball is pushed and it curves to the right for right-handed throws. Left-handed throws produce a curve to the left. A practical application for this curving effect is a rotating cylinder flap for an airplane wing. A rotating cylinder is mounted in the joint between a wing and its flaps. During low speed operation, the cylinder spins rapidly in the same direction as the air stream. Boundary layer air is bent down-ward over the steeply angled flap. This increases lift for the wings and delays the buildup of turbulence conditions that could lead to a stall.



Musical Tube

Description: A whirling tube makes musical notes demonstrating the Bernoulli Theory.

Materials:

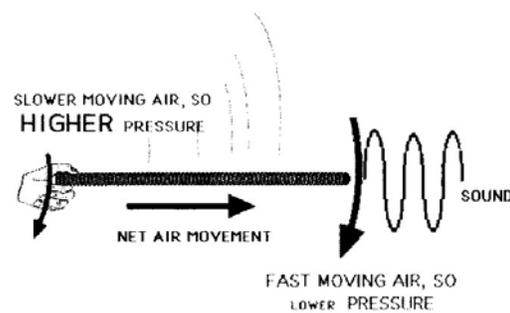
Corrugated flexible plastic tube (Corrugated tubing is available from swimming pool supply stores. Ask for a piece about 1 meter long. Tubing is also available from toy stores under names such as Whirl-A-Tune TM)

Procedure:

1. Hold the tube at one end and twirl the other end rapidly through the air. Make sure not to hit anything with the whirling end. A musical note will be produced.
2. Whirl the tube at different speeds. What happens to the pitch? Why do you think this happens?
3. Plug the end of the tube in your hand with a cloth and spin the tube. Is a sound produced? Why or why not?

Discussion:

The musical tube provides an audible demonstration of the Bernoulli Theory. The free end of the tube moves through the air much more rapidly than the end in your hand. Consequently, the velocity of the air around the free end is much greater than the velocity around the end in your hand.



Bernoulli's Theory, in general terms, describes the relationship in a fluid between pressure and velocity. Where the velocity is greater, the pressure is smaller and vice versa. The velocity of the air around the moving end of the tube is greater and therefore the air pressure there is smaller than at the slowly moving end. Inside the tube, the air is relatively stationary. However, a pressure differential is created between the two ends and air flows from the slowly moving end to the fast moving end where it spills out. The tube's corrugations cause the air to vibrate as it travels from one end of the tube to the other. The vibration produces the musical note. When the tube is moving faster, the vibration frequency increases raising the pitch. When the tube is plugged, no air flows and the sound is stopped.

The musical tube can be used to demonstrate the same pressure changes that also take place around an airplane's wing. By making air flow faster over the top of a wing than below it, a major share of aerodynamic lift is produced because the pressure on the bottom of the wing where the air is moving slower is greater than the pressure on the top of the wing where the air is moving faster. Thus the wing is pushed upwards by the difference in pressure. This is lift.

POW WOW EXTRAVAGANZAS

If you want your Pow Wow listed –

E-mail commissionerdave@comcast.net and attach a sign up sheet or flyer. Thanks

Northeast Region

Hudson Valley Council

So Happy Together
November 15, 2003

Cornwall Junior High School, Cornwall, NY

Hudson Valley Council, also, runs a University of Scouting. The date is March 6, 2004. More details as I get them!!

There are no walk-ins allowed for this Pow Wow!! Call the Pow Wow Information Center, 914-388-4863, or visit the website, www.hvus.org for information on either event.

Southern NJ Council

Adventures in Neverland
January 24, 2004

Lakeview School, Millville, NJ

Call Southern NJ Council, 856-327-1700, extension 32, or visit the website, www.snjscouting.org for more information

Connecticut Rivers Council

Akela's Island
November 22, 2003

Bristol Eastern High School, Bristol, CT

Call Connecticut Rivers Council, 800-414-2433, or visit the website, <http://www.ctrivers.org/training.asp>, for more information

Annawon, Cape Cod and Islands, Old Colony and Narragansett Councils

Regional Pow Wow and Den Chief Training
Harry Scouter and the Sorcerer's Pack
November 15, 2003

Henry Lord Middle School, Fall River, Mass

Call Pow Wow Info (401) 732-8529, or visit the website, <http://www.narragansettbsa.org/LDCSITE/PowWow.htm> for more information

Central Region

Mid America Council

Heartland University of Scouting
Exploring New Frontiers
November 8, 2003

Boys Town, Omaha, NE

Call Mid America Council, 402-431-9272, or visit their website, www.mac-bsa.org, or e-mail wayne-edie@cox.net for more information.

Potawatomi Area Council

Rendezvous

The Values of Scouting are Timeless
November 15, 2003

Waukesha South High School, Waukesha, WI
Call Potawatomi Council, 262-544-4881, or visit <http://www.pacbsa.org>, then click on forms, then information and/ or registration

Northwest Suburban Council

Super Scouter Saturday
November 8, 2003

Somewhere Northwest of Chicago, IL

Contact Northwest Suburban Council, 847-824-6880, or visit the website at <http://www.nwsc.org/>.

Southern Region

Indian Waters Council

University of Scouting
January 24, 2004

Swearingen Engineering Center,

University of South Carolina

Contact Indian Waters Council, 803-750-9868, or visit the website at www.chinquapindistrict.org

Suwannee River Area Council

It's Nacho Ordinary Pow Wow
January 24, 2004

Somewhere in Tallahassee, FL

Contact Suwannee River Area Council, 850-576-4146, or visit the website at <http://www.suwanneeriver.net/>

Gulfstream Council

Pow Wow/ ACES
November 15, 2003

Bear Lakes Middle School, Palm Beach, FL

Contact Gulfstream Council, 561-694-8585, or visit the website at <http://www.gulfstreamcouncil.org/>

Western Region

Santa Clara County Council –
Scouting Safari
January 24, 2004

Somewhere in Santa Clara County, California

Call Santa Clara County Council, 408-280-5088,

Or visit their website <http://www.sccc-scouting.org/> for more information

WEB SITES

From a Scouting friend and fellow Roundtable Commissioner, KDSCouter of the Hiawatha-Seaway Council in New York –

Pack 114 in Goldenrod District of Mid-America council has compiled a tremendous Reference Library for Leaders at <http://www.creighton.edu/~bsteph/pack114/library/index.html>

Want information (crafts, games, history, traditions, and more) on any holiday go to - http://www.holidaymart.com/2003/2003_12.htm

I received a request this month for information on how to build a volcano – Here are some of the sites I found – In my basement I found the volcano my son's den built when he was a Webelos. He is now 22.

The US Geodetic Survey site - <http://neic.usgs.gov/neis/education/volcano/>
It has files, pictures and .pdf's to download

This site has some cool stuff and pictures - <http://www.schools.ash.org.au/lakemba/splw156w.html>
The .au says the site is in Australia!!

This site has a downloadable Power Point presentation on how to build a model volcano as well as other teaching materials about volcanoes - <http://pangea.tec.selu.edu/~samacker/unitplan.html>

U.S. Department of Education. This site has info for parents and students of all ages. It has an Internet Safety guide. <http://www.ed.gov/pubs/parents/internet/>

Free Leather Project from Tandy Leather Co. <http://www.tandy-leather.com/patterns.html>

The Science Discovery SO COOL! http://www.exploratorium.edu/science_explorer/index.html

Exhibitcam <http://cams.exploratorium.edu/CAM1/index.html>

Cool Science for Curious Kids <http://www.hhmi.org/coolscience/index.html>

Secret Messages for Kids Only <http://www.thunk.com/index.cgi>

"The Amazin' HamsterScope!" <http://www.hamstertours.com/hamsterscope.html>

American Folklore <http://www.americanfolklore.net/>

Knots Gallery http://www.tollesburysc.co.uk/Knots/Knots_gallery.htm

Free Woodworking Projects <http://www.allcrafts.net/woodworking.htm#freeprojects>

Forestry Fun for Kids <http://www.safnet.org/about/forestryfun.htm>

Design a Roller coaster <http://www.learner.org/exhibits/parkphysics/coaster/>

Caring For Animals <http://www.animaland.org/>

History of Flags http://www.usask.ca/history/flags/na_flags.htm?

Science 4 Kids <http://www.ars.usda.gov/is/kids/>

Seeing, Hearing and Smelling the World <http://www.hhmi.org/senses/>

Online Musical Instrument (must have flash) <http://www.4kids.org/funstuff/music/>

Dreidel Information – <http://www.holidays.net/chanukah/dreidel.html>

The Secret of the Dreidel <http://www.ohr.org.il/special/chanukah/chan95.htm>

This site, also, has some great information about Chanukah

Make a Dreidel <http://www.cstone.net/~bry-back/holidayfun/dreidel.html>

This site has a pattern and instructions for making paper dreidels. You will need a sharpened pencil for the point on which to spin the top. Game instructions are here, too.

Billy Bear's Dreidel game page <http://www.billybear4kids.com/holidays/hanukkah/dreidel2.htm>

Instructions for playing the game.

There is a link to Billy Bear's Hanukkah page where you can learn more about the holiday and traditions.