
BALOO'S BUGLE



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Recently in my district of Chicasaw, of The Greater Alabama Council I was one of the trainers who worked up a presentation on Promoting School Night for Scouting. And Derrick, My District Director, gave me a School Night for Scouting booklet to follow (syllabus!). I then took a page from a flip chart and had the word "PROMOTE" all over it in different fonts (only visual aid I could come up with.) I hung it on the podium in front of me. I started my presentation with the words "If you build it, they will come." I'm glad I saw the movie "Field of Dreams". I also gave out recipes for sidewalk chalk, suggesting that the Cubs do announcements and invitations that way. Plus, I went to Professor's Beaver's on-line site and found a great hand-out. What follows is the guideline I used to present "promotion".

Each unit should sit down in Aug. or earlier (Annual Pack Planning Conference) and plan out the entire year's program based on the twelve monthly themes, set up your budget and determine your objectives for the year.

Advance preparation ensures a well-rounded program of fun, variety, action, and purpose. Incoming families will like seeing what the pack program is about Having a calendar of pack activities to give to your parents will show that your pack is well-run and will be an asset in the development of their son's growth. Also, at the planning conference choose a school night coordinator for your School Rally.

As a coordinator you will be in charge of these duties:

Boy Talks

Fliers get sent out on time.

Posters in school, businesses, churches, etc.

Boys wear uniforms day of rally

Parents who are leaders have lunch with their son on day of rally wearing leader uniform.

Have messages put on the marquees at schools and businesses, subdivision

If your pack has a web site announce it there and put the URL on your fliers

Pack set up pinewood derby, pushmobile or some kind of activity after school during the week prior to School Night Cubs do the school or PTA flag ceremony prior to School Night

PA announcement in school on day of rally

Articles in local newspapers, subdivisions newsletters, as well as school and church newsletters

Spots on local radio stations-Derrick and I are working on this. Derrick wrote up a press release on Tuesday. We are trying to take full advantage of all the free publicity we can get as should your pack. Set up a display in you

local school, community center, bank, store or church. Plaster information around town about your program. Get your sign up night date out to all that you can. Shoe polish messages on Pack family cars when they drop off and pick up their kids at school. Leave answering machine messages. Boys in den meeting make yard signs and then place them out in their own yard
Chalk messages on sidewalk.
Mayoral proclamation in your town
Fliers in or messages on grocery bags
Banners or portable sign on well traveled roads.

Rallymaster

A rallymaster is a parent or two or even three that will go into the classrooms and talk to the boys about their packs. No one can do it as well as they can since they know their pack best. If you want more boys in your pack, the enthusiasm of the Rallymasters is going to make the difference. If your rallymasters don't show that Cub Scout spirit, the kids and parents will be looking somewhere else. You will spend about 5 - 7 minutes in each classroom getting the boys excited about the pack program. The time you spend in each classroom shouldn't be long it just has to be enthusiastic. You need to let them know some of the activities done by your dens, pack and district/council.

The Big Night Has Arrived - School Night

Items to display at your school night

Pack calendar, displays, pictures, pinewood derby car, patches boys have earned, crafts the Cubs have done, possibly a mock camp site set up. These are just a few of the items that can be brought.

Have leaders there to answer questions!

TRAINING TIP

School Night for Cub Scouting. School Night is a concerted effort, usually led by the council membership committee in May, September, or October each year in the school systems (private, parochial, and public). One evening is designated for all parents to gather at the school to learn about and hopefully join Cub Scouting. Information is available from your unit commissioner or the local service center.

The above Training Tip comes directly from the Cub Scout Leader book. I just pulled out one of six points under the title "Recruiting Boys". Since my early days as a leader I found this book invaluable. Try to get one for

yourself or start up a Pack library with the many different EXCELLENT publications put out by the BSA. Another favorite book of mine is the How-To Book.

The following are ideas that were sent to me that I believe will really help you have an outstanding School Night for Scouting

Set up about 6 "Olympics" stations (frisbee throw, toss dice into pan, etc.). Make lots of medals ahead of time, and make sure each boy gets one. Ask a few Boy Scouts to come (in uniform, of course) to help with the games and to talk to the kids about their experiences in scouts. (This would also give the boy scouts a sample of what being a Den Chief would be like and possibly get them interested in participating in that program.) If you have enough helpers, you can offer both active and non-active games and let the children choose which they want to do. We usually brought a pinewood derby track and several cars and let the boys race them. It always worked. One year one of the den chiefs was wearing his patch vest and many boys spent the entire time listening to him describe the activities that went with the patches. Have the boys put on a play. I used to like "The World's Ugliest Man." Very funny play. Rehearse them, and then have them stage it for the parents. Agent X is a lot of fun, too. A good gathering activity. The "turtle" races, with a wooden cutout of a turtle on a string (from the Cub Scout Leader's How-To Book) are always very popular. Another idea is to bring in some big cardboard boxes, provide plenty of tape, coloring or paint, and an adult to cut doors and such with a box-cutter or utility knife: let the kids go to town on making a fort, castle, maze, or whatever. After that, they can get inside and play tank. For the last several years my troop has assisted our local cub pack with their back-to-school night. The pack has a opening ceremony which is then followed by the new cubs leaving the hall and going into another hall/school gym. We have some boy scouts who set up 4-5 round robin stations. We split the kids up, and they get about 6-10 minutes at each station. By splitting the kids up into smaller groups, it makes things easier to control. Stations can be basic first aid, simple knots, fun games, etc. -- basic skills that the kids have to join in and do. This gives the pack leaders some quiet time to talk turkey with the parents. The pack leaders like it, and the kids (scouts & cubs) think it's great.

What always works for us is some physical activity. We usually have our bicycle rodeo then. Kids love it and see how much fun we have. from Ed Dunn's District Executive Survival Guide:

- (1) Have a paper airplane contest.
- (2) Make up a list of possible outings and activities, being sure to include things that the Pack (or dens) has done in the past. Give the list to the boys and ask them to circle the ones they would most like to do. (Some of the activities will have a cost associated with them, and should be marked accordingly: \$, \$\$ or \$\$\$; there should

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only be a few with multiple dollar signs.) This list will give the boys an idea of what Cub Scouts do, and can also be used to help recruit adult leaders by showing them concrete ideas for activities to organize (it's the unknown that scares most of them off).

Some of the games and activities we've done include:

Pass the hula hoop around the circle Supplies: hula hoops

Divide the kids into 2 or 3 equal groups; each group forms a circle holding hands, with one pair reaching through a hula hoop. On the signal, they must pass the hula hoop all the way around the circle without letting go. (The smaller kids get a kick out of this, because for once they have an *advantage* over the big kids because they fit through the hoop easier!)

Wrestling clothespins

Supplies: wooden clothespins (round ones are best); crayons or markers; sturdy rubber bands; shoe-box tops (optional) Have each child decorate a clothespin to look like a person, then find a partner to wrestle. Wrap a rubber band around the pair of clothespins once or twice, then twist one clothespin several times to wind the band up tight between them (be sure to count the twists so every match is equal). Carefully place the pins into the shoe-box-top "ring" and let go. They will twist and jump (to the players' delight); when they stop, the one on top is the winner. Repeat as many times as you have patience for! Circle knot (or whatever it's called)

Supplies: none.

Using 6-10 people, make a circle. Everyone puts their left hand into the circle (don't hold hands). Then reach in with your right hand and take the left hand of anybody *except* the people beside you. Now, without letting go, untangle the knot. (Have one or two adults or helpers to work with the children and be sure nobody gets too rambunctious.) You should end up back in the original circle (or maybe with two interlinked circles). Teaches cooperation and teamwork; can be done as a race, but I find it works better without the pressure of competition. Sing action songs, like "Kentucky Fried Chicken and a Pizza Hut"; "I Don't Care If I Go Crazy (1-2-3-4-5-6-Switch)"; "Head, Shoulders, Knees, & Toes", etc. The zanier the better! We have some of our second-year Webelos act as helpers. Have them wear full regalia (patch vest and everything) -- the younger kids are really impressed by all the stuff they have on their uniforms, plus it gives them something to talk about, explaining what each patch or award is for (which can be helpful as an ice breaker). (Be sure to select Webelos that are going to be *helpers* and not ones that would just contribute to the chaos!)

Our "Back to School Night" is generally the first meeting back after summer vacation to get all our kids involved in the pack again. Last year we had a carnival theme with several different games and relays. Most of them we took directly from the Cub Scout Leader How-To Book (Pack

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Activities, Rainy-Day Field Day) and the MacScouter's Big Book of Games. Here's a list of some of the things we did:

1) Bowling for Spuds (MacScouter's Big Book of Games) Need 9" balloons, paper cups, beans or rice, tape & potatoes. Put some beans in the cup for weight, blow up the balloon & tape it to the cup. Bowl with the potato. Gotta watch to be sure they roll the potatoes and don't throw them.

2) Panty hose race (Cub Scout Leader How-To Book) Need several pairs of panty hose. Teams of 2 race to put on the pantyhose and then race across the room & back. We even had leaders doing this one!

3) Twenty-Foot Relay (Cub Scout Leader How-To Book) Need lemons & sticks. Relay teams use a stick to roll lemons down a course & back.

4) Fluff (Cub Scout Leader How-To Book) Need paper plates & feathers. A race carrying a plate of feathers a certain distance & back without dropping any. They must pick up any they drop before continuing.

5) Bean race (source unknown) Need beans, toothpicks, bottles. Boys place beans, one at a time in a bottle. To top it all off, we had an ice cream booth where everyone who wanted it could have a scoop of ice cream. It was a big hit with most of the pack showing up and having a good time.

In 1994 we held a Carnival at the local school IN conjunction with School Night. Are You Kidding? you might say. Nay, would be the reply. FAMILIES join Cub Scouting, not just the boy. Moms will come with Johnny. I Want To Join, but if she is single Mom, or Dad is at the salt mines, who's going to watch or attend to siblings?? We smooth-talked the school into a "Welcome Back Carnival", split the costs 50-50, then got local business people to buy ads in the homemade "School Night Flyers" that were a thread off of the stuff National cranked out. While Johnny, et al were shrieking and laughing, we coffeed and cookied the Moms and Dads... out of 63 known families who were there, we ended up with 58, many of whom have recently graduated. The catch line for the Carnival..."If You Think THIS is Fun, Wait'll You Join Cub Scouts!"

Here is an actual schedule sent to me from Cathy from the Sam Houston Area Council

6:45: Registration Table

Kathy Smith and Robin Shoemaker

7:00-7:10 Opening

Flag Ceremony and Pledge

Pack 987: James Bell - Tiger, Charles Bell - Wolf, Adam Brasher - Bear, Steve

Foster - Webelos

Pack 1087:

7:10 - 7:15 Orientation

Keith Brasher

Welcome and thanks for coming to Cub Scout Rally night, the annual sign-up and kick-off for another great year of scouting.

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Since scouting has become so popular in this area, we have 2 Packs represented here tonight, Pack 987 and Pack 1087. Both packs support Cimarron Elementary.

(All pack representatives waiting in the wings and walk up to front of room as name is called)

Representing Pack 1087 are Paul Huttenhoff - Committee Chairman, Mike Gay - Cubmaster, Cathy Porter - Webelos den leader and color guard scouts Webelos - Cade Porter, Austin Gay and Jon Grinnell.

Representing Pack 987 are myself - Committee Chairman, Joel Brandon - Cubmaster, Paul Anders - Corporate Organization Representative and color guard scouts James Bell - Tiger Cub, Charles Bell - Wolf Cub, Adam Brasher Bear Cub, Steve Foster - Webelos Scout

We have some adults and Boy Scouts who have some fun games and activities for your siblings in the gym.

(Assemble siblings in gym) KP Lohman and Missy Brasher with Boy Scouts

(***As it turned out, ALL the boys went to the gym, so we essentially made the presentation to the parents. The babysitters let those kids who were there to sign up go back out to their parents as the dens were being formed, right after the slide show. More than one boy came in

just thrilled and asked his parents, "Are you going to sign me up?" or

"Are you my leader?" Our Boy Scouts and Scoutmasters taught knots to the ones that wanted to learn, otherwise they played Red Light, Green Light, Freeze Tag etc.)

We now have a short presentation for you and then we'll get to the business of signing up these new scouts.

Now I would like to turn over the floor to Paul Huttenhoff.

7:15 - 7:20 What is the purpose of Scouting

Paul Huttenhoff

You can read over the stated Purposes of Scouting in your handouts,

(Handouts provided by SHAC!)

I will emphasize a few of the Aims:

Program developed for Parents of 1st - 5th grade boys

Promotes character development, citizenship training and personal fitness.

Provides a practice in democratic living, a scheme for self-education and a plan for growth in body, mind and spirit.

Is a plan of Advancement, which acknowledges learning by doing and offers a sense of personal achievement.

Is full of adventure.

Now I would like to introduce Donnie Walker, involved parent of a Wolf Cub Scout, to tell you how scouting is organized.

7:20-7:30 How is Scouting Organized?

Donnie Walker

Den - The smallest organized unit, made up of same-age boys run by volunteer parents

Meets once/week, except for pack meeting weeks

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Boys work on team games, crafts, skits, new skills, songs, field trips, advancements, etc.

Here we have boys representing each level of Cub Scouts which make up dens: (We had a boy from each rank in full uniform as our "visual aids.")

Tiger Cub - 1st grade boys and adult family member

Tiger Cub & parent: Learn to Search out new activities, Discover new things, and Share with others.

Wolf and Bear Cubs - 2nd & 3rd grade boys

Wolf/Bear Scout: Offers new challenges to accomplish; teaching respect for God, Country, home and other people.

Webelos - 4th & 5th grade boys

Webelos Scout: Teaches greater responsibility, Presents a brief exposure to many different professions, Prepares boys for Boy Scouting.

Uniforms show pride and loyalty to a group; encourage good behavior and a neat appearance; and identify the boy by age, Den and Pack affiliation.

Pack - Group of several dens, ages 6-11, run by seasoned volunteer parents. Offers special additional activities such as Campouts, Pinewood Derbies, Xmas Caroling, etc

District - Regional groups of Packs

Council - Regional groups of Districts

7:30 - 7:35 Finances

Keith Brasher

BSA is a national organization which you will be joining.

To do so, you will pay dues & an insurance fee. There are also Pack dues, which help cover awards and activity recognition. These fees cover a period of 16 months, from now until next December (1998).

National dues: 9.40

Pack Fee: 25.00

Nat'l Insurance 1.00

Total 35.40

Boy's Life (Option) 12.00

Total 47.40

7:35 - 7:40- Song (Cathy Porter & Joel)(The Good Cub Scout)

7:40- 7:45 Leadership

Brian Foster

A Den is made up of approximately 8 boys and requires 2 deep leadership

Den Leaders

Two or more for each den

Plan & lead Den meetings

Help boys work towards rank achievement

Communicate Pack information to Den families

Attend Leaders meetings once/month

Joel Brandon

Pack Leaders & Pack Committee Members

From various dens, help plan & run Pack meetings & activities.

The time commitment for leaders is approximately 1-2 hours planning time for each meeting held, plus the initial Training Sessions.

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7:45-7:50 Resources

Beth Huttenhoff, Cathy Porter

(Beth began the presentation and I ran in with my arms full of PowWow

books, files, handouts etc. saying, "Beth, Beth, I brought all I could

carry but I didn't unload the closet and I didn't bring the computer."

We were *funny*, even if I do say so myself. Then we talked about

PowWow, Roundtable, University of Scouting etc. as places to learn and

HAVE FUN!!! Two main messages - you aren't in this alone and you don't

have to reinvent the wheel.)

The Boy Scouts of America has an abundance of resources available for leaders, from manuals to sessions to coaches within each Pack.

Outside the home:

Fast Start Orientation

District Basic Training, Roundtables each month, Pow Wow

Den Leader Coach and other Pack Leaders

In Home

Rank book and Boy's Life articles

Program Helps with monthly themes

Leader's How-To Book

"The Scouter" newspaper & "Scouting" magazine

7:50-7:55 What's in it for me?

Roger Tapscott

Brings the family closer, strengthens bonds

Makes your son proud, gaining his respect for you efforts

Offers many adult and "older boy" role models, with you as the closest one

You learn your own son's strengths and weaknesses much better, by seeing him work and play among others his age.

You get to know your son's peers and friends well.

"Every child deserves at least one caring adult!"

Quality adult interaction will make the difference

Cathy Porter - Personalize

(Here I told briefly about learning to swim since I became a Cub Scout

leader, getting to attend Boy Scout National Jamboree, and going camping

with the Troop the weekend our older sons voice began to change. If we

hadn't become Cub Scout leaders, we never would have been there with

him!)

7:55-8:05 Slide Show.

Karen Mitchell

Close you eyes. Forget about what you have to do when you leave here. Think about how little time you have with

your son before he's on his own in the world. Look over his shoulder, into the future, to see the Man you want him to become.

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(Lights go off for last sentence as we fade into the slide show)

Paul Huttenhoff

Start music and slide show of adorable Cubs & Webelos.

Slide show music was Seals & Crofts, "We Will Never Pass This Way

Again." It brings tears! Good ones are also "Teach Your Children"

(Crosby, Stills, Nash & Young) "Good Riddance" (No, really! You might

think the name is Time of Your Life, but that's the real name and it's

on the Nimrod CD by Green Day.) "Day Is Done" (Peter, Paul & Mary) and

"Forever Young." (Rod Stewart, I think.)

8:00- ?

(As the lights came up we had leaders around the room read "In A Leaders

Hands" ending with a deep-voiced male reading the quote that goes

something like, "In 100 years it won't matter what car I drove or what

my bank account was. What will matter is that I was important in the

life of a boy." This didn't make it to our email copy and I can't

locate it in my notes. It comes from a national source though - like a

ceremony book or Woods Wisdom. I just don't know where.)

Build Dens, Complete applications.

What doesn't appear in this script is how we worked in references to "your son" and how Cub Scouting allows you to spend time with your son

and time strengthening your family. Even in the financial report, Keith added that \$47.40 was a small investment for a year of time with your boy and the opportunity to help him and his friends build character.

You are leaders! You can tug those heartstrings!!! You signed up to be a leader because you love your son. Let people know that! That's the best reason of all to do anything.

TIGER CUBS

Big Idea #2 Family Entertainment

Denver Area Council

Let the Tigers talk about things their family likes to do for entertainment. Practice the Tiger Promise, make up a den yell for pack meetings, go roller skating with all the Tiger families, go to a movie as a tiger family group. At your next Pack meeting give your den yell. Make Wax paper sun catchers.

Wax Paper Sun Catchers

Collect leaves, flowers, weeds and press them for a few days before the Tiger meeting in a large phone book.

Tigers place leaves, flowers etc. on a sheet of waxed paper (about 12" square). The Tigers then make crayon

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shavings with an inexpensive plastic pencil sharpener. They sprinkle a few wax shavings between the flowers and leaves. Cover the wax paper with another sheet of wax paper. The DEN LEADER then uses an iron on medium setting to fuse the two pieces of wax paper together and melt the crayon shavings (works best if you put a piece of brown paper sack under the bottom piece of wax paper and another piece of the brown paper sack between the top piece of wax paper and then iron.)

The following idea (sent to me by **Linda, Pack 5, North Providence, RI** for Getting to Know You Big Idea) works for the Tiger themes I am covering in this issue: **Family Entertainment** and **Making Your Family Special**.

Family Tree

Supplies Needed:

1 cleaned coffee can

plaster paris

small branches

hole punch

cardboard

pictures of the scouts family and favorite items

ribbon

1. Find sticks during a short opening hike in the yard of the meeting place.
2. Take a piece of cardboard cut a slot from one end to the middle. Make a hole in the middle.
3. Mix the plaster in the coffee can as directed on package.
4. Put the small sticks inside the plaster, put the cardboard ring around the sticks to hold the sticks upright. Let dry to the next meeting.
5. Have the boys cut out their favorite pictures in circles, ovals, squares etc. Punch a hole on the top, thread the ribbon through the hole. The next or the boys can do at home, tie the pictures on the tree branches.
6. Put spag-a-moss around the base of the container.
7. At the following meeting, have the boys say their name and talk about who is on the pictures and why they picked them.

*You can decorate the bottom of the can with wallpaper, construction paper, or shelving paper to hide the coffee can.

My boys loved doing this and the boys who usually didn't speak during the meetings you couldn't shut them up. Two boys found out they both had baby brothers with the same name Evan and the same age, they found out they liked doing the same sports, t.v. shows etc..

Den Yells

Tigers have the spirit, Yes we do! Tigers have spirit, How 'bout you?

The wonderful thing about Tigers...is Tigers are wonderful things!

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We're the Tigers and we're proud to say We'll be back next year as Wolves 'cause that's the Cub Scout Way.

**Tiger Cub Scouts is our name
We wear orange but we are tame
We are first graders with a plan
On how to become a man
As we grow you will see
How strong and straight and true we'll be
We are searching all around
We are discovering our town
Now we want to share with you
Come and be a Tiger too
We are Tiger Cubs it's true
But soon we'll be the boys in blue!**

Big Idea #11 --Making you Family Special

Have a family sing-a-long, be prepared to sing at your next Pack meeting; make a family message board; make a "Tiger Tail scrap book; have each Tiger tell what makes his family special. Go and have a family picnic.

Hand Center

Heart of America Council

Have each member of your family trace around their hand on stiff paper. Discuss how family hands are alike or different, how they do different jobs. Cut out hands and make them into faces. Glue the face on straw to make a puppet. Make up a skit and have the family act it out with their hand puppets.

I've Got That Tiger Cub Spirit (Song)

Heart of America Council

I've got that Tiger Cub spirit
Up in my head, up in my head
Up in my head.

I've got that Tiger Cub spirit
Up in my head, up in my head to stay.

(Replace "head" with other words in last four verses.)

I've got that Tiger Cub spirit
Deep in my heart, etc.

(Continue as in first verse.)

I've got that Tiger Cub spirit
Down in my feet, etc.

I've got that Tiger Cub Spirit
All over me, etc.

I've got that Tiger Cub spirit
Up in my head.
Deep in my feet.

I've got that Tiger Cub spirit
All over me, all over me to stay.

Motion: For more spirit, you can point to each part of the body as you sing.

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Tiger Stripes

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Props: One boy (back to audience with polka dots on him)
All Tigers except one on stage.

One boy enters asking each boy in turn, "Why do tigers have stripes?" Each boy replies, "I don't know." Until he asks the last boy, who turns around and says, "Because tigers look funny in polka dots." All laugh and run off stage.

Closing Ceremonies

Heart of America Council

(Have Tigers share lines or say all as one group.)

Ladies and Gentlemen, thank you for coming, and goodnight to you all.

PRE-OPENING ACTIVITY

What If . . . ?

Greater St. Louis Area Council

The following are story ideas you can use during a quiet time in your den meeting. Let each scout pick one these ideas (you can add a few of your own), give him a few minutes and let him finish the story. Imaginations can be very powerful and lots of fun, too.

1. What if a plane landed in the school yard one day?
2. What if you saw a zebra grazing in front of your house one morning?
3. What if you found a turtle in your bathtub?
4. What if you were traveling in a wagon hundreds of years ago?
5. What if your pet could talk?
6. What if someone gave you three wishes: what would you wish for?
7. What if you were principal for a day: what would you do?
8. What if you were invisible?
9. What if aliens took you for a ride in their spaceship?
10. What if you could fly?

If I Could Be . . .

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Imagine being a tennis shoe, a backpack, or a jet ski: Using pictures from newspapers or magazines, have each scout select one picture of an inanimate object and write or tell a story from that object's point of view using as many of the following questions as possible:
What are you and what do you do:
Where were you purchased:
Who purchased you?
Where did your new owner take you?
What adventure did you have with your new owner?
What is the world like from your point of view?

I'D LIKE TO BE A CUB SCOUT

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I'd like to be Cub Scout

That's what I'd really like.

Swimming boating, camping, hiking,

Riding on my bike.

Making cars for Pinewood Derby
 To enter in the race.
 And if I make one good enough
 I just might win first place.
 I'd like to be a Cub Scout
 There's so much I can learn.
 There's games to play and things to make
 And badges I can earn.
 I can help by raising money
 Selling popcorn, pizzas too.
 Not to mention candy bars
 And our annual barbecue.
 There's Scouting for Food in November
 And Good Turn the last of May
 When we honor our brave servicemen
 With flags on the graves where they lay.
 Come on and be a Cub Scout
 A Cub Scout just like me.
 Come on and be a part of our
 Cub Scout Family.
 You will learn the Cub Scout Promise
 And a uniform you will wear.
 At first you'll be a Tiger
 Then Bobcat, Wolf and Bear
 And last, you'll be a Webelos
 Two years of that and then
 You will graduate to Boy Scouts
 To a Troop that builds young men.

OPENING CEREMONY

Opening

Greater St. Louis Area Council

Close your eyes and follow me,
 As I describe what my mind can see.
 A purple dragon blowing bubbles,
 Spotted zebras playing doubles.
 A strange new world where skies are green,
 An ocean city where mermaids can be seen.
 An uncluttered mind is a wonderful gift,
 Use it often for a joyous lift.
 Now open your eyes and all please stand,
 As we pledge allegiance to our land.

LEADER IDEAS

A few months back at my council office I picked up information on the Unit Kit Crime Prevention which is a program of the Boy Scouts of America. Since I am not really familiar with earning this award I sent out a cyber-request to some scouters to see how they handled this program.

Thanks Mary for sending this

It has been a few years since we did the program, but here is what I remember. Each Den did Crime Prevention Posters which were hung up at school by their grades drinking fountain. I was especially proud of my son's which was walnut shell halves glued to the poster as

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bodies to which he added limbs , head ect. The caption was " YOU HAVE TO BE NUTS TO JOIN A GANG" They all seemed to like it. They also gave crime prevention tips each morning at school over the intercom. For one of the Den meetings we had a Police Captain come and fingerprint each boy, he also brought the Polaroid and took "mug" shots to go along with the fingerprints. For our Pack Meeting we presented each parent with the fingerprints and mug shot on a permanent record card for their safekeeping. One of the DARE Officers came to the meeting and made a presentation Mary Fournier, Carlsbad, NM DL, WL, ACM or RTC This one is from my good friend Amy on the BSA Crime Prevention program

Two years ago, at our council Scout Show, we had the local police set up different areas that the boys had to make decisions about different types of crime. They would put their answers on an answer sheet. Then, a policeman would talk to them about each crime. McGruff the crime dog was there too. They gave out prizes when the boys answered questions correctly and made it a lot of fun. The booth was sponsored by the Optimist club and was called "respect for the law". A Crime Prevention application was given to each boy so his activities could be checked off and signed by the appropriate person. Hope you can use this idea.

YIS,

CSManyhats

Another great idea from another great friend, Judy One thing we did with Michael's den (Bear year) was take them to the grocery store (Big Bear) for a tour. Although we saw the bakery and the computer banks that control the meat cases, the highlight was the video rooms and the cameras that watch shoplifters. The staff had several videos cued up to show the boys people shoplifting, and gave a big lecture about how this makes everyone's food more expensive. Of course, in the videos in question, the "thieves" were caught before they left the store. They also showed how the cameras at the check out counter can zero in on each cash register to watch the cashiers and customers exchanging money.

It was definitely the highlight of the trip!

We've also toured the local police station, and had members of the Charleston Bike Squad (police officers) come out to meetings. Our pack does have an advantage because we have a husband-wife pair of police officers among our parents. There is also a CIA site for kids:

<http://www.odci.gov/cia/ciakids/>

My guest editor (Dennis)

I am Cubmaster of Pack 635, Desert Pacific Council and Roundtable Commissioner, Kit Carson District 26. posted a question on Scouts-L for me and compiled this group of answers. Thanks Dennis!

Well not original, but in our town of Tonawanda, the Town Police and youth board had MacGruff the Crime Dog, who is house trained and will make house calls! We

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also have officer associated with DARE program who will also make appearances associated with the crime prevention programs. The county to our north, Niagara county, also ran the program in the JAIL - with an overnight stay included!!! (no frills!!!) I was not there, but reports were that the facility itself made many kids think that they would not want to spend another night there! I would contact local Town police, country sheriffs and politicians to see what local resources are available - maybe to look good for election time?
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A great place to send young people to visit is the Department of Justice website at

<http://www.usdoj.gov>

where they will find a link to a number of web pages designed for "kids" including a crime prevention page.

Try out

<http://www.ogc.secnav.hq.navy.mil/ogcwww/kidlink1.htm>

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and

<http://www.ogc.secnav.hq.navy.mil/ogcwww/kidlink2.htm>

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for some great links to U.S. Government web pages aimed at providing educational materials to youth.

MikeBowman

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Webmaster: <http://members.aol.com/netcommish>

<http://usscouts.org/>

<http://usscouts.org/profbvr>

From: joerhawkins@abts.net (Joe Ray

Hawkins)

Reply-to: joerhawkins@abts.net

(joerhawkins@abts.net)

This is one area where being in a small town helped. We started at the Police station for a full tour. Cars to finger printing. The next week we worked on the associated rank requirements. Two weeks later, we had a visitor for "Crime Stoppers" in as a speaker. We allowed six weeks on the rank advancement area, then helped make "Crime Stopper" posters {Crime through the eyes of a CS can make a pretty good poster}. They used them in local shops. We concluded the program with a review at the county jail by the Sheriff (who just happens to be the Advisor of the Law E. Exp Post.) and assisted them in an engraving identification project at a local festival.

Joe Ray Hawkins

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Piedmont (NC) Foothills District

Don from California sent this to me

In January of 1998 we announced the launch of a series new of Web pages dedicated to the "BSA CRIME PREVENTION PROGRAM." As you are aware, the program is designed for Cubs, Boy Scouts, Explorers (and

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even civilians.) The aim of our pages is in helping (Cub) parents and leaders to work with youth on crime prevention within the BSA Program, the family, and the community. Included are ideas for strategies and projects that can involve individuals or whole families in preventing crime. Also included in our pages are:

- Award requirements
- The award request form
- Badge/patch image
- Lapel pin image
- Certificate image
- and - Pocket card images

Finally, to assist you in finding Crime Prevention information on the web and within the SCOUTS-L archives, we have also added a section dedicated to this kind of search.

C'mon by and check it out at:

<http://www.geocities.com/~pack215/crime-prevention.html>

Check out our "BSA CRIME PREVENTION PROGRAM" pages ! Linked there is a simple search tool that queries several sources for Crime Prevention project ideas.

Last year our Pack did a little project with the local FBI office. It culminated with a visit by them to one of our Pack meetings to discuss special weapons and tactics. The Cubs loved it! (so did everyone else!)

Don

(_/) .'))) Donald De Young - Walnut Creek, CA, USA

/o o \./~ Visit the "Virtual Cub Leader's Handbook" at:

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Lin from Rhode Island sent in a great tip along with a Service Project (Good Turn) idea.

Crime Prevention Idea:

The big thing around here is seat belt safety. I am going to speak with the PD dept. on having the boys hand out fliers about seat belt safety in their areas and at the local stores. I am also going to find out if they will do a community talk and we will sponsor it. Last year we did a stranger safety talk. The boys made posters and put them up around town, in the community police depts., and local school. We held a community talk with the local PD giving the talk. Went well..

Idea for service project given to me: Have the boys bring in soap, toothbrushes, etc. personal care items. Have each den responsible for one item. Get all the boys together and place one of everything inside ziploc bags. Bring these to local homeless shelters, travelers' aide sites, and local churches. I know one church in R.I. that brings them to area ships from around the whole dock and they don't

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have these types of items. These people are on the boat for 1 year and send the money they make home to their families.

Lin, Pack 5, North Providence

SONGS

Twelve Days of Halloween
(Twelve Days of Christmas)
Greater St. Louis Area Council

On the first day of Halloween
My best friend gave to me
An owl in an old dead tree.

Two trick-or-treaters
Three black cats
Four skeletons
Five scary spooks
Six goblins gobbling
Seven pumpkins glowing
Eight monsters shrieking
Nine ghosts a booing
Ten shrouds a groaning
Eleven masks a leering
Twelve bats a flying.

My Imagination
(Tune: Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star)
Trapper Trails Council

I imagine some great stuff,
You're a brave kid, listen up.
Green slime monsters, with sharp claws,
Loudly growling, with big jaws.
Rolly, polly, furry guys,
Are big mean trolls, in disguise.

Fire breathing, dragon rocks,
Their breath can knock off your socks.
Coiling boas, squeezing tight,
These snakes don't give up the fight.
Now you know what is in there
I imagine, you'll take care.

SLIDES

Imagine That Time Capsule Slide
Greater St. Louis Council

Pill Bottle	Personal Items
Pipe Cleaner	

Make two small holes in back of bottle and insert pipe cleaner. Put in personal items (a badge, pin, button, or anything you want). Put label on bottle with your name, Pack #, town and year.

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

ADVANCEMENT IDEAS

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Halloween Advancement
Greater St. Louis Area Council

(Have the following items attached to the awards: black cat, moon, jack o'lantern, ghost. These can be pictures or small party type favors).

Cubmaster (dressed in costume):
Tonight's festivities include ghoulish prizes. Will the following ghouls and goblins please come forward? (Call forward scouts receiving Bobcat, Wolf, Bear and Webelos badges).

The black cats tonight are receiving their Bobcat badge. These cats are cunning and are ready to learn new tricks. The werewolves tonight are receiving their Wolf badge. As the moon becomes full, these guys know how to sink their teeth into their next conquest.

Bears are ferocious looking creatures and like this jack o'lantern, they may look scary, but have a warm glow to them.

Ghosts are mysterious spirits. They appear to us out of nowhere, like these Webelos. They frighten us with their ability to grasp new ideas and disappear to the world beyond. Just like these Webelos who will be leaving us soon to advance to Boy Scouting.

BOBCAT CEREMONY
Greater St. Louis Area Council

Equipment: Log to hold 8 candles (one tall one), Bobcat badges

Cubmaster: (Light tall single candle)
Before you are candles arranged to represent your goals in Cub Scouting. The lighted candle represents the Spirit of Scouting. This spirit is always bright in your Leaders, your fellow Cub Scouts, your parents and yourself. The candle of the Spirit of Cub Scouting is used to light the three front candles, which represent (light each one as they are explained) the three points of the Cub Scout Promise: Your duty to God and your Country - Your duty to yourself and to help other people - Your duty to the Law of the Pack.

We now light the four candles across the top, representing the four parts of the Law of the Pack: (Light each in turn)

The Cub Scout follows Akela
The Cub Scout helps the Pack go
The Pack helps the Cub Scout grow
The Cub Scout gives Goodwill
(Replace the candle of Scouting Spirit)

You should try to keep these lights burning within you at all times. If, for some reason, you should slip and fail to keep one of the laws - for example, if you fail to show good will, and are unkind (blow out the candle for Good Will) - the Spirit of Cub Scouting will rekindle the light showing Good Will (Re-light the Good Will candle)
You will notice that the light is more easily lighted when

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it has been kept alive before.

We are very proud to welcome you new Bobcats and your parents into Cub Scouting, and ask that you keep the Spirit of Cub Scouting burning in your lives.

We present the Bobcat patch to the parents who in turn will present them to their sons in recognition of the parent's support as well as the work done by the boy. Now, Bobcat Scouts, give the Cub Scout sign, and repeat the Cub Scout Promise with the other Cub Scouts of Pack _____. **CONGRATULATIONS!!!**

Parent Induction

Greater St. Louis Area Council

Arrangement: Newly inducted Bobcats and their parents at front of the room.

Cubmaster: Parents of these new Cub Scouts, will you please give the Cub Scout sign and repeat after me:

As a parent of a Cub Scout,
I will do my best
To help my son
Live up to the Cub Scout Promise
And obey the Law of the Pack.
I will work with my son
On his achievements and projects.
I will attend the Pack Meetings
And help as needed
To make the Pack go.

Thank you and welcome to our Pack.

Den Advancement

Indian Nations Council

Cub Scout (name) has opened his imagination and has begun a journey down life's long road of many adventures. We of Den (number) are proud to present this bead of advancement to (name). May he wear it with the pride of Scouting as he continues on his next adventure (present bead, ask Cub Scout to give the Cub Scout Motto).

Secret Message Recognition

For each Cub Scout to be recognized, prepare a sheet of paper with a "Secret Message" on it, by writing on it in milk or lemon juice (as shown in the Wolf Cub Scout book). When the paper is held carefully over a heat source such as a light bulb, the message will appear:

Examples: Great job, Brian! Now aim for Bear.

Congratulations, Chris, you have earned your

Bobcat.

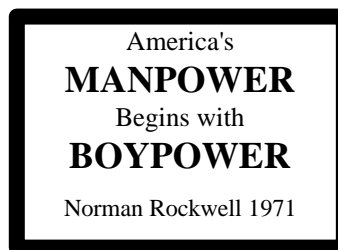
Go for the Arrow of Light, Michael!

Advancement Ideas

Trapper Trails Council

Witches Cauldron - Pull awards out of cauldron. Dress like a witch or ghoul. If you put dry ice in empty milk carton in the cauldron and add a little water a few minutes before the awards are presented, it will be brewing. Pack awards outside the milk carton in the cauldron. Always use caution when using dry ice. Handle with gloves, do not put in your mouth and **KEEP AWAY FROM THE KIDS!**

Ghost - Attack awards to these ghosts or put in balloons. Blow up balloon and cover with white tissue paper. Tie with black and orange ribbon. Draw eyes.



AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Tommy Joins A Cub Scout Pack

Greater St. Louis Area Council

Cubmaster: Tonight, I would like to tell you a story about a boy named Tommy and how he became a Cub Scout. I need your help to tell this story. Would you supply a part of the story by being one of it's characters, when you hear the name of your character, call out your part.

Characters:

Tommy or Tiger Cubs - "Go Tigers"

Bobcats - "Give a Roar"

Wolfs - "Give a Howl"

Bears - "Give a Growl"

Webelos - "A Scoutin' we will go"

Mother, Father or Parents - "That's my son"

All Cub Scouts - "We'll Do Our Best"

Our story begins when **Tommy** started back to school after a summer of fun. One day his teacher passed out notes saying, "Be a **Tiger Cub**." All first grade boys and their **Parents** are invited to come to a meeting to hear about this Scouting Program.

He went to the meeting with his **Mother** and they learned that **Tiger Cubs**, BSA was a Scouting program planned especially for boys in the first grade. The lady at the meeting said the **Tiger Cubs** was not like **Cub Scouts** where the boys worked on advancement, starting as **Bobcats** and working to earn their **Wolf** Badge, moving

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on to the **Bear** Book and earning the Badge and then becoming **Webelos**. As **Tiger Cubs**, they would team with their **Mother** or **Father** to form a **Tiger Cub** den. The boys and their adult partners work together on activities called "Big Ideas": and once a month one of the family teams would plan a special activity for the whole group.

She said that their **Tiger Cub** Den would meet with the **Cub Scout** Pack for special events, also would be invited to the Blue and Gold Banquet and when they moved on to become **Cubs**, there would be a special graduation ceremony at the Pack Meeting. Each month, the **Tiger Cub** Den did something special and **Tommy** and his **Mother** would do the special things suggested in their "Family Activity Book." One month the **Tiger Cub** Den used the "Discover Nature and Energy" Big Idea and visited a Veterinarian in the community. At home they fed the birds and looked at the stars as part of that Big Idea. Each time they did an activity, he put a **Tiger Cub** sticker on his Activity Chart. February came and the **Tiger Cub** Den received invitations to the Pack's Blue and Gold Dinner. Each family in the **Tiger Cub** Den was invited to be guests of Den Two and he had a chance to meet the boys in the Den. Joe and Bill were still **Bobcats** but had completed the **Wolf** requirements and would get their badges at the dinner. Jerry and George were working on the **Bear** book; Jim and John would soon become **Webelos**. The Den made his family feel very welcome and **Tommy** knew that he wanted to be a **Cub Scout**.

As the meeting progressed he watched all of the **Cub Scouts** and their **Parents** go forward to receive their awards. The **Cubs** were presented with their Badges and Arrow Points. One **Webelos** Scout received his Arrow of Light. He was so proud. Two boys joined the Pack and received their **Bobcat** Badges. **Tommy** could hardly wait for the time when he would stand in front of the Pack and become a **Cub Scout**.

After the Blue and Gold, the **Tiger Cub** Den met each month as usual. The boys talked about the Blue and Gold, the fun they had, and when they would become **Cub Scouts**. They were becoming anxious.

One day, when **Tommy** came home from school, his **Mother** had great news for him. Mr. Smith, the Cubmaster, was coming over to talk to them about his graduation into the Pack. He could hardly eat his supper. When Mr. Smith arrived, he talked to both of his folks about **Cub Scouts** and how the Parents of the boys in the Pack were the leaders. He said, that when **Tommy** became a **Cub Scout** the Pack would count on them for support, too. His **Mother** said that she had enjoyed working with the **Tiger Cubs** and that she looked forward to **Cub Scouts**. His **Dad** said that Scouting had become a part of the **family** and that he would be glad to help, too.

So the Big Day came, the **Tiger Cub** Den stood before the Pack, each boy was welcomed with his family to **Cub Scouting** and at last **Tommy** was a **Cub Scout**. He was ready to venture forward on the next step in his Scouting Adventure.

Moaners and Groaners Stunt Indian Nations Council

Divide the audience into two groups, Moaners and Groaners, have them practice sounds appropriate to their names. Then ask them to sound off when they hear their word as you read this story:

Moaner and Groaner were two little ghosts,
Who spent all their time with outrageous boasts.
If Moaner told Groaner a tale that was tall,
Groaner would not let that faze him at all.
For whatever Moaner said, Groaner said more,
And that made Moaner so mad he went through the door.
Left Groaner alone, and did he feel sorry?
He cried till he died, and thus ends my story of
Moaner and Groaner, two boasting ghosts,
Who died of an overdose of ghostly boasts.

GAMES

You Are!

Indian Nation Council
Pantomime these situations

1. You are happy while playing catch.
2. You are hungry for lunch.
3. You are surprised at receiving a birthday present.
4. You are sad after dropping a glass.
5. You are cheerful as you sweep the floor.
6. You are not interested in a TV program.
7. You are sleepy as you go to bed.
8. You are cold as you stand in the snow.
9. You are tired after playing hard.
10. You are excited over a ball game.

FUN FOOD

Ghost Cookies

Trapper Trails Council

6 ounces vanilla flavored almond bark
15 1/2 ounce package Nutter Butter cookies
Small black jelly beans (or purple)

Melt almond bark following package directions. Dip 2/3 of each cookie in melted candy. Shake gently to remove excess coating. Place on wire rack with waxed paper underneath. For eyes cut jelly beans in half and place on cookies. Cool completely before removing from rack.

Chocolate Spiders

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12 ounces Twizzlers, chocolate flavor
4 ounces milk chocolate cany melts

Cut twizzlers into 1 1/2" pieces. Slice each piece in half lengthwise. On waxed paper place 4 legs (pieces) on each side and then drop 1 teaspoon melted candy in the middle for the body. Use a toothpick to smooth uniform circle and connect all candy pieces. Cool completely before removing from the waxed paper.

Suggestion from Chris-- Almond or chocolate bark can typically be found in the aisle with cake making supplies in your grocery store. I also found it at Wal-Mart. You can also buy candy melts (basically the same thing, different shape, little higher cost) at cake and candy supply stores and craft stores. Call your local store to see who has it. I always melt the bark on low (Power level 3) of my microwave in a glass pie pan. It takes a little bit longer, but the bark will melt smoothly, without lumps. If you don't have a microwave, an electric skillet with water in the bottom can be used. Set the control at the lowest heat possible. Experiment, but I remember from candy-making classes I took years ago, that melting candy bark or melts is best done at low temperatures.

SKITS

The Coffin

Greater St. Louis Area Council

Although this skit has only three Scouts acting out the parts, the whole den or pack could get involved in putting together this skit for the pack meeting. What works best for your pack or den is what will be best for putting together this skit. But scenery could be made, sound effects added, animals could be in the woods

On a camping trip, three Scouts saw a strange green glow on a house up on the hill from their campsite. Being adventurous, these Scouts waited until everyone else went to bed and decided to investigate.

Armed only with their trusty flashlights, they left the campsite in search of the origins of the strange green glow. They crossed a meadow and entered a wooded area and finally came to the gate of this old house. The house appeared to be abandoned and was in disrepair.

They carefully approached the house. One of the Scouts decided this was too creepy for him and he told the others that he would wait on the porch for them.

The other two Scouts opened the front door and entered the house. There were cobwebs everywhere. No one had been in this house for years. One of the two Scouts decided this was too creepy for him too and told his friend that he would stand guard at the front door.

The lone Scout looked all around the house. He looked up the stairs and saw the faint green glow. As he ascended

the stairs, the green glow became brighter. As he reached the top of the stairs, he looked into one of the rooms.

There stood a coffin floating in the middle of the room! Frightened, he started running down the hall away from the coffin, the coffin followed. He ran down the stairs to his friend at the door, the coffin followed. They ran out the door to the gate to their friend, the coffin followed.

The three Scouts ran into the woods, the coffin followed.

They ran across the meadow, the coffin followed. They

took a wrong turn on their way back to their campsite and

ended up by a cave, the coffin followed. Cornered against

the cave wall, there was no place to turn and still the

coffin followed. Cornered against the cave wall, there was

no place to turn and still the coffin followed.

They were doomed! The youngest of the three Scouts

reached into his pocket and put something into his mouth.

All of a sudden the coffin disappeared!

Amazed, the other two Scouts asked him what he put in

his mouth. After they reached camp, the youngest Scout

told his friends what he put in his mouth. A cough drop

to stop the coffin!

Black and Blue Ghost

Mount Diablo Silverado Area Council

A man walks into a hotel lobby and asks the clerk for a room. The clerk responds that he only has one room left,

and he hesitates to rent it out because it is haunted. The

man takes it anyway, and crawls into bed. Soon a ghost

clad in a white sheet appears and moan "I am the white

eyed ghost in the white sheet, and this is my room. GO

AWAY!" The man runs out. This scene is repeated a few

more times with different guest. Finally, a big burly man

checks in. When the ghost appears he exclaims, "You'll

be the black eyed ghost in the black and blue sheet unless

you get out of here!" The ghost runs off.

STUNTS AND TRICKS

Jokes

If a butcher is 5'10", what does he weigh?

Meat

What is a mummy's favorite kind of music?

Wrap music

Denver Area Council

Monster Child: Mommy, may I eat my corn on the cob with my fingers?

Monster Mom: NO...Eat you fingers separately.

Leader: What is a monsters's favorite summer drink?

Scout: Ghou-aid.

From Lydia

Boy Scouts from the city were on a camping trip. The mosquitoes were so fierce, the boys had to hide under their blankets to avoid being bitten. Then one of them saw

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some lightning bugs and said to his friend, "We might as well give up. They are coming after us with flashlights."

From Lorie

Anna's mother has three daughters. The youngest is named Penny. The middle one is named Nickel. What is the name of the oldest daughter?

The oldest daughter's name is Anna.

CLOSING CEREMONY

Just Imagine Closing Ceremony

Trapper Trails Council

1 - Rudyard Kipling, the famous English author, who wrote the story of the Jungle Book, wrote a little poem. It begins like this:

I keep six honest serving-men

(They taught me all I knew);

Their names are What and Why and When

And How and Where and Who.

2 - If you make these six your servants imagine the things you could do! Just imagine for a minute that a little green man from outer space lands in your backyard. Now he wants to know how the picture gets in the television? What causes thunder? Why does night come? Where did your parents live before you were born? Could you answer his questions?

3 - From this moment on you can decide to be an investigator. Ask questions about everything that you have ever wondered about. What are clouds made of? Are all of the lights in the night sky stars? How would I take care of myself if my parents were gone all day? What can I make by myself? How old are my pets compared to me? What kind of insects live in the field behind my house? How do they protect themselves? What is the street made of? Why is it cooler in the mountains than down in the valley? If the mountains are closer to the sun shouldn't it be hotter? If your parents, teachers and leaders can't give you the answers, then look to books and computers. Just imagine!

4 - Look around and you will find hundreds of things waiting to be investigated. You've only one life and future -- make the best of both!

I got this from Scouts-L, that wonderful electronic RT I am with.

HOW BIG IS YOUR JAR?

Here's an interesting science fair experiment I read about. The student took a baby food jar, a peanut butter jar, a gallon jar, & a big five-gallon bucket and filled each one with dirt. Then he planted a bean seed in each and tried to raise it. Well you can probably guess that the one in the baby food jar never amounted to much and the one in

the peanut butter jar was stunted too. The one in the gallon jar did OK but the one in the big bucket did the best. The plants that sprouted in the small containers just didn't have enough room for the roots to grow & spread. You may not realize it but you are all like those plants; you've been planted in different sized jars--some big and some small. But the jars aren't physical ones, they're mental ones. The jars are the limits you impose on yourselves. If you believe yourself to be inferior or if you believe you aren't able to do something you are indeed inferior & unable to do it. But you can face up to your shortcomings and work around them or overcome them. You can say "I'm not very good at this but with work I can improve", or "I can't do this but I can do that & that, and being able to do those things compensates for not being able to do this". So even though you may be in a small jar you're not stuck there. You can transplant yourself to a larger one. It might not be easy, but it can be done.

SO, HOW BIG IS YOUR JAR?

Mark W. Arend sent this in to Scouts-L
www.centuryinter.net/bdlib/ Scoutmaster, Troop 736

WEBELOS

Showman

Viking Council

The Showman activity badge has something for every Webelos scout. For the natural actor there is drama, for the shy boy there is puppetry, and for every boy there is music.

The aim of the badge is not to produce skilled entertainers, but to expose boys to theater and to music arts, to help them build self-confidence, and of course, to have fun.

Suggest den activities:

Invite a drama teacher to speak, put on a program for the pack meeting, make puppets, write and put on a puppet show, visit a nursing home and perform music, make a stage and costumes for a play, make some homemade band instruments - try to play a tune on them.

Getting Started

Opening Ceremony

A dramatization using four Webelos, who stand in a diagonal line at one side, facing the audience, and the Webelos Leader, who is facing the Webelos and the audience on the other side.

W.L.: David, how would you set out to do a good turn? (David takes one step forward.)

W.L.: John, how would you get started on a camp out? (John takes one step forward.)

W.L.: Ray, how would you start on a hike? (Ray takes one step forward.)

W.L.: Mike, how would you start out to achieve your first

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activity badge?

W.L.: Yes, it is as simple as that to make a thousand mile journey, to run a race, to learn a trade, to meet new people, to climb a mountain, to create a masterpiece, to build sky-scrappers, to design a spaceship. Yes to do anything worthwhile, there is always a first step, and it is the most difficult one to take. If you are to progress in life, or in Tigers, Cubs, Webelos, or Boy Scouting, you must first face your goal and then get started with that all important **first step!** (On the words FIRST STEP, all the boys take one step forward again and then salute.)

The Athenian Oath

(Closing)

Scout 1: We will never bring disgrace to this, our city, by any act of dishonesty or cowardice.

Scout 2: We will fight for the ideals and sacred things of the city, both alone and with our companions.

Scout 3: We will revere and obey the city's laws.

Scout 4: We will try unceasingly to quicken the sense of civic duty in others.

Scout 5: In every way, we will strive to pass the city on to our sons, greater and better than it was when our fathers passed it on to us.

Scientists

Viking Council

We are living in exciting times. Each day bring new explorations and discoveries in science. The scientist tries to learn the how, why and wherefore of the world about him so that these laws can be used by people to improve our living environment.

Suggested Den Activities

Talk about the various branches of science and how they differ

Do the atmospheric pressure tests or balance tests in the Webelos book

Make fog

Grow a crystal garden

Do the inertia experiments in the Webelos book.

Pendulum Phenomenon-An Optical Illusion

Fasten a white disc, 3/4in-in diameter on a 3 foot piece of white thread. Have someone hold the thread so the disc can swing like a pendulum. Start the disc swinging in a perfectly straight line and view it from a distance of three feet against a plain wall. Notice how the disc swings in a line like a pendulum. Hold a sunglass lens over one eye. Observe the path of the swinging object again. The movement will no longer be in line but in a circle. If you switch the lens to the other eye, the movement will appear to be in the opposite direction. Principle demonstrated: Shows how important it is for the eyes to receive similar images.

Hydrometer

This measures the density of a liquid. An object can float in a liquid only if it is less dense than the liquid. Prove this by placing a fresh egg in a glass of water. The egg will sink. Then add 1 tablespoon of salt to the water and the egg will float. Try sticking a thumbtack into a pencil eraser and place the pencil in water, point up. Mark the waterline on the pencil. Add salt to the water. The pencil will ride higher in the water. WHY? BECAUSE SALT WATER IS MORE DENSE!

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Web Sites

Tiger Cub Big Idea #2

<http://www.geocities.com/Yosemite/Trails/8712/tigers.html#Family%20Entertainment>

Big Idea #11 Making your Family Special

<http://www.geocities.com/Yosemite/Trails/8712/tigers.html#Making Your Family Special>

Help learn to take a bite out of crime with McGruff

<http://www.mcgruff-safe-kids.com/index.html>

Showman

Word Search by Barb Creighton

<http://www.creighton.edu/~bsteph/pack114/funpages/webshw.html>

Scientist

Ideas for this Activity Badge

http://compass.scouter.com/Training_and_Recognition/Webelos/Activity_Badge_Helps/Scientist/

<http://www.geocities.com/Heartland/Valley/3797/scientist.htm>

Build a solar system

http://www.exploratorium.edu/ronh/solar_system/

Your weight on other planets

<http://www.exploratorium.edu/ronh/weight/index.html>

Grow a crystal garden

<http://kidscience.miningco.com/library/weekly/aa031498.htm>

Scouting sites

Tips on getting parental involvement at this page

<http://www.usscouts.org/profbvr/>

This is the pack I started out with many many years ago

<http://members.aol.com/pack939/index.htm>

Found this site and I think it is interesting. This American pack is over in Japan. Cool CSP too!

<http://www2.gol.com/users/fstriege/scouts/Pack15/index.htm>

Home page for United States Scouting Service Project. Find the themes into the next millenium. Some really cool new fonts for your PC (Hint--Think of trees)

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

GREAT site for Cub and Boy Scout Leaders and Commissioners

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

This was my first scouting place I went to online over a year

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ago. I still think it great! Gary and Kyna's MacScouter site-

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

Steve Tobin has an excellent site at The NetWoods

Virtual Campsite for Cubs

<http://www.isd.net/stobin/cubscout.html>

And for Scouts and Scouters

<http://www.isd.net/stobin/index.html>

I liked the content of Pack 32's web page in MA

<http://members.aol.com/Pack32MA/pack32.html>

Definitely check out the music, songs, clipart, etc. link on Robin's page and listen to the tune "Chicken Dance"

<http://www.tmcconsult.com/scouts/robin.htm>

A Powwow online site. Again another site that has lots of good information.

<http://www.geocities.com/~cubbobwhite/>

Here is a new District site with a lot of good ideas, I really liked the Resources page, with the Today's Feature which covered the Aims and Methods of Scouting

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

Songs

<http://www.iinet.net.au/~oneilg/scouts/songs/songbook.htm>

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Don's site--lots of great information. Another spotforawealth of information. Sign his guest book too

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

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

<http://home.att.net/~llmcgraw/etowah/ecc-indx.htm>

Another scouting site with lots of links

<http://boyscouting.miningco.com/mbody.htm>

Barb visited the Scouting Jeopardy site for Boy Scouts and came up with one for Cubs. Plus she has other great info

<http://www.creighton.edu/~bsteph/pack114/>

New info at Deb's site

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

Just for Fun

Go to where the past comes alive online at the History

Channel

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

Check out the Peanuts timeline

http://www.unitedmedia.com/comics/peanuts/d_history/html/d1_intro.html

Go here and vote for a Peanuts Commemorative Stamp

http://www.unitedmedia.com/comics/peanuts/e_club/html/stamp.html

Go to this Time Capsule site. I went there and found out the average income in 1954 (my birth year and yes I am that old) was \$3950.00. Other facts about most dates in history from 1900 to 1997

<http://www.dmarie.com/asp/history.asp>

Gumby World

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

Resources

The scouting graphics for all levels of scouting are available on line at

<http://usscouts.org/library.html>

It is also available for purchase as a CD Rom at the following number 1-800-SCOUTER