



BALOO'S BUGLE



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TREE-MENDOUS opportunities for Cub Scouts to learn about the importance of trees. It's good to see that the National BSA office didn't **LEAF** this theme out for this year. If you **STICK** with this theme, Cub Scouts will **BRANCH** out and learn many different ways trees benefit all of us. This theme Forest Through the Trees, might **STUMP** you, but you can gain **ROOTS** on this theme by just a small amount of research. Trees benefit everything and everyone for many reasons. Tree products are used in building our homes. Trees provide shelter for birds and other animals. Trees keep our homes cooler and our air cleaner. Trees feed insects, birds, squirrels, and Cub Scouts and their families. Just how good are those pancakes without maple syrup? Those are just a few of the practical ideas about trees. How about the fun stuff we did as kids around trees. Did you ever sit under the shade of a tree talking to a friend and exploring everything that lived on the ground at the base of the tree? Or even picking apples or cherries and having your harvest made into a tasty treat is fun. And how about Hide and Seek. Big trees come in mighty handy during this game. Trees give us more than we realize.

And on a personal note, I might not be married if it wasn't for the mighty pecan tree. First food I made for Jim was a pecan pie. Okay, maybe that is a bit of a stretch about the reason we got married, but nonetheless, he really liked the homemade pecan pie.

Hopefully, a seed has been planted on the many ways you and your Cubs will have fun with this theme.

PRAYERS & POEMS FOR SCOUTERS

The Trouble Tree

The carpenter I hired to help me restore an old farmhouse had just finished a rough first day on the job. A flat tire made him lose an hour of work, his electric saw quit, and now his ancient pickup truck refused to start.

While I drove him home, he sat in stony silence. On arriving, he invited me in to meet his family. As we walked toward the front door, he paused briefly at a small tree, touching tips of the branches with both hands. When opening the door, he underwent an amazing transformation. His tanned face was wreathed in smiles and he hugged his two small children and gave his wife a kiss.

Afterward he walked me to the car. We passed the tree and my curiosity got the better of me. I asked him about what I had seen him do earlier. Oh, that's my trouble tree," he replied. "I know I can't help having

troubles on the job, but one thing's for sure, troubles don't belong in the house with my wife and the children. So I just hang them up on the tree every night when I come home. Then in the morning I pick them up again."

"Funny thing is," he smiled, "when I come out in the morning to pick 'em up, there ain't nearly as many as I remember hanging up the night before."

The Bridge Builder Greater Alabama Council

An old man, going a lone highway,
Came, at the evening, cold and gray,
To a chasm, vast, and deep, and wide,
Through which was flowing a sullen tide.
The old man crossed in the twilight dim;
The sullen stream had no fears for him;
But he turned, when safe on the other side,
And built a bridge to span the tide.
"Old man," said a fellow pilgrim, near,
"You are wasting strength with building here;
Your journey will end with the ending day;
You never again must pass this way;
You have crossed the chasm, deep and wide -
Why build you the bridge at the eventide?"

The builder lifted his old gray head:
"Good friend, in the path I have come," he said,
"There followeth after me today
A youth, whose feet must pass this way.
This chasm, that has been naught to me,
To that fair-haired youth may a pitfall be.
He, too, must cross in the twilight dim;
Good friend, I am building the bridge for him."

By Will Allen Dromgoole

Twelve Guidelines for Living A biblical Perspective on the Scout Law Detroit Area Council

In 1911, the "Official Handbook for Boys" was published by the then-fledgling Boy Scouts of America. This book presented to Americans an organization with a framework of Duty to God and Country and a cornerstone of unselfish service to mankind. Undergirding this organization was to be a firm foundation called the Scout Law.

In the more than three-quarters of a century since the "Official Handbook for Boys" went to press, Scouting has kept pace with modern approaches while broadening its scope. Yet the foundation remains firm, offering to today's youth the same moral guidance espoused in 1911.

Upon studying the 12 Points of the Scout Law, Christians

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quickly recognize a well-balanced guide for living. Each of these 12 Points finds positive support from the pages of the Holy Bible. As evidence of this biblical support, a sampling of passages is provided.

I.

A Scout is Trustworthy - I Corinthians 4:1-2 (NASV)- "Let a man regard us in this manner, as servants of Christ, and stewards of the mysteries of God. In this case, moreover, it is required of stewards that one be found trustworthy."

II.

A Scout is Loyal - Proverbs 19:22a (RSV) - What is desired in a man is loyalty."

III.

A Scout is Helpful - Matthew 25:35-36. For I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger and ye took me in: Naked and ye clothed me: I was sick and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me." Proverbs- 3:27 (Moffatt) - Never refuse help to your neighbor, when you can render it."

IV.

A Scout is Friendly - John 15:12-13 (NASV) - (Jesus said) "This is my commandment, that you love one another just as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friends."

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A Scout is Courteous - 1 Peter 3:8 (KJV) - "Finally, be ye all on one mind, having compassion of one another, love as brethren, be pitiful, be courteous."

VI

A Scout is Kind - Ephesians 4:32 (NASV) - And be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other just as God in Christ also has forgiven you."

VII

A Scout is Obedient - Hebrews 13:17a (NASV) - "Obey your leaders and submit to them for they keep watch over your souls, as those who will give an account." Ephesians 6:1 (NASV) - "Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right."

VIII

A Scout is Cheerful - Proverbs 17:22a (RSV) "A cheerful heart is good medicine."

IX

A Scout is Thrifty - (He does not wantonly destroy property. He works faithfully, wastes nothing and makes the best use of his opportunities. He saves his money so that he may pay his own way, he is generous to those in need and helpful to worthy objects.) - Proverbs 21:5a (KJV) - The thoughts of the diligent tend only to

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plenteousness.: Romans 12:10-11 (NASV) - Be devoted to one another in brotherly love; give preference to one another in honor; not lagging behind in diligence, fervent in spirit, persevering in tribulation, devoted in prayer; Proverbs 28:27 (KJV) - "He that giveth unto the poor shall not lack."

X

A Scout is Brave - II Timothy 1:7 (NASV) - "For God has not given us a spirit of timidity but of power and love and discipline." Joshua 1:6 (Moffatt)- Be strong and brave turning neither to the right nor to the left, so that you may succeed wherever you go."

XI

A Scout is Clean - Psalm 51:10 (NASV) - "Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me." Psalm 24:3 - "Who may ascend into the hill of the Lord and who may stand in His Holy place? He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who has not lifted up his soul to falsehood, and has not sworn deceitfully. He shall receive a blessing from the Lord and righteousness from the God of his salvation."

XII

A Scout is Reverent - Proverbs 19:25 (LB) - "Reverence for God gives life, happiness, and protection from harm." Psalm 34:9 (Moffatt) - Revere the Eternal, O ye saints of his, the reverent never want for anything."

Yes the Scout Law offers 12 quality guidelines for living, guidelines with biblical precedent. Millions of young people have been positively influenced by this foundation of Scouting. And, as long as you people are led in the Scouting adventure by Christians committed to the truths of the Scout Law, America has in store for her a bright future!

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Note: Translations/paraphrases used: King James Version (KJV); The Living Bible (LB), The Moffatt Translation (Moffatt); Revised Standard Version (RSV); and New American Standard Version (NASV)

The Boys

Mt Diablo Silverado Council

Boys are the nicest things that ever happen to me; those arrogant, self-assured, cocky little men, children who assume that all this great world revolves around them.

Who else can carry half a worm, one crushed daisy, a piece of scrap metal, a three-day-old apple core, and two cents, all in one pocket?

Who else can be a fireman, sword fighter, cowboy and deep-sea diver, all in the space of an hour; the solemnly

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hold a funeral complete with cross and box, for a shell of a turtle lost a month ago?

Who else can be cuter without teeth, meaner without malice, kinder without embarrassment, sillier without foolishness, and clean without neatness?

Me, I like Cub Scouts, THE BOYS! They smile when I need a smile; they tease when I'm somber; they keep me from taking myself too seriously. No, I don't wish that I were nine again. I just hope that somehow God will see to it that I always have someone nine years old near my house and heart.

(Great Rivers Council)

NATURE GAVE MAN TWO EARS BUT ONLY ONE TONGUE WHICH IS A GENTLE HINT THAT HE SHOULD LISTEN MORE THAN HE TALKS.

TRAINING TIP

The Training Continuum

The Boy Scouts of America's training plan not only provides training for new leaders to help them get started in the right direction, but it also provides continuing training for all leaders. In this way, leaders continue to learn through experience and from additional training opportunities. They stay up to date on the Cub Scout program and acquire new skills that help them do a better job with the boys.

1. Fast Start Training
2. Basic training
3. Supplemental training
4. Advanced training

The total training plan is all-inclusive and is designed to deliver the training that leaders need when they need it. Not all leaders will be directly involved in all aspects of the plan, but they should be aware of the opportunities available to them in this continuum of training.

This excerpt is from the **Cub Leader Handbook (1997)** available at your Scout Shop.

TIGER CUBS

Big Idea #17 - Cub Scouting, Here We Come

Change Box

Northwest Suburban Council

Equipment: Multiple refrigerator boxes with one side of the box cut out on each. The boxes are then connected with the first box and the last box having two sides cut out, forming a tunnel

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Personnel: Adult volunteer can be put in the box to make shaking and funny noises, Cubmaster, adult volunteer.

The Tigers form a line at one end of the box with their partner waiting for them at the other.

CM: You have done well following your motto of SEARCH, DISCOVER, and SHARE. You have made your parents, your den leader, and your Pack proud. Now is the time that we recognize you for your efforts and welcome you as you progress on the Cub Scout Trail. Now go through this tunnel as your last journey as a Tiger and reap the recognition of your labors.

The boys go through the box one at a time. Inside an adult volunteer stops them and presents them with their Tiger Cub patch which they display as they come out the other side.

Four Candles and a Neckerchief Sequoia Council

This short ceremony is designed to graduate a boy and adult from Tiger Cubs into Cub Scouting.

Personnel: Cubmaster, group coach (organizer), den leader, Tiger Cubs and their Adult partners

Equipment: Four large candle, a table, a Cub Scout neckerchief for each boy

Arrangement: Three candles are placed along the front of the table; the fourth candle is raised and centered behind them. The room is darkened. The Cubmaster recites this ceremony to the boys and their adult partners with assistance from the group organizer and the Den Leader.

Cubmaster: (Calls boys and adults forward.) For the past few months you and your family have explored all sorts of new and exciting things and places. You have taken each part of the Tiger Cub Motto, Search, Discover, Share, and used it in your home, school, and neighborhood. (Lights first candle on left.)

You and your adult partner have searched in your home and community for new activities that have shown you how people work together and have fun together. (Lights middle candle.)

You and your adult partner have discovered that by doing things together with friends and family you feel you are part of a great family, community, and country. (Lights third candle.)

In Cub Scouting your family is an important as it is throughout your entire Scouting experience. Support in earning each badge comes from your family as well as from your den leader. Your parents will help you each step of the way.

[Boy's name] and [adult's name], on behalf of Pack [number], I'd like to welcome you. [Group coaches (organizer's name)] will bring your den leader, [den leader's name], forward to present your Cub Scout neckerchief and welcome you into the den. (The den

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leader presents the neckerchief to the adult who puts it around the boy's neck.)

Tiger Induction Ceremony (from Tiger Cubs into Cub Scouts) San Francisco Bay Area Council

Personnel: Bobcat candidates, his parents (family guardian), Cubmaster, Den leaders, and the boys of his new den.

Props: Each boy in the den is to have a tom-tom

Setting: Candidate and parents in front row or standing to one side of semicircle. Boys in den sit in semicircle to one side of the Cubmaster with the Den Leaders on either end accompanied by a Webelos. The boys each have a tom-tom.

While the boys beat the tom-toms to an Indian rhythm, the den leaders recite:

Come, come, come, come to the council fire to light the fire of your desire. Akela, Akela.

Cubmaster: Would the Webelos bring the parents and Bobcat candidate (s). forward? (Candidate and parents are brought to a position next to the Cubmaster)

Cubmaster: During the past year in the Tiger Cub program, you have prepared for today. Remember the motto: "Search, Discover, Share". And the Promise: "I promise to love God, my country, and to learn about the world."

The Cub Scout colors are blue and gold. They have a special meaning. BLUE stands for truth, spirituality, steadfast loyalty, and the sky above. GOLD stands for warm sunlight, good cheer and happiness.

Your family and I, and all those who will influence you as leaders, will represent Akela. We would like to present you with the Tiger Cub patch, which is to be worn on the right shirt pocket of your Cub Scout uniform.

Now, with your parents, you are to enter the Cub Scout program. You and your family will find many new adventures along the Cub Scout trail.

Parents, remember to always guide your Cub Scout. May the Great Spirit always be by your side. Seek to help him follow the Cub Scout Motto: "Do Your Best", and to respect and appreciate all the things around him.

With these things in mind, we would like to welcome you to Pack _____.

Indian Nations Council

Tom-Tom

Materials:

Any size Empty coffee can with the lid
Construction paper, glue & scissors.
Paint, paint brushes
Sticks from trees
String, leather, feathers, beads

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Any bits of scrap material you might have.
Drum sticks or wooden dowels

Directions :

Either paint the coffee can or cover the can with construction paper. Leave lid on the coffee can as this will be the drum head. If construction paper is used for outside on the coffee, you can paint or draw designs and creatures. When paint is dry, embellish your drum (using glue) with any of the scrap material.

Trail to Cub Scouting Tiger Cub Graduation

Author: Pete, who wishes to remain anonymous
York Adams Council

Personnel: Cubmaster, Tiger Coordinator, Wolf Scout, Bear Scout, First Year Webelos Scout, Second Year Webelos Scout, Tigers and parents

Equipment: Each Tiger should wear his Blue Cub Scout shirt under his Tiger Cub shirt.

- The parent with each Tiger Cub should have a Wolf neckerchief and slide.
- The pack should have the Tiger Graduation patch and certificate for each Tiger Cub.
- Three candles on left - two orange, one black
- Three candles on right - two blue, one gold
- One white candle in the middle (*This candle should be lit before the ceremony starts.*)
- Pieces of orange, black, blue and gold construction paper cut out to be "paws". The paws should be placed in order and fairly close together and getting further apart and harder to follow as the continue. The paws should be taped to the floor so that the scouts will not slide on them. Each piece should have a word printed on it (*in order*) - Search, Discover, Share, Sign, Handshake, Salute, Motto, Promise, Law, Bobcat, Wolf, Bear, Webelos, Arrow of Light.

Arrangement: In using this ceremony please use the designation that is appropriate to ALL the Tiger Cubs in your pack. i.e. - use of the word parent may/may not be appropriate, etc.

Cubmaster: Tonight we honor our Tiger Cubs. Will the Tiger Cubs and their Adult Partners please come forward.

Tiger Leader: For the past few months you and your family have explored all sorts of new and exciting things and places as Tiger Cubs. You have taken part in the Tiger Cub Motto and used it in your home, school and neighborhood.

This white candle (*already lighted*) represents the spirit of scouting, the ideals that you have begun to live this year. (*Light first Orange Candle*)

You and your adult partner have searched out in your community new activities which have shown you how people work together and have fun together. (*Light Black Candle*)

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You and your adult partner have discovered that by doing things together with friends and family you feel a sense of being part of a great family, community and country.

(Light Second Orange Candle)

The things you have searched out and discovered have been shared with your family, friends and fellow Tiger Cubs, which let them learn about you and the things you saw and did.

Now it is time to move along the scouting trail. You will notice that you have already started on the trail. This part of the trail will be easy for you to pass. But there is much in front of you. It is a trail that you will follow as you learn along with Akela. You will learn the Cub Scout Sign, Handshake, Salute, Motto, Promise, and Law. You will master the skills of a Bobcat, Wolf, Bear, and Webelos. And you will see the meaning of Cub Scouting with the Arrow of Light.

The trail is not an easy one. It will be easy to stumble. It will get more difficult as you go further on the trail. Do not expect to be able to be perfect on the trail tonight - it will take four years for you to gain the ability to follow the trail easily.

As you follow this trail in Cub Scouting you will experience new things much as you did as a Tiger Cub.

(Light first Blue Candle)

You will learn that about purity in living by following the Cub Scout Promise and the Law of the Pack

(Light Gold Candle)

You will learn about the unknown, the fear and the doubts, and how the Cub Scout Motto will take these away.

(Light second Blue Candle)

You will learn knowledge, joy and confidence and how being a Cub Scout helps you to grow as a person.

You are now ready to continue on the trail of Cub Scouting. It is not a trail that you can or will follow alone. Your family will be at your side at all times throughout your scouting experience. Support will also come from all members of this Pack. You will notice that there are members of the Pack along the trail you will follow tonight. There are Wolf Cubs, Bear Cubs, Webelos Scouts, the Cubmaster and other adult leaders. These people are there to help you at every step of the way on the trail. They are there to welcome you to the Pack.

As you progress on the trail your family will help you grow into the uniform of Cub Scouting, which you will wear along the rest of the trail. Continue on along the trail, and ask those other Cub Scouts along the trail for help as you may need it - they will help you.

I ask that as your name is called that you and your family start on the trail. Please stop when the trail gets difficult. *(This should be about the Law or salute or motto - Let the adult partners who will walk with the scouts know this ahead of time so they can stop their scout at this point and take their Tiger shirt off so they can continue on the trail in their blue Cub Scout shirt)*

You will be given help to prepare you to continue along the trail.

(as each Scout completes the trail....)

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Cubmaster: (Scouts First Name), I would like to Welcome you to the Pack. I am proud that you have completed your Tiger Cub experience and present you with this certificate and this patch that you can wear on your Cub Scout uniform to show this accomplishment. I welcome you to the Pack with the neckerchief of the Wolf Cub. Wear it as you continue on your scouting trail. (Adult partner will help the Cubmaster place the neckerchief around the scouts neck)

BOOKS OF THE MONTH

Cub Scout Leader Book

The Giving Tree, Shel Silverstein

Leader Ideas

These really good ideas come from Ben

1. *****Always***** have more prepared than you need. Make a lesson plan for your meeting, then add one or two items, just in case. This is much like having a Plan B, but a plan B may not be sufficient if the boys finish everything you had planned and there's still 15 minutes before the parents arrive. You do **not** want to be running around the house trying to figure what to do next. You haven't really known fear until you've had this experience. :^)
2. "You must build it before they come". When planning a craft project, it is a good idea to build one first. You'll find out if the glue works well with the felt or not. You may find out that the wood for the birdhouses, or tool boxes is going to split. You'll definitely find out how long it takes to do, which will help you plan meetings. It'll be something to show the boys, so they'll put the piece with the hole for the bird to come in at the top of the house, and they will know what the project is supposed to look like when finished.
3. Expect a level of behavior, and get it. The boys will try to have "more fun" than you'd like, and your job is to make sure they have fun during the game, not during your talking or presenting. **USE** the good conduct candle, the "Signs Up," and definitely start every sentence you want them to answer with "Now raise your hand, who knows..." Because it may seem restrictive and strict, but it's tried and true, and it'll save your sanity.
4. Communicate, communicate, communicate - with the parents. We only have the boys for 4 and 1/2 years. And the program changes dramatically, and subtly during that time. Each year the parents will need to understand the workings of the program, what they need to do to help their son earn the badge, and arrow points. And it'll help you as they grow to get the help you need running the meetings, going Webelos camping, and crossing the boys over to more fun in Boy Scouts.

PRE-OPENING ACTIVITY

String Maze

Mt Diablo Silverado Council

You will need for each player (or Team):

- ❖ A different colored ball of string or yarn
- ❖ A pencil
- ❖ A prize

Preparation: Tie the prize to the end of the string. Hide the prize somewhere in the room. Unwind the ball of string completely, passing over, under and around table legs, furniture and other objects in the room. Tie a pencil on the remaining end of the string. Repeat this with each ball of string, don't worry about crossing the strings; this will add to the fun.

To play: Give each boy (or team - could be a den) a pencil and tell him there is a prize at the end of the string. Have them wind the string around the pencil as the work their way around the room to find the prize.

What Am I?

York Adams Council

For a fun pre-opening activity, prepare as many "tags" as you will have people for the meeting. On each tag write a tree type. (Make them common names.) Obviously, repeats are allowed.

As people arrive, have the "Welcoming Den" tape a tag on the back of each person. Each person talks to other people to get ideas about what kind of tree name is written on his tag *without anyone actually saying the tree name!*

Forest

York Adams Council

Write the letters F-O-R-E-S-T down the left-hand side of a page and give out copies of it with the instructions to find people whose first names begin with the different letters. See how many people in the Pack can fill out the whole sheet.

OPENING CEREMONY

National Capital Area Ceremony

Introduce this ceremony by reminding each Scout that trees provide us with many useful things. Point out that trees can be useful, but also that they should be cherished and protected for their natural beauty and shade.

Each boy should draw a picture based on his assigned line (see below), then read the line in turn.

Scout 1: "What do I see when I see a tree?
Oranges and apples and peaches to eat."

Scout 2: What do I see when I see a tree?
A pinewood derby car made by Dad and me."

Scout 3: What do I see when I see a tree?
The paper for books in the library?"

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Scout 4: What do I see when I see a tree?
The walls of the home of my family."

Scout 5: What do I see when I see a tree?
The hull of Pilgrim ships sailing across the sea."

Scout 6: What do I see when I see a tree?
The staff of our flag, that flies so free."

CM: "In honor of our flag that flies so free, would you please join us in the Pledge of Allegiance."

Opening Ceremony Trapper Trails Council

Preparation: Make signs with the pictures of the following trees or if you are really lucky and have these trees in your back yard; carefully cut a small twig from each one (enough so you can tell there are different kinds of trees). Sugar Maple, White Ash, Red Cedar, Long Leaf Pine, Douglas Fir, Aspen, and White Birch.

This is a Sugar Maple; it gives us maple syrup.

This tree is a White Ash, it is used to make baseball bats.

You get pencils from this tree, it is a Red Cedar.

Turpentine is a product from the Long Leaf Pine.

The most important lumber is the Douglas Fir.

Spools are made from this White Birch.

This is an Aspen tree, it is used to make matches. Don't use matches near it or other trees, you need to protect the trees in our forests. We need to learn conservation of all our natural resources.

Let's pledge allegiance to our great country and all its natural resources.

N-AT-U-R-E

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Materials: 6 Cub Scouts 6 pieces of paper with the letters spelling NATURE printed in them. Each Cub Scout holds up his letter and reads his lines (glue to back of letter card). You can have the boys prepare these cards with pictures or fancy lettering.

N- Stands for your NAME; be proud of it. As you advance from Bobcat to Arrow of Light, you will add new honors to your name. Everything you do affects your good name and your family.

A- Is for ATTITUDE. Attitude affects your spirit. Cub Scouts know that, just as sunshine is essential for life, being cheerful and playing fair help a den grow and make scouting fun.

T- Is for TASK. Each Cub Scout works hard at each job.

U- Is for USEFULNESS. Your place in life depends on learning a lot and then using what you learn.

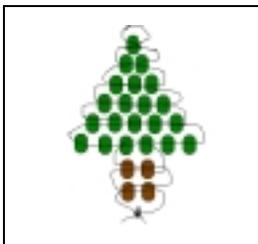
R- Means you're READY. Just as squirrels gather food for the future, so Cub Scouts work hard and advance getting ready to be Boy Scouts.

E- Stands for ENERGY. As the bee is always busy, Cub Scouts keep active giving goodwill.

NATURE - God's way of telling us He cares. Let us always be grateful for His gifts and His guidance.

DEN DOODLE

May 2000 – See the Forest for the trees

Beaded tree**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION****The Three Trees**

Greater St. Louis Area Council

Big Tree-----Plunk
 Middle Sized Tree-----Plink
 Baby Tree-----Pink
 Babbling Brook-----Gurgle, Gurgle
 Rabbit-----Clippety clip
 Hunters-----Bugle call
 Gun-----Bang

Once upon a time in the deep, dark woods there stood three **TREES**, the **BIG TREE**, the **MIDDLE Tree** and the wee **BABY Tree**--and through the **TREES** ran a **BABBLING BROOK** and hopped the little **RABBIT**.

One day a group of **HUNTERS** came into the forest where stood the three trees--the **BIG TREE**, the **MIDDLE SIZED TREE** and the little **BABY TREE**--and through the trees ran the **BABBLING BROOK** and hopped the little **RABBIT**.

As the **HUNTERS** wandered through the forest, in which stood the three trees--the **BIG TREE**, the **MIDDLE SIZED TREE** and the little **BABY TREE** --and through the trees ran the **BABBLING BROOK** and hopped the little **RABBIT**--one of the **HUNTERS** spied the little **RABBIT**. He raised his gun at the little **RABBIT**, and sadness reigned in the forest, in which stood the three trees-- the **BIG TREE**, the **MIDDLE SIZED TREE** and the little **BABY TREE**--and through the trees ran the **BABBLING BROOK**, but no longer the little **RABBIT**. The **BIG TREE**, the **MIDDLE SIZED TREE** and the little **BABY TREE** were all very sad. Even the **BABBLING BROOK** was sad. But all of a sudden out from the thicket hopped the little **RABBIT**. The **HUNTER'S GUN** had missed.

And once again happiness reigned in the forest where the three trees - the **BIG TREE**, the **MIDDLE SIZED TREE** and the **LITTLE BABY TREE** --and through the trees ran the **BABBLING BROOK** and hopped the little **RABBIT**.

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York Adams Council

Before you just start using this as it's presented, make sure you try it at home and check the time it takes to run all the way through it. If it takes too long, just cut out some of the scenery!

Narrator: We're going on a hike. Just do what I do and listen carefully. (Begin walking in place)

Here we go on a hike through the woods and over the mountains. Come along with me. (Smile, wave to group, and hike in place)

We're coming to a steep hill. (Bend over as if climbing)

Now we're on top. What a lovely view! (Shade eyes and look around)

Now, we'll have to go down. (Move hand like going down a roller coaster and say "swoosh")

Boy, we're out of breath. (Breathe heavily)

Now, we're passing through a meadow. (Hike in place)

What's that I see? (Stop, look to one side)

It's a rabbit! And a meadowlark. (Look up)

And a bumble bee! (Run swiftly in place, waving arms as if fighting off a bee)

We're happy hikers. (Hike in place)

We're happy because of the beautiful mountains we see. (Shade eyes and smile)

And because of all that clean fresh air we are breathing. (Breathe heavily) and especially because we got away from the buzzing bee. (Smile, turn head to look behind you and wave "bye" to bee)

Now we're getting tired. (Slow pace, walk droopily)

There's what we need! (Point)

A cool refreshing drink from the river. (Pick up pace, kneel down and scoop water to mouth)

Ahhh, how refreshing. Let's be on our way, (Hike in place)

Now let's try to jump over the river without getting our feet wet. (Take big step, get feet wet, shake them off)

Oh, well, don't feel too bad about not making it. That was a wide river. At least we have cool toes. (Shake feet again)

We'd better stop for lunch. (Stop, reach in pocket, bring out sandwich, start eating, take handkerchief from pocket, wipe mouth, replace handkerchief, resume hiking in place)

Ummmm, that feels better. Look, there's a lovely lake. (Point)

Let's swim across. (Swim strokes)

That was great! (Resume hiking in place)

Look at that crooked trail ahead. (Point)

It's nothing but twists and turns. (Continue hiking -- twisting and turning)

I'm glad that's over. I was getting dizzy. (Stagger)

Looks like we have come to the end of the trail. (Stop)

What do we do now? Are you tired? (Shake head YES!)

So am I. (Sit down, wipe brow.)

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SLIDES

Woodland Slide

Miami Valley Council

Find a fallen branch with a 1 1/2 to 2" diameter. The wood should not be rotten or so old that the bark is peeling. Cut sections about 1/2" thick (many slides can be made from one stick)

Pick leaves small enough to fit on the piece of wood.

New, smaller leaves at the end of branches are best.

The leaves must be dried. Place them flat between two sheets of paper and put a large book on top. Allow them to dry for 3 or 4 days.

Sand the cut end of the branch smooth. Then stain it or leave it natural. Fasten a wood, metal or leather loop to the back with strong glue.

Glue the leaf on the wood with white glue. When it is dry, coat the entire slide with clear varnish.

Sliced Slides

York Adams Council

Materials: Standard slide materials (except no backing needed), 1 to 1-1/2 inch diameter tree branch that's already dead and dry, and that isn't rotten, Sandpaper Polyurethane and sponge "paint brushes"

Pre-cut 3/8- to 1/2-inch thick "slanted" slices of the branch. Give each boy a slice and sandpaper to smooth off the cut surface. (If bark is intact, that's good; otherwise, they should peel that off also.) Polyurethane the front surface of the slice. Attach slide ring.

Fire Safety Tie Slide

Mt Diablo Silverado Council

Materials:

Popsicle stick or tongue depressor

Plaster of paris

red paint

leather strip

Mix the plaster of paris until it is a thick consistency. Dip the stick into the mixture. Be sure that just the tip of the stick is covered. Let the plaster dry - it should dry quickly. Paint the plaster red except for the tip. It should resemble a wooden match. Write on the stick "Fire Safety" or something similar. Attach the piece of leather with glue for a loop for the neckerchief.

FUN FACTS

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In 1900 there were 38 National Forests with 46.52 area (million acres). In 1997 there are 155 National Forest with 187.42 area (million acres)

Modern chewing gum had its beginning in the late 1860s when chicle was brought to the United States. Chicle comes from the milky juice (latex) of the sapodilla tree,

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which grows in the tropical rain forests of Central America.

If a tree leaves look like needles it's a conifer. If they are flat and broad they are deciduous.

Dendrochronology is the study of tree rings

Banana trees are the largest herbaceous plants in the world. They are not true trees because they do not develop woody stems. Their "trunks" are actually the overlapping bases of the leaves.

The bark of the redwood tree is fireproof. Fires in redwood forests take place inside the trees.

Oak trees do not have acorns until they are fifty years or more.

The Swiss Family Robinson tree house in Disneyland has 300,000 fake leaves on it which are changed twice a year to reflect the different seasons.

Environmental Facts

York Adams Council

When an aluminum can is recycled, the energy used to make a new can is only 10% of the energy used to make aluminum from raw bauxite.

Indoor air is often polluted by every-day substances which can build up over time such as: radon, paint, cigarette smoke, plastics, cleansers, pesticides, dry cleaning fumes, and wood refinishing chemicals. Periodically let in fresh air, especially during the winter.

Nationally, the biggest polluter of our air are automobiles. Cars are a major source of the gases and vapors which have been linked to acid rain, smog and global warming.

A water faucet with a small leak can waste 50 gallons of water a day?

April 22, 1970 was the first Earth Day, and has been celebrated every year on that date. Local Earth Day festivals are usually on the weekend before or after April 22.

The Midwest and the Northeast consume more candy per region than the South, Southwest, West or Mid-Atlantic states.

CEREMONIES FOR UNIT LEADERS

Leader Recognition

Heart of America

Equipment: Large gold stars with a hole in center; large enough for each boy to poke his head through. Star is frame around face.

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(Each boy, in turn, repeats the following speech)

"My star represents our _____, Mr./Ms. _____ and his/her assistants _____"

(When all have done this, then all repeat in unison)

"On behalf of all Cub Scouts, we wish to say thank you for the leadership you have given our pack."

PACK/DEN ACTIVITIES

Craft--Bird Call

San Francisco Bay Area Council

Take a piece of close grained hardwood, a dowel rod from the hardware store will do fine, about two inches long. You will also need a 'chunky' eye screw purchased at the same hardware store. Drill a hole slightly smaller than the screw threads, in the end of the block, and turn the screw eye into it. Unscrew the eye, put some powdered resin (purchase a pitcher's resin bag at the sports store) in the hole. As you twist the screw eye back and forth in the hole, very slowly, you will make a chirp-chirp or trill in loud.

With practice, this simple device will produce an astounding variety of bird noises. If you wish, paint or decorate the bird call with marking pen designs or your own initials or other means of identification.

Donations to a Bird's Nest

Greater Detroit Area Council

Everyone needs a home, including the birds that fly around your neighborhood. Here is a way to help them find materials for building their nests.

Materials:

Strips of string, fabric and yarn

Wire hanger

Piece of wide mesh material such as an orange or potato bag from the grocery store

1. Bend your wire hanger into a square or rectangular shape
2. Attach the mesh material to it. If you use a potato sack, simply drape the bag over the hanger. If you use other material, tie it on with string or glue into place.
3. Loosely weave yarn, fabric strips and string through mesh
4. In early spring, hang your nest building helper in a tree near your window. Watch as the neighborhood birds flock to it to choose the materials they need.

Take a neighborhood walk after your hanger has been emptied. See how many nests you can find that contain your material scraps. Remember that a bird's nest is its home, so be careful not to trespass.

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Collecting Animals Tracks

Miami Valley Council

When you're hiking across fields, along streams or in the woods, watch for animal tracks. Footprints that have been marked clearly in the dirt or mud can be easily preserved. With a small brush carefully clean any loose dirt from the tracks.

Select a tin can that will fit over the track with some space to spare around the edge. You can also use a cardboard or metal band held together with a paper clip or clothespin to form a collar.

Coat the inside of the can with a heavy coat of Vaseline. You would also do this with the collar.

Fill a small paper cup 1/3 to 1/2 full of water. Add enough plaster to the water to absorb most of the water. Mix. It should be a thin cream.

Put can or collar around track, then pour the plaster mixture onto the track about 1" deep.

Do not touch or move the cast until you are sure it is completely dry. It will take 1/2 to 1 hour. Remove the plaster cast from the can or collar and label it.

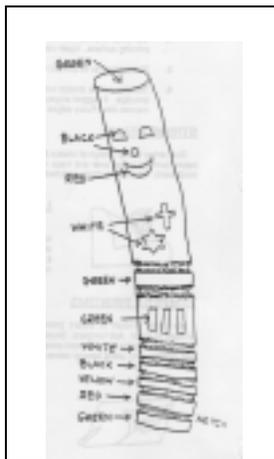
(Another way to study animal tracks is to use molds to make casts. Check with your local Natural History to see if they have molds available.)

Friendship Stick

San Francisco Bay Area

It is exciting to learn about animals, birds, insects, flowers, trees, soil, weather, water, and stars. Nature is everywhere all the time; in cities, in the woods, and in the fields, in the winter, spring, summer and fall. Nature is not confined by time and place, it is everywhere. The following craft idea will help you, the Cub Scout Leader, explore nature with your den.

The friendship stick is made of green wood and is a symbol of friendship. It is curved to fit the curve of the earth, symbolizing that friendship can grow just as the trees in the forest grow. The green circle at the bottom is for Faith in God and one another. It is the first ring on the stick because it is the basis of a happy, meaningful life.



The next four circles represent the races of the world—red, yellow, white, and black. They stand close together indicating that all people are equal. Every person is capable of being a loyal friend.

The green of Hope is above the races. This is the hope of the future—that everywhere people will try to overcome any difference of opinion and human failing.

Thus the four races are bound by faith and hope, the path leading

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toward a central goal signifying the attachment of this unity.

The Cross and Star of David are symbols of the way for all races to come together and work for world peace.

The smiling face is the result of Friendship based on Faith, Hope and Unity. To be greeted by the smiling face of a friend is one of the greatest joys which can be experienced. The face is crowned with green of the forest, symbolizing the wonderful outdoors, and the friendships developed therein.

A friendship stick must be carved by the giver. It shows time, thought and effort.

Prepare a friendship stick for each boy in the den. When you present the sticks, read the symbolism to them.

Then furnish each boy with a green stick, uncarved, and ask him to carve his own story in the stick. He can paint the symbols which he feels are appropriate to the story.

When he is finished, he can show his stick to the den and tell what the symbols represent.

Adopt A Tree Project San Francisco Bay Area

Make friends with a tree. This is a long-term activity and can be an individual or den project.

Select a tree that appeals to you. It should be near your home so there can be daily contact, finding out what is going on in, under, and around the tree. Select more than one tree to compare the action in each type of tree.

- ❖ With notebook in hand, visit the adopted tree.
- ❖ Describe the tree as it is right now, today.
- ❖ Look at its physical characteristics (size, leaf shape, bark color and other features).
- ❖ Look to see whether it is alive. How can you tell?
- ❖ Look to see if it appears to be asleep (dormant) or awake. How can you tell?
- ❖ Listen to find out if it makes any sounds.
- ❖ Smell to find out whether it has an odor. Do different parts of the tree smell different - like bark, new leaves? Does it have a different smell at a different time of the year?
- ❖ Think about how the tree got where it is and how new trees might come to join it.
- ❖ Think about what other living things might need this tree for survival.
- ❖ Think about what things the tree might need for its own survival.

Warning: Do not taste any part of the tree

- ★ Repeat visits throughout the year and compare observations.
- ★ Look to see how the tree has changed.
- ★ Look to see what ways the tree remains the same
- ★ Think and talk about what the tree might look like the next time you visit
- ★ Are there any animals calling your tree "home?"
- ★ Have you seen any bird nests?
- ★ Did the leaves turn colors before falling
- ★ Have you shared your tree with a friend?
- ★ Write a poem about your tree. Sketch a picture.
- ★ Keep your notebook and come back to the tree in years to come. It will be hard to say farewell.

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During the Adopt the Tree program, take pictures of your scouts by their trees, perhaps during the changes in the seasons. The scouts can then compare how they change also during the seasons: spring, new blossoming; summer, fresh start; fall, showing all their colors, winter; gaining strength through the cold weather.

Celebrate (A Late) Arbor Day York Adams Council

Activity Ideas

- Plant a tree as part of an Arbor Day ceremony at school, a nearby park or along a city street.
- Establish an area of plantings to attract birds or butterflies at the school or other nearby site.
- Inventory trees which grow in your schoolyard, neighborhood, local park or nearby open space.
- Adopt a tree, study it, maintain a diary of changes and observations.
- Promote a community awareness campaign (posters, newspapers, articles, bumper stickers, etc.) to stem consumer demand for wood products from rainforests
- Construct and place boxes for birds and mammals which use cavities for nesting or roosting.
- Create a bird feeding station in the schoolyard or at home
- Hold a special assembly to commemorate trees and wildlife as part of Arbor Day.
- Contact the nearest Forest District Office to discuss local and state forest resource issues.
- Link Arbor Day Earth Lesson to an Earth Project to create a Schoolyard Sanctuary.

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ADVANCEMENT CEREMONIES

Ceremony Ideas

Trapper Trails Council

1. Cut a branch from a tree and "plant" in a bucket or pot, hang the awards from the tree.
2. Give each boy a neckerchief slide made from a slice of a tree with each award.

Webelos Activity Pin Ceremony

Will Rogers Council

Purpose: To recognize a Webelos who has earned an activity pin.

Props: Poster made of Webelos colors with activity pins and cards attached.

Tonight we have the privilege of recognizing Webelos Scouts that have earned an activity pin since their last Pack meeting. As you can see from our Pack's Webelos colors, that ____ Scouts have earned their pins.

Would Webelos Scout/s ____ (Name/Names) _____ and his/their parents please come forward? ____ (Name of the 1st Scout) ____ I have shown that you have earned the ____ (name activity pin) ____ pin, would you like to share one thing that you did to earn this pin? I would like to give this to your parent/s and ask that they pin it to your colors.

Poster: Enlarged the metal part of the Webelos colors.

This Little Tree is a Symbol

York Adams Council

Personnel: Cubmaster, Den Leaders, advancing Cub Scouts, Webelos and parents.

Equipment: A three foot high tree with several branches, set tree in a can of mortar; green paper leaves (made with thin wire frame with wire frame sticking out) with Cub Scouts' names, awards, badges, and arrow points.

Cubmaster: This little tree is a symbol of the natural beauty of our land. The tree also represents Cub Scouting. It takes a long time for a beautiful tree to grow. In the same way, a Cub Scout spends a lot of time and effort in advancing from rank to rank. So do his parents who help him. Today we will see how much prettier this Cub Scouting tree will be when we put some leaves on it. Each of these leaves represents the time and effort put into their advancement work by our Cub Scout and parents. (Call forward boys and their parents who are receiving wolf badges and arrow points, give them their awards and have them put one leaf on the tree for each award they receive. Award Bear badges and arrow points and have those boys also put leaves on the tree. After all the awards are presented and leaves added to the tree, the Cubmaster resumes speaking.) Each of you has helped nurture this tree. Just as trees endure for many years, so the values you have gained from working on achievements, electives and Webelos activity pins will last you a lifetime. May you

always stand strong and tall like a tree--and be a beautiful resource for our land.

What Do We Plant

York Adams Council

Props: Make a large tree from cardboard, or paint one on an appliance box. For each award to be given, cut out a green paper leaf. Write the Cub's name on the leaf and tape on his awards. Arrange the leaves on a table beside the tree.

Cubmaster:

What do we plant when we plant a tree?

We plant a ship, which will cross the sea.

We plant the mast to carry the sail.

We plant the planks to withstand the gale,

The keels, the keelson, the beam, and knee.

We plant a ship when we plant a tree.

What do we plant when we plant a tree?

We plant the house for you and me.

We plant the rafters, the shingles, the floors,

We plant the studding, the lath, and doors.

The beams and siding are all parts we need.

We plant a house when we plant a tree.

What do we plant when we plant a tree?

A thousand things that we daily see.

The paper for books from which we learn,

Tools to help us do a good turn.

The wood for a Pinewood Derby car,

For model planes that we fly so far.

We plant the staff for the flag of the free,

Yes, we plant all these when we plant a tree.

But what do we plant when we plant a lad?

With the help of his mother and his dad.

We plant a Cub who'll become a Scout,

We plant ideas that will round him out,

The skills, the games, the joy to be had.

We plant a Scout when we plant a lad.

Cubmaster calls forward boys and parents at this time. As awards are given, each boy tapes his leaf onto the tree branches.

You have all helped make this tree more beautiful. It is a part of you. Just as Mother Nature's trees endure for many years, the things you have learned from your achievements and badges will last you a lifetime. May you always stand straight and tall like a tree, and be a worthy resource of our country.

What do we plant when we plant a lad?

We plant a Scout when we plant a lad.

Congratulations to all of you.

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Den Chief Service Award

York Adams Council

Personnel: Cubmaster, den chief receiving award, Scoutmasters den leader, and Cub Scouts from den chief's den, Assistant Cubmaster.

Equipment: Service award cord.

Cubmaster, Scoutmaster, den leaders, and Cub Scouts are arranged in a semicircle with the den chief in its center in front of the room. The Assistant Cubmaster narrates.

Assistant Cubmaster: The den chief service award recognizes den chiefs who lead and serve their dens for at least 1 year. This award emphasizes your key role within Boy Scouting and compliments you for your important service. It is you, the den chief, who brings the fun of Boy Scouting to Cub Scouts and who brings eager Webelos Scouts into your troop. You have helped the Cub Scouts in you den to the best of your ability. You have encouraged, guided, and protected them in all den and pack activities. You have shown them by example what a Boy Scout can be. You have been prompt and dependable and have cooperated with your leaders in carrying out the den program. In addition to all this you have advanced in rank in Boy Scouting and have earned additional merit badges, we of Pack _____ thank and congratulate you for your part in making us the best pack in the (name) council. Scoutmaster (name), do you wish to say anything at this time? Cubmaster (name), do you have any other comments? Leaders of the den (number) do you have anything to add? Cub Scouts from Den (number), would any of you like to say anything? (Name), at this time we would like you den leader to place your new service cord on your left shoulder. Would you all join me in congratulating this den chief?

CONSERVATION PROJECTS

Mt. Diablo Siverado Area Council

- ✧ Plant shrubs to provide cover for wildlife.
- ✧ Plant grass seed on bare ground in parks, schools or church yards to prevent erosion
- ✧ Plant tree seedling for shade, landscaping or ground cover
- ✧ Make window boxes, and plant flowers' or plant tubs with trees or shrubs
- ✧ Plant and maintain a flower garden in a park

GAMES

Keep America Beautiful

San Francisco Bay Area

The audience is told that a tree will be planted and through the magic of Cub Scouting, will grow and blossom. Two teams of four are chosen and each team selects a captain. The captains are given signs to wear which say "sapling".

Each captain stands in the middle of his team. Others on the team are handed a paper sack containing a roll of scotch tape, 20 or 30 green construction paper, a bird nest, and a few small real branches. At the signal to "go" each team begins to make their "sapling" grow by handing him the branches to hold and taping the contents of the bag to him. First team to finish is the winner.

Outdoor Nature Hunt

Heart of America Council

Make up a list such as the one below for each boy. Boys can hunt in pairs in your backyard or in the park. See which pair can find the most within a limited amount of time.

1. Something alive that flies
2. A cup of wet sand
3. A worm
4. A cup of pink water
5. Five maple leaves
6. Three rocks at least two inches in diameter
7. A piece of string
8. A dandelion

That's My Leaf

Heart of America Council

Each boy takes a leaf from the same kind of tree and looks at it carefully for one minute. Then put all the leaves in a pile and stir them up together. Can you find your one-of-a-kind leaf? What makes it special -- different from all the other leaves? Press the leaf carefully. Send pressed leaves to one of a kind friends, and tell them how they are like the leaves.

Outdoor Bowling

San Francisco Bay Area

For pins use 10 plastic two-liter soda bottles filled half full of water to give them weight. For a pin-setting rack, cut an equilateral triangle with 30 inch sides from a piece of scrap plywood, place the pins on it and draw circles around their bottoms to make it easy to reset them properly. To bowl, use a soccer ball or basketball from a distance of about 18 feet. Score as in real bowling.

One Leaf Trail

York Adams Council

A trail is laid using one kind of leaf as a marker, letting the stem point in the direction to be followed. At the end of the trail, the players hunt for the tree whose leaves were used.

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Take Me Out To The Forest (Take Me Out To The Ballgame) Greater St. Louis Area Council

Take me out to the forest.
Let me hike in the wild.
Show me a skunk and a few bear tracks.
I won't care if I never come back.
But it's look, look, at your compass.
If it rains, then it pours and your wet.
And it's ouch, slap, sting and you're bit
In the great outdoors.

The Tree Toad (tune: Auld Lang Syne) Will Rogers Council

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

Now three-toed tree toads have no care
For two-toed tree toad love.
But the two-toed tree toad fain would share
A tree home up above.
In vain the two-toes tree toad tried;
He could not please her whim.
In her tree toad bower with her veto power,
The she toad vetoed him.

Song of my Shoes (Tune: Battle Hymn of the Republic) Mt. Diablo Silverado Council

My shoes have seen the glory of the growing of a Scout.
My shoes have been in water steppin' in and steppin' out.
My shoes have hiked through forest to the top of the
mount;
My shoes are wearing out!

Chorus
Groovy, Radical, and Awesome (repeat 3x)
My shoes are wearing out!

My shoes have seen the bottom of the dirty fishy creek,
My shoes have been all covered with the gooey, muddy
cake,

My shoes have seen the some old socks for seven days this
week,
My shoes do really stink!

Chorus

My shoes are torn and tattered climbing fences packed in
rust,
My shoes are stained and spattered with some yucky insect
guts,
My shoes are oozing slime and fill my Mom with disgust,
My shoes have bit the dust!

Chorus

CUB GRUB - Fun Food

Edible Campfire

National Capital Area Council

As the Cubs build their own "campfire", talk about why
each ingredient is important. After the "fire" is built, enjoy
eating this special treat.

Ingredients:

1 napkin (fire clearing)
1 small paper cup of water (bucket to put out fire)
Miniature marshmallows (to make fire circle)
Shredded coconut (tinder to make the fire started)
Fritos and skinny pretzels (kindling - to keep the fire
growing)
Cheese sticks (fuel - big logs)
Candy corn (flames)
After you build the campfire, plan a picnic or fishing trip
where the boys can assist their parents with building a real
fire. They might even "catch" a hotdog to cook.

Peanut Butter Burrito Will Rogers Council

Ingredients:

Package of small tortilla flats
Peanut butter (we recommend smooth)
Applesauce
Raisins
Cinnamon to taste

Take one tortilla flat and spread a tablespoon of peanut
butter on it. Next add a tablespoon of applesauce, then put
on raisins and just a dash (we have it on good authority
that a dash is slightly less than a pinch) of cinnamon. Fold
in the ends and roll into burrito shape. Wrap in foil.
Refrigerate over night and serve the next day.

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Hikers' Nosebag Northwest Suburban Council

1/4 lb. Seeded raisins
1/4 lb. cheese
1/4 lb. chocolate
1 apple (put in plastic bag)
or
1/4 lb. seeded raisins
1/4 lb. peanuts
1/4 lb. chocolate bits
Some favorite sugared cereal
(mix and put in plastic bag)

Hikers Delight

6 oz Semisweet chocolate chips
6 oz Butterscotch chips
2 c Granola
7 1/2 oz Salted peanuts
1 c Raisins

Mix chips together in top of double boiler. Cook stirring over hot water, or melt on low in microwave. Stir in remaining ingredients mixing well. Drop by teaspoonfuls onto cookie sheet or waxed paper. Chill. Makes about 4 dozen

Muddy Buddies

9 c Chex cereal
1 c Semi sweet chocolate chips
1/2 c peanut butter
1/4 c margarine
1/4 tsp. Vanilla
1 1/2 c powdered sugar

Use 9 cups of Chex brand cereals, mixed or one kind. Place in a large bowl. Combine chocolate chips, peanut butter and margarine in a quart microwave safe bowl. Microwave on high for 1 to 1-1/2 minutes or until smooth, stirring after 1 minute. Stir in vanilla. Pour chocolate mixture over cereal, stirring until all pieces are evenly coated. Then pour cereal mix into a plastic zipper-lock bag with the powdered sugar. Seal securely. Shake until all pieces are well coated. Spread on wax paper to cool. Store in an airtight container.
Makes 9 cups.

(No-bake) Mud Cookies

Ingredients: 2 cups sugar, 1/2 cup milk, 1 tsp vanilla, 5 cups quick cooking oats, divided 1/4 tsp, butter, 3 tbsp cocoa, 1/2 cup crunchy peanut butter

Mix sugar, butter, milk and cocoa. Bring to rolling boil and cook 1 minute. Remove from heat and add remaining ingredients. (Add 3 cups oats. Gradually add more till consistency is reached.) Drop quickly by teaspoons onto waxed paper. Chill.

STUNTS & APPLAUSES

Miami Valley Council

What flower does everyone wear year round?

Tulips.

When is a baseball player like a spider?

When he catches a fly.

Why is a dog's tall like the heart of a tree?

Because it is furthest from the bark.

What kind of bird is present at every meal?

A Swallow

What tree will keep you warm.

Fir.

San Francisco Bay Area

Woodchopper's Applause- Shout, "Chop, chop, chop, timber.

Mt. Diablo Silverado Area Council

(Need: one person, the M.C. a handful of leaves)
(As the M.C. is talking, the man runs in, skipping and tossing the leaves one by one into the air. The sillier his actions, the better.)

M.C.: What are you doing?

Man: I'm leafing!

What's the difference between an oak tree and a tight shoe?

One makes acorns, the other makes corn ache.

What tree does everyone carry with them?

Palm.

Jokes

York Adams Council

What mathematics subject did the acorn say when it grew up? Geometry!

Run-Ons

York Adams Council

Someone comes running across the stage yelling and screaming "Help! Help! They're after me!" To which someone responds "Who's after you? And why?" The reply, "The squirrels! They think I'm nuts!"

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Applause

York Adams Council

Lumberjack Applause: Swing ax as if chopping down a big tree and say "Chop, chop, chop." Then stop, stand back raising hand to mouth to form megaphone, and shout "Timm-berrrr!"

Paul Bunyan Applause: Make motions as if sawing down a tree. Meanwhile alternately blowing out and sucking in air with a "Shhh" sound. After a few of these you have cut through the tree. Stand back, and with your hand alongside your mouth, yell "Timberrrrr!"

Rainstorm Applause: Start by gently patting hands on knees alternately to simulate rain falling. Increase the noise by switching to hand clapping as the storm reaches its height. With a hand signal, everyone shouts "Boom!" to represent thunder. Gradually decrease the hand clapping back to patting the knees as the storm subsides.

Big Rain Applause: Tap fingers together very quickly.

SKITS

Planning for the Future

National Capital Area Council

Setting: An old man is digging in his garden. Beside him on the ground is a young sapling tree, which he is preparing to plant. Two men come up to him, stop, and watch what he is doing.

Man #1: What kind of tree are you planting old man:

Old Man: (Stops digging and wipes his brow) It is an apple tree.

Man #2: (astonished) AN APPLE TREE? Well, how old are you?

Old Man: I'm 90 years old.

Man #1: You're 90 years old! And your planting a tree that will not give fruit for many years?

Old Man: Why not?

Man #2: Well, you'll probably not be around when that tree finally bears fruit.

Old Man: Tell me, did either of you eat any apples when you were little boys?

Both: Of course we did. Why?

Old Man: Then tell me this - who planted the trees that you got those apples from?

Man #2: Well it must have been, HMMM?

Man #1: I don't know.

Old Man: You see, someone planted the trees before you were born for you to enjoy and now I'm doing the same for those who come after me. How else can I repay those who planted trees before I was born?

Man #1: You are a very wise man.

Man #2: And we have been very foolish.

Old Man: Thank you, and remember that what we do for our land today will be around for many years from now.

So make sure you leave something that you will be proud of in the future.

Smokey the Bear

York Adams Council

Props:

Ranger hat (campaign hat)

3 large (3-lb) coffee cans

Medium size rock

Pencil

Paper clip

Soda straw

Large glass of water

Back pack

Some twigs

Some newspapers

When the actors assigned to the following actions hear their words, they do the actions described.

ACTOR	CUE	ACTION
Narrator	SMOKEY	Tip ranger hat
CUB 1	BIG TREE	Drop rock into can
CUB 2	MEDIUM SIZED TREE	Drop pencil into can
CUB 3	BABY TREE	Drop paper clip into can
CUB 4	BABBLING BROOK	Blows through straw into glass of water
CUB 5	CAMPER	Follows directions in story
CUB 6	FIRE	Crumples new sheet of newspaper each time

Narrator:

Once upon a time in the deep, dark woods, there stood three trees—the **Big Tree**, the **Middle Sized Tree**, and the **Baby Tree**. And through the forest ran the **Babbling Brook**. The **Camper** [lays a fire with twigs] carelessly started a **Fire** without clearing the ground for ten feet around it and when the **Camper** left the campsite [picks up backpack and leaves], he didn't make sure the **Fire** was "dead out." The next day, the **Fire** started to burn again. The animals heard the sound of **Fire** and could smell smoke and their eyes began to burn. A bear cub's eyes smarted so much that he couldn't see where his mother was, so he did what he was taught when danger came—he climbed the **Biggest Tree** he could find. I am that bear cub.

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The **Fire** roared by and it burned the **Baby Tree** [actor sinks to the ground] and it burned the **Medium Sized Tree** [actor sinks to the ground], and it just singed the **Big Tree** that had me, the bear cub, in it. After the **Fire** had gone by, I was found all singed and scared, by a forest ranger. The ranger helped heal my burns and he named me **Smokey** to remind all **Campers** [enter with backpack] to be careful with **Fire** and to protect the **Big Trees**, the **Medium Sized Trees**, and the **Baby Trees**, so that we may enjoy these forests that have **Babbling Brooks** flowing through them. Remember what **Smokey Bear** says: "Only you can prevent forest **Fires**!"

—Nevada Area Council
"Fiesta Fun" Pow Wow '96

Did You See That York Adams Council

Stanley, in a strong European accent: "Hello there, I am Arthur Stanley Livingstone, the world famous ornithoptitologist! (That means I watch birds, you know.) And this is my nephew and assistant, Todd. Say hello Todd."

Todd, not really paying attention: "H'lo"

Stanley "We are here today on location in the midst of the African rain forest, and we should see some very rare birds indeed! I can hardly contain myself. Right Todd?"

Todd: "Oh. Uh, yeah."

Stanley: slowly, carefully stalks along, looking around, listening for the slightest peep. Todd shuffles after him. Stanley, turning around, staring with wide open eyes for a second, then jumping up and down "Did you see that! Did you see that!"

Todd: "Er, what"

Stanley: "You mean you missed it?"

Todd: pauses a second, then admits it "uh, yeah"

Stanley: "Well! My word, Todd, that was a very rare bird, the Oohweeoo-plit-plit-plit-awaah. And you missed it. It's named after it's call, you know."

Todd: "Mmm, what's it sound like?"

Stanley:, after a suspenseful pause "peep!" Stanley continues his slow stalking and looking around, Todd follows after him.

Stanley: stopping and looking up wide-eyed. Todd actually walks into him. "Did you see that! Did you see that!"

Todd: "Er, um, well"

Stanley: somewhat cross "Well?"

Todd: "No."

Stanley: after a long sigh "Now that, my dear boy, was an Ooh-aah bird. Have you heard of the ooh-aah bird?"

Todd: "No"

Stanley: "The Ooh-ahh bird, Todd, is a three-pound bird that lays a four-pound egg." Pantomiming the egg-laying process "Ooooooooooooooh .. ahhhhhhhhhh!!!"

Stanley and Todd continue their pacing about the stage **Stanley**: turning around and yelling at Todd "Did you see that! Did you see that!"

Todd, deciding to be clever "Er, um, ah, yes! Yes, I did see that!"

Stanley: "Then why in the blazes did you step in it?"

CLOSING CEREMONY

Nature and the Good Visitor Sequoia Council

Committee Chairman: Our pack meeting tonight brought us all together to think about nature. We can enjoy the great outdoors but we must think of others who will follow us. Wherever you go in the great wide world of nature,

Walk Through The Woods Detroit Area Council

When you walk through the woods, I want you to see,
The floating gold of a bumblebee
Rivers of sunlight, pools of shade
Toadstools sleeping in a mossy jade.
A cobweb net with a catch of dew.
Treetop cones against an azure blue.
Dancing flowers, bright green flies
Birds to put rainbows in your eyes.

When you walk through the woods, I want you to hear,
A million sounds in your little ear.
The scratch and battle of wind tressed trees
A rush as a timid chipmunk flees
The cry of a hawk from the distant sky
The burr of the leaves when a breeze rolls by
Brooks that mumble, stones that ring
And birds to teach your heart to sing.

When you walk through the woods, I want you to feel
That not we nor man could make this real
Could paint the throb of a butterfly's wing
Could teach the woodthrush how to sing
Could give the wonders of earth and sky
There's something greater than you or I
When you walk through the woods and the birches nod
Son, meet a friend of mine, named God.

God Gives Us the World York Adams Council

Leader: The founder of Scouting, Lord Baden-Powell, once said, "God has given us a world to live in that is full of beauties and wonders and He has given us not only eyes to see them but minds to understand them, if we only have the sense to look at them in that light."

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With Spring well under way and Summer fast approaching, we will be spending more time in and enjoying the great outdoors once again. As we do this, let us in a true Scouting spirit, live up to our Outdoor Code:

Cubs 1-4: As an American, I will do my best to:

Cub 1: Be clean in my outdoor manners. I will treat the outdoors as a heritage to be improved for our greater enjoyment. I will keep my trash and garbage out of America's waterways, fields, woods, and roadways.

Cub 2: Be careful with fire. I will build my fire in a safe place and be sure it is dead out before I leave.

Cub 3: Be considerate in the outdoors. I will treat public and private property with respect. I will remember that use of the outdoors is a privilege I can lose by abuse.

Cub 4: Be conservation-minded. I will learn to practice good conservation of soil, water, forests, minerals, grasslands, and wildlife. And I will urge others to do the same. I will use sportsman-like methods in all my outdoor activities.

My Backyard

York Adams Council

Cub 1: My backyard is a wondrous place
I can stake a claim for a thinking space.

Cub 2: I can pitch a tent and sleep in the rain,
Or listen to the whistle of a far away train.

Cub 3: I can throw a ball to Mother of Dad,
Or just be alone when I get mad.

Cub 4: I can plant a garden or climb a tree,
Or get my dog, Ralph, to chase after me.

Cub 5: Sometimes we even have den meetings there,
I've finished my Wolf and started my Bear!

Cub 6: Yeah, the backyard's the place where I run,
When I really want to have some fun.

A Poem for Closing

Mt Diablo Silverado Council

Let's be quiet as we go
In earnest thought of what we owe
To those who all about us make
The Scouting movement, let us take.

With gratitude what they bestow,
And for the men who long ago
Started this movement we help grow,
Lest we their vision should forsake,
Let us be quiet as we go.

For all the Scouting good we know,
Things, thoughts, but most the spirit's glow,
Strong, straight, and mentally awake,
For country, God, and other's sake
Let us be quiet as we go.

A Tree is a Good Scout

Heart of America Council

Personnel: 6 Cubs and a narrator

Equipment: Each Cub hold a picture or drawing of a tree with his section of text on the back.

Cub 1: Did you ever pause to think about how helpful a tree is?

Cub 2: It provides a nesting place for birds, shade from the sun, and protection from the rain.

Cub 3: It discards it's dead branches, thus providing wood for building fires and for cooking food.

Cub 4: A tree adds beauty to the countryside and to camping areas.

Cub 5: We must admit that a tree gives a lot more than it receives.

Cub 6: We can learn a lesson from the tree , by doing our best to always be helpful to others and by putting our fellow Scouts first and ourselves second.

Narrator: Remember the lesson we learn from the tree -
To give to others more than we receive.

MAY, 2000 THEME: SEE THE FOREST FOR THE TREES

The Giant Sequoia trees that grow in the California Sierra Nevada Mountains are the largest living things on earth. They are also the oldest, some of them as much as 2,000 years old. What is the secret to their great age? One of their secrets is their strong, yet soft, outer bark that protects them from disease and from forest fires. No other tree in the forest has this type of bark. We can take a valuable lesson from the Giant Sequoias, because like them, we will have to face many kinds of challenges during our lifetimes. There are disease forces in the world that seek to undo our moral and spiritual values, and there are fires that threaten to burn away our confidence and well-being. Will we survive? We will if we have developed character that is both strong and soft: strong enough to stand against violence and injustice, yet soft enough to assist others who need a helping hand. When you think of the Giant Sequoia standing proudly over all the other trees of the forest, remember its secret and know that it can be your secret too.

*Contributed by Scott Thayer
Sequoia Council, California*

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Outdoorsman

Den First Aid Kit

Northwest Suburban Council

A number of kits are on the market, but as a Webelos den project, you can make one for the den. The first aid kit is best pack in a waterproof container such as a plastic refrigerator box. Here are some items that can be considered standard; soap, box of adhesive bandages (assorted sizes and waterproof), adhesive tape, sterile gauze pads (small and Large), burn ointment, small scissors, tweezers, a packet of needles, safety pins, ammonia inhalant capsules, chopsticks, salt tablets, snakebite kit, poison ivy lotion, tablets for digestive upsets.

Ideas for Den Meetings

Mt Diablo Silverado Council

- Have a joint Webelos/adult partner planning session to discuss details for the overnighner.
- Practice putting up different kinds of tents.
- Practice preparing a foil dinner
- Plan a menu for three meals. Go to the grocery store and price the food.
- Explain the Outdoor Code. Use it in a ceremony at the Pack Meeting. (Webelos Scout Book, pg 424-25)
- Visit a local Scout camp.

Hand Washer

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You will need: 1 large bleach bottle or milk jug; 1 bar of soap; leg of old panty hose; string and knife; 1 roll of paper towels; 1 sturdy stick and small twig. Punch a hole in each side of the bottom of the bleach bottle or milk jug. Run a string through one hole and out of the other. Wrap each end of the string around the ends of a sturdy stick. (First slide the roll of paper towel onto the stick.) Bring ends of the string together and tie. Then hang over tree limb.

Slip the bar of soap into the toe of the panty hose. Tie to the handle of the bottle. Punch a small hole about 1 inch from the bottom and plug with a small twig. Remove the twig when in use. You may wish to tie the twig to the handle with the string so as not to lose it.

Paper Towel Holder

Materials:

Hanger
Paper Towels

Untwist hanger. Slip paper or roll onto straight part of hanger. Use hook on hanger to suspend from tree limb.

Knot Games

Greater Alabama Area Council-Roland B

Learning to tie various knots is a very important part of camping and outdoors skill. Here are some games to play that will help you teach knot tying and have fun too.

Giant Square Knot

Each Webelos Scout holds the free end of a 10-foot rope in his right hand. He tries to tie and tighten a square knot without letting go of the rope.

"Snatch"

The object of this game is to snatch the ball (or other small object) off the box without being caught in the 1-foot diameter loop that's held about a foot from the ball. If the Webelos Scout tries to feint a move with his hand he will be disqualified. An 8 to 10 foot length of rope will do.

Knot Trail

Tie several pieces of rope of varying thicknesses together, using several different know (square, sheet bend, bowline, two half hitches, etc.) You may use one knot more than

Miami Valley Council

Fourth Grade Webelos display knot board with uses of knots listed below them.

Fifth Grade Webelos can set up a campsite with pup tent, cook fire laid out, and samples of homemade utensils and stoves.

Family Member

This Activity Badge teaches the Webelos skills that they will need on almost a day to day basis as adults. Our son will be going away to college next fall; (GO UAB!!!) so he will actually put the knowledge he first learned so many years into use.

Take your Webelos to a laundry mat and introduce them to the joys of hot/cold, warm/cold and cold/cold settings on a washer :). Remember to ask them in advance to pick up those dirty clothes from their bedroom floor and bring them along to the laundry mat. You might see if you can get your Webelos to bring in a week's worth of laundry--for them to do of course. Make up a supply list of items from them to bring along with the dirty clothes; detergent, bleach, hangers, laundry basket and change. Remember let the boys do this so they will have some practical experience. Although it doesn't seem important now, it will be.

They will need to shop for their own food eventually. Not every meal should be fast food. As young people we typically don't think about nutritious meals, ever. Then as adults it becomes a real concern, especially when we hear

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we have high cholesterol or some other health problem due to poor eating habits throughout our lives. I am not suggesting that fun food be taken out of the picture, but nutritious food become more of a focus. With moderation for the fun highly sugared or salty food being the key.

Although it doesn't seem important now, it will be.

Fast foods or junk foods can be costly. Have the boys cost out a week's worth of dinners at a local restaurant. Then have them do the same for dinners at home. Dinners at home (depending on the menu) will almost always be cheaper, especially for a family. Which is the better value in terms of cost and nutrition.

Although it doesn't seem important now, it will be.

Budget planning is a part of being a family member. How would they save or spend that money gained from eating at home? There are other money saving choices the Webelos can learn too--for instance, what is gained by turning off a light when they leave a room, using coupons, planning purchases when buying during a traditional sale, for instance (electronic sales, white sales end of the season sales).

Although it doesn't seem important now, it will be.

Helpful Hints

To get rid of itch from mosquito bite: try applying soap on the area, instant relief.

When you get a splinter, reach for the scotch tape before resorting to tweezers or a needle. Simply put the scotch tape over the splinter, and then pull it off. Scotch tape removes most splinters painlessly and easily.

An area to work with is a family budget. Let the boys know that on average, the American family spends about \$1,300 a year on utility bills, of which about 45 percent goes to heating and air conditioning the home.

Most American homes waste at least 10 percent of their heating and cooling energy on very preventable problems; many squander up to 50 percent. Fortunately, homeowners can cut their utility costs--and better prepare for the months ahead--with a few basic materials and the right information.

Air filters for furnaces and air conditioners need to be replaced at the beginning of each season. Otherwise, warm or cool air will never make it past clogged filters. Ideally, your furnace should receive a complete tune-up annually. Have your furnace or heat pump inspected by a NATE certified technician to insure that it is running efficiently and is insulated correctly.

- ★ Contrary to popular belief, it is still much more efficient to turn the thermostat down and then back up again than to leave it on all the time. Your certified technician can install a programmable thermostat, which automatically shuts off or reheats your home to a predetermined temperature at a certain time.

- ★ Maintenance and high efficiency products also have an impact upon energy savings. For instance, double pane or storm windows should be installed in cold weather, and caulking and weather-stripping must be kept in good condition to insure maximum comfort. In addition, hot water heaters and pipes should be insulated.

Fitness

Mike Walton checked this out with the BSA Drug Abuse Prevention Task Force, and has reported the following: The booklet "Don't Be Tricked by Drugs: A Deadly Game!" has been replaced by a newer booklet, entitled "Take A Stand Against Drugs!". The booklet, pictured below, should be available from your local Boy Scout Council Office (NOT the Scout Shop™). If your Council Office does not have copies of this publication, they should call the National BSA Drug Prevention Task Force for additional copies. Bulk orders by Scouters or other groups are also accepted, and may be made by sending a check for \$20.00 for 100 copies, to:

DRUG ABUSE PREVENTION TASK FORCE, SUM 118
NATIONAL OFFICE, BSA
1325 WEST WALNUT HILL LANE
IRVING, TEXAS, USA 75061-2049

Remember, the first place to go is not to the SCOUT SHOP™, but to your COUNCIL OFFICE. Ask for copies of the new publication; if they do not have a copy, the Council office should call The DRUG ABUSE PREVENTION TASK FORCE at National and they will drop-ship them additional copies. This pamphlet should be used to fulfill requirement 7 of the Webelos Scout FITNESS Activity Pin, in lieu of the booklet mentioned in the Webelos Scout Book.

BSA has NOT given permission to post a copy of the booklet on the web, but did give us permission to scan in, and post, a copy of the cover of the booklet, which can be seen at:

<http://www.usscouts.org/safety/Drugs.html>

or

<http://www.usscouts.org/advance/Images/drugs.jpg>

We've also updated the FITNESS Activity pin requirements, posted on the USSSP web site, to reflect this change.

I encourage you all to take the information below, clip it out and start contacting your council office in August or September about this patch. My reason for including this now is to give everyone a "Heads-Up" on this. The CS theme for Feb 2001 is "Passports to Other Lands", and this patch would be great for Cubs to be able to earn. I wrote Mike Walton, to get this information. He kindly responded with the following:

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Basically, any kind of activity with an international theme to it would qualify the Scout and Scouters for the emblem; however, most professionals don't have a clue as to what the award looks like or how it is "earned".

The first stop should be with the Council's International Representative. Every Council should have one...it's a requirement for the Council to be chartered with such a person. Most Councils just put down the name of someone....now is the time for that person to get some work tossed his or her way!! The International Representative's job is to promote "international activities, events and programs in which the Council's youth and adult members can participate." This is a definite example of such an event.

He or she also approves the "requirements" for the International Activities emblem.

So, that's the first person I would "hit up" and ask about this award.

Secondly, I would make a copy of the International Activities Patch and the BSA stock numbers for it and the large six-inch backpatch and pass it around during Roundtables in October, November and December of this year in advance of the Blue and Golds in February. Why not January? Typically, during that month's Roundtable, there's a blizzard of papers running around and I'm afraid that most will see the patch and the requirements and confuse it with other stuff....

Or maybe promote it in January, December and November.

An exhibit of the patches along with the requirements or guidelines from your Council during Roundtables would also help out. Even having the Council's IR to show up at your District's Roundtable would help too.

Those are all of the things off the top of my head I can think of to elevate the interest and knowledge of the emblem; the BSA will do their part by sending information to both IR and the Council itself for distribution to us all in the latter half of this year.

Web Sites

Training in the Northeast Region

<http://www.rvwbsa.org/akela2k.html>

Theme

See the Forest Through the Trees

<http://www.arboday.org/programs/>

Forestry Related Links--check it out

<http://willow.ncfes.umn.edu/partners&links/helplinks.htm>

Tree Identification

<http://www.fw.vt.edu/dendro/forsite/key/intro.htm>

How to measure a tree

<http://cghs.dade.k12.fl.us/shs/Eco-Search/tree.html>

How even a kid can measure a tree

<http://www.geocities.com/CapeCanaveral/Lab/3550/tree.htm>

Journey into the Amazonian Forest

<http://www.pbs.org/journeyintoamazonia/>

Johnny Appleseed Crossword Puzzle

<http://www.marshall-es.marshall.k12.tn.us/jobc/Appleseed.html>

Johnny Appleseed Hidden Picture

<http://www.niehs.nih.gov/kids/apples.htm>

Bird Houses

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

Grow a Sock

<http://www.ghbooks.com/activity/10500060.html>

Red eyed Tree Frog

<http://allaboutfrogs.org/info/species/redeye.html>

Paper U

<http://www.tappi.org/paperu/>

How to make a buddy burner

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

<http://www.justpeace.org/buddyburner.htm>

Weather Instruments

<http://sln.fi.edu/weather/todo/todo.html>

<http://www.miamisci.org/hurricane/weathertools.html>

www.familyeducation.com

Webelos

Artist

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

Engineer

Greatest Engineering Feats

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

Family Member

<http://www.homefair.com/index.html>

Engineer

<http://www.discoverengineering.org/eweek/index.html>

Fitness

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

Traveler

<http://www.trafficstation.com>

Just for fun

www.chexmix.com

For free recipe brochures on Hot Bags or packet meals, call 800-745-4000. Hot Bags recipe brochures include Ginger Shrimp & Broccoli, Barbecued Ribs and Herbed Turkey Breast. Packet-meal recipes include Oriental Peach Glazed Ribs and Zucchini Tomato Vegetable packets.

Your name in hieroglyphics

<http://www-ceg.ceg.uiuc.edu/~haggag/hiero.html>

Clever Games for Clever People

<http://www.cs.uidaho.edu/~casey931/conway/games.html>

Resources

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