



# BALOO'S BUGLE



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**What Do You Do At Holiday Time**

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**I**F I had a Christmas wish list, (not only for myself, but other deserving Scouters) the following things would be on it.

In the 2000 Official Catalog, Leader's Edition there is the cutest gift for an expectant parent. On page SC1 is the Cub Scout Baby Ensemble. The description says: "Get them started early with this classic Cub Scout cap and neckerchief set. Just the right size for babies. Neckerchief measures 28" across. Gift boxed. Limited quantity available. (Item number) X84000 \$22.50."

Since a new baby is not in our future (we're too old), and a grandbaby isn't either (we're too young), I really can't justify buying it, plus I don't know any expectant parents or new grandparents. Nonetheless, this is something I would buy for myself or for a scouting friend.

I also found a site online that would be a consideration if I was into scrapbooking. They have Cub Scout stickers. The company, Bobunny, offers stickers through some craft stores and online too. Their link is <http://www.bobunny.com/skthumbs.htm>

Being a creatively challenged person with ten thumbs, I know if I bought these stickers, they would sit unused. But, if I did scrapbooking, these would be on my wish list. The most important thing to remember though, is that giving your leaders gifts at Christmas or any other time **IS NOT** a requirement for being in Scouts. Since this type of expenditure is not figured into a pack budget, it is one that comes directly from the parents of the scouts. I only offer these as suggestions for those inclined to do something like this. If there is a family that can't afford to do something like this or just refuses, just go on, but don't penalize them or their scout.

## **PRAYERS & POEMS FOR SCOUTERS**

### **Christmas is for Children**

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

And toys bring squeals of laughter, from each eager girl and boy.

Yes, Christmas is for children, all they say is true.  
How wonderful that at Christmas time, grownups are children, too!

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### **STICK TO IT**

Indian Nations Council

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

## **TRAINING TIP**

### **Understanding Boys**

Viking Council

To a boy, Scouting is a game, a magnificent game, full of play and full of laughter, keeping him busy, keeping him happy. A boy becomes a Cub Scout for the sheer fun there is in it. The action in Scouting appeals to the boy's impulse to do something.

The basic principle in Scouting is "learning by doing". There is nothing negative in it. There are no "don'ts." Scouting doesn't say "Don't rob a bird's nest", but instead, "find out about birds." It doesn't say, "Don't cut down trees," but instead, "Help save the trees." That is talking boy language, stimulating, not prohibiting.

Boys like the adventure of Scouting. They like the adventure of tackling a job, alone or with a den. There is adventure in doing a good turn. A boy finds companionship and fellowship in the den. There is always present the urge to achieve, a higher rank looms ahead, there is no distinction to be gained.

Boys are alike in many ways. They are part human, part angel, and part barbarian. They want everything except soap and work. They take the knocks of the world, stomachaches, injured toes and fingers, broken bones, and black eyes. But at the same time, they absorb the good of the world. And in a few short years, when they become men, they cast aside their boyish ways to battle against the stern reality of life, and generally make good, participating citizens.

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Even though all boys are alike in some ways, each one is an individual and should be treated as such. Balance is the thing. Knowing where to draw the line is the thing. For out of it all, a boy must learn that sometimes he must assert himself, and sometimes he must give in for the welfare of his fellow Cub Scouts.

Boys will be boys, no matter where you find them. They play, run away, love to be outdoors, and do a host of things that are generally looked upon by their parents and leaders as a foolish waste of time. Boys all have the same creed, to enjoy every second of every minute of every hour of every day. A boy is like a puff of wind because he comes at the most unexpected time, hits in the most unexpected places, and leaves everything a wreck behind. He has an impelling desire to exercise on all occasions; he pulls the cat's tail; he tangles Sis' curls; he shoots paper wads in Sunday School; and he possesses a perpetual appetite. He has a dirty face, uncombed hair, and is ragged regardless of which side of the tract he lives on. But the time comes when he becomes a loyal and true citizen of his country. He lives his own life, makes up his own mind as to truth and honesty and best interest of others. God Bless Him!

Character in a boy is a slow growing thing. Every day of his life, everything he sees and does forms a small piece of his character. Give him the right and opportunity to be proud of himself. Teach him the value of helping other people. A Cub Leader can help boys in some ways that no one else, not even their parents can. Help them to learn to stand on their own two feet and be men you can be proud of, and what's more important, men they can be proud of.

## TIGER CUBS

### Orange Tiger

(Tune: Did You Ever See A Lassie)  
Northwest Suburban Council

Oh, I saw an orange tiger,  
A tiger, a tiger;  
Oh, I saw an orange tiger  
With lots of black stripes.

With stripes all in black  
In the front and the back.  
Oh, I saw an orange tiger  
With lots of black stripes.

**Big Idea #7 Helping Others**  
Heart of America Council

### Coupon Books

**Materials:** Paper, 3" x 5" markers

To emphasize that helping others includes those in our own families. Boys could make coupon books to give to their parents. Leader prepares slips of paper ahead of time, 3" x 5" is a good size. Give each boy about 10. Boys decide what they can do to help their families and write one thing on each coupon or illustrate it by drawing. The books are then stapled together, and each boy gives his parents the book. Parents can redeem the coupons by giving one to their son. He agrees to perform the action illustrated on the coupon.

### Simple Bird Feeders-Berry Basket Feeder

Heart of America Council

**Materials:** 2 Plastic berry baskets, kitchen shears, 3/4 Cup mixed bird seed, peanut butter, small bowl, spoon table knife, waxed paper, 4 twist ties, 1 plastic trash bag tie, stick

1. Cut one row of squares off each berry basket.
2. Mix birdseed and peanut butter (about 3 Tablespoons) together in a small bowl. Add just enough peanut butter to hold seed together.
3. Lay one berry basket on waxed paper. Pat seed mixture into bottom with table knife.
4. Fit rim of second basket inside first.
5. Fasten basket together at corners with twist ties.
6. Slip plastic tie through top-center of feeder. Hang feeder on a tree.
7. Push a stick through seed mixture for a perch.

### Pinecone Feeder

Heart of America Council

**Materials:** pinecones, peanut butter, birdseed, table knife, paper plate or tin pie pan, string or yarn

Tie string or yarn to stem end of pinecone. With table knife spread peanut butter over pinecone. Roll pinecone in birdseed. Hang in a tree.

### Bookmarks

Heart of America Council

**Materials:** poster board, scissors, markers

Boys could also make book marks to give to a retirement home to illustrate the helping others concept

1. Use poster board cut to about 3" x 8" (use pinking shears for extra decorative effect). Punch hole in bottom to add tassel or ribbon ties.

Decorate as desired.

### Musical Package

Heart of America Council

**Equipment:** Small package wrapped in masses of paper, and string.

In a circle, players pass the package as the music plays. When the music stops, boy with package unwraps one

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layer. Start music again. Player who unwraps final layer gets small trinket.

### Thread the Needle

Heart of American

Challenge the boys to "Thread the needle". Boys clasp their hands in front of their bodies. They bend forward and step through the loop formed by their arms with right foot, then left foot. They reverse the action by stepping backward with left foot, then right, keeping the hands clasped. If hands are clasped near the floor, the action is easier to perform.

### Magnet Maze

Heart of America Council

**Materials:** large heavyweight paper plate, paper straws or thin strips of cardboard (for forming maze). Washers, Craft (Popsicle) sticks, small magnet (available at electronics stores), glue

Each boy forms maze with strips of straws or cardboard being sure to leave enough room for washer to travel through maze. Glue small magnet on end of craft stick.

**To Play:** place washer on plate, and holding on to end of craft stick, hold magnet under plate. Guide washer through maze with magnet.

**Hint:** Some of the younger boys may have trouble with the concept of a maze. Either have examples for them to copy, or draw mazes, give each boy a copy and let him glue the paper on his plate and then glue the straws on the paper, be sure to allow for the width of the straws or cardboard when drawing the maze.

### Heart of America Council

#### Big Idea #8

This Big Idea gives you and yours Cubs a chance to enjoy all the special places and activities in your area. Have fun and Go See It.

### Go See It Collage

Heart of America Council

Have boys make a collage of things they would like to see.

**Materials:** magazines to be cut up, small poster boards, glue, scissors.

1. Boys cut pictures in odd shapes and glue them (overlapping) onto poster board to make interesting picture.

### Travelers Relay Game

Heart of America Council

**Materials:** two suitcases or paper sacks, two of dad's old shirts and pants, (hats? shoes?).

**To Play:** Divide into two teams and set start and finish lines. First boy in each line gets his suitcase with clothes in it. Boy takes luggage, runs to finish line, takes out clothes, puts them on top of his clothes, runs back to start

carrying empty luggage, takes off extra clothes, repack suitcase, and gives it to the next boy.

### Denver Area Council

What would this world be like if people did not help others? It would be a pretty dismal place. Fortunately, that is not the type of world we live in. Helping others should be a part of anyone's life. There are those who spend their entire lives doing just that. These people don't do it because it makes for a better world, even though that may be a part of it. They have learned that helping others makes them feel good and make the one that they have helped feel good also. This Big Idea gives the Tiger a chance to learn that helping others should be an important part of his life both now and in the future. Helping others as a family or as a group makes the experience all the more fun and rewarding. Experiences can be shared as memories are made. In planning a meeting for your Tiger Den centered on this Big Idea, keep in mind that the Tigers will not necessarily know or want to help others. That is not a focus of boys at this age group. You need to KISMIF-keep it simple, make it fun. When Tigers learn that helping others is fun, they will be more willing to help others in the future.

1. Play charades. Have each Tiger demonstrate something he can do to help others. Let the others try to guess what he is doing. At the end of the game discuss which idea the group would like to do as a group.
2. Make cookies and greeting cards. Present them to residents of a nursing home, a senior's center, hospital, children's ward or children's home.
3. Make coupon books offering ways in which the Tiger can help in his own home. Have them present this to his Tiger partner or parent as a gift for redemption at a later time.
4. Collect toys or food items and donate them to a community drive to help the needy. If possible, visit the donation center to learn more about their programs.

## LEADER IDEAS

The following are ideas from a Scouting newsgroup faq.  
19 Apr 1995

From: (Peter Van Houten),

Peter\_Van\_Houten@SIMULACRUM.WV.TEK.com From:  
davev@u.washington.edu (Dave VanEss)

Subject: Cub Immediate recognition - Den Leader Hints

I know this has not been solicited, but here are some ideas for immediate recognition for Cub Scout dens that have

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been working in my Pack, and others that I have come in contact with.

1) Arrowhead Necklace --

Using Dough Art dough cut out arrowheads. Use a spoon to mark texture on the face of the arrowhead. Bake until hard. Drill hole at top of arrowhead for lace. Paint arrowhead using Glossy Black spray paint (comes out looking like obsidian). Glue white/black feather to the back of the arrowhead, and thread leather lace through hole. You now have a recognition necklace the boys can wear and display how far they are along on their Wolf or Bear trail. I had the boys make their own necklaces, but they couldn't start wearing them until they've completed the Bobcat. So the Arrowhead represents they've earned their Arrowhead. As they progress along the Wolf trail they receive a White Wolf's tooth (also made from Dough Art) for each of the 12 Wolf requirements. This can also be used with Bear Claws for the Bear trail. To help separate the teeth, the boy can earn beads to go on his necklace. A white bead for attending the den meeting or pack meeting, a black bead for attending in uniform. When done you'll have a very impressive necklace (as well as, by having the boys make them you are doing one of the arrow point achievements for making something with a feather).

2) Another tip for rewarding behavior, attendance, uniforming, etc. is to have a grab box or treasure chest. In the treasure chest you accumulate all sorts of trinkets (pencils, cards, key rings, etc.) that they boys can choose from when they've met your criteria.

For example: All boys that show up in full uniform for a den meeting will get to choose from the treasure chest. Or the boys that pay their dues on time get to choose something. Maybe the boys have exemplified themselves during the den meeting (your house isn't destroyed) and you want to reward them.

So where do you get the trinkets? Make friends first with every marketing person you know (most of them are involved in scouting). Companies give away tons of stuff to promote their products, most of which is cheap and fun (things like sun glasses, small footballs, pencils/pens, key rings, stickers, buttons, hats, etc.). Ask and ye shall receive. Also, check out the discount stores for cheap items, such as pencils with different style erasers on them. Check out garage sells for old souvenirs. These can be very, very cheap.

I like to give out awards at the Court of Honor. For parents that helped with the Reststop fund raiser (Coffees and coffee), a cookie spray painted gold on a ribbon becomes "Order of the Cookie". If you have a wood worker in the Unit Plaques become real cheap. (I can make walnut 5" by 7" for about \$1.50 each) Everyone likes to be appreciated. It might seem corny put the people getting the awards really do appreciate it.

Here are some more things I have done.

Golden Hammers (plywood cutouts of hammers spray painted gold on a ribbon)

Given to Adults that helped build paper recycle boxes.

Lemon Heads on a plaque (One parent supplying transportation got stopped by the Highway Patrol and asked to have his passenger not to throw lemon heads (hard candy) out the windows of moving cars.

Committee Patch on a Plaque.

Order of the Ugly Red Forklift--For the guy that ran our newspaper recycling program. (He moved the paper box around with said forklift).

Award was a plaque with a "Matchbox" forklift glued on it. Anyway, the ideas are endless. If there is some kind of joke in between the participants, so much the better.

(Example if on a 50 miler you find that you are running low on toilet paper, a plaque for the leaders that went along could have an empty paper roll)

Bottom line is that immediate recognition for achievement and behavior is necessary to support future achievements and success. KISMIF -- Keep it Simple, Make it Fun!

### An Idea

#### Baloo

This past spring I painted flowerpots for our deck. My pots have sat out in the spring and full summer sun every day, and still look pretty good.

Since I am creatively challenged though, I stuck with a very simple craft, something a Leader can do with Cub Scouts. You can use terra cotta flowerpots for things, such as for flowers, Christmas ornaments or containers to hold handmade items (cookies, candy!)

**Materials:** Terra cotta flowerpot, indoor/outdoor paints (your choice of color)

Basecoat inside and outside of pot with twice, (I used white) letting dry between each application. I then used a sea sponge, dipped that in my contrasting color (I used raspberry). After loading your sponge with paint, dab it on a dry paper towel to get off the excess paint (til it is nearly dry of paint) and dab on pot, let dry. Personally, I found dabbing of the excess paint rather boring. Another way to apply the contrasting color is by using an old toothbrush and a scrap piece of screen. Hold the screen over the pot, and rub the bristles over the screen which will cause the paint to spatter. Using a toothbrush and screen is probably more fun for those who love to watch paint spatter.

Looking through the Wolf and Bear books this particular craft doesn't have a lot of Achievement value. A Wolf might use it to fulfill 9 b-c. Odds are the boys will have fun spatter painting though.

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Boys' Life has a reading contest each year. To enter the 2000 contest write a one-page report titled "The Best Book I Read This Year": and enter it in the Boys' Life 2000 "Say Yes to Reading!" Contest.

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

•8 years old and younger, •9 and 10 years old, •11 years and older.

When Pedro receives your report, you'll get a free patch. (And yes, the patch is a temporary insignia, so it can be worn on the Boy Scout, or Cub Scout uniform shirt, on the right pocket. Proudly display it there!)

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

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

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

BSA, Boy's Life Reading Contest,  
S204, P.O. Box 152079,  
Irving, TX 75015-2079

Entries must be postmarked by Dec. 31, 2000

### PRE-OPENING ACTIVITY

#### How Many?

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

#### Gingerbread Person Photo Shoot

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

#### Trapper Trails Council

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

### OPENING CEREMONY

#### OPENING CEREMONY I

##### SHAC

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

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

#### Opening Ceremony 2

##### SHAC

**Setting-** Cub Scouts come on stage one at a time, carrying appropriate props, and line up facing the audience. A narrator reads the poem.

(Boy 1 enters, carrying a wreath with sign on it saying "Season's Greetings".)

**Narrator:** Season's greetings to everyone, We're glad you joined us for the fun; 'Tis certainly the happy time of the year, with everyone bursting with Holiday Cheer.

(Boy 2 enters, carrying a globe with some Christmas tinsel wrapped around the base.)

**Narrator:** Each country has its special ways of celebrating the Holidays. Let's see what other people do to celebrate their customs, too.

(Boy 3 enters carrying a candle.)

**Narrator:** On Christmas Eve in Ireland, candles shine so bright, as children place them in windows, to shine into the night.

(Boy 4 enters carrying a piñata.)

**Narrator:** In Mexico the children gather goodies from the floor after they break the Piñata filled with prizes by the score.

#### Starry Night

##### Greater St. Louis Area Council

(Dim or turn off room lights except for an electric candle or flashlight)

This is the season of lights and stars, when days are short and nights are long with beautiful stars.

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Lord Baden-Powell, the founder of Scouting, once said this to his scouts, "I often think when the sun goes down, the world is hidden by a big blanket from the light of heaven. But the stars are little holes pierced in that blanket by those who have done good deeds in this world. The stars are not all the same size; some are big, and some are little. So some men have done great deeds, and some men have done small deeds, but they have all made their hole in the blanket by doing good before they went to heaven." Let's remember when we look at the starry sky, to make our own hole in the blanket, by doing good deeds and helping other people.

#### Opening Ceremony

Trapper Trails Council

**Preparation:** Find the following items and attach the words for that item on them somewhere.

Candle, wreath, candy cane, red tree ornament, and star tree topper.

Put all items in a basket to have boys pull out during ceremony. You could predetermine who is going to pull out what from the basket, reminding them that the star is last if you use the alternative ending. This is a ceremony that you can be creative with, you can add other items as necessary for the number of boys in your den.

**Candle:** This is the candle Mary and Joseph used to find their way in the dark.

**Wreath:** This wreath symbolizes the eternal nature of man; it has no beginning and no end.

**Candy cane:** This candy cane reminds me of the shepherd's crook used at the time of the birth of Christ.

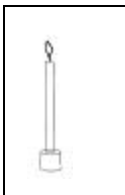
**Red tree ornament:** This ornament is used to symbolize the blood Jesus shed for us.

**Star tree topper:** This star is a symbol of the "new star" seen when Jesus was born.

Alternative ending: This star is a symbol of the "new star" seen when Jesus was born; it is also a part of our American flag, let's stand and pledge allegiance to that flag.

#### DEN DOODLE

What do you want to do at Holiday time?



Put a thin dowel or birthday candle in a pony bead. The pony bead becomes the candle stand.

#### CEREMONIES FOR UNIT LEADERS

Recognition Ceremony For Trained Leaders  
West Michigan Shores Council

**Materials:** large pine bough, bucket of dirt, mylar patches, attendance cards (#3767) or trifold progress cards, straight pins.

**Objective:** to demonstrate an inspirational "Advancement Ceremony"

**Akela:** Old Wolves, you were charged with teaching these Cubs in the ways you have been taught. Has this been done?

**Old Wolves:** Aye, old lone one, it has been done.

**Akela:** Baloo, do they know the ways of the Pack?

**Baloo:** Aye, Akela

**Akela:** Bagheera, have you taught them the ways of our Program?

**Bagheera:** Yes, Akela, it has been done.

**Akela:** Then let the ceremonies begin. (Plant pine bough in front of you) Throughout this weekend, you have become acquainted with the Cub Scout program. Let this pine bough represent that program. The heavy main stem represents the Aims of the Cub Scout Program. The smaller stems are the Ideals. (Point out each, as you explain) Each needle is a part of the Program; the Den Meetings, Pack Meetings, Outings, Advancement, etc. The needles grow in clusters. The clusters need many needles to appear healthy and beautiful. Let us keep in mind as we return to our own Packs, the need to develop all parts of the Program. As I read the names of those to be recognized, would you please come forward. (Read off each name, pin on trained Den Leader patch, give card and have D.L.C. give each a needle cluster from the bough. Have the participants form a "U" in front of you.) When all have received their recognition, go on.

**Akela:** You have each received two tokens here today. The pine needle cluster is to keep you ever mindful of the many parts that make up a healthy Cub Scout program. The trained Den Leader Insignia is for you to display on your uniform to alert others to your knowledge and dedication to the Cub Scout program. Do you pledge to accept the responsibility of seeing that the Cub Scouts in your own Packs, put in your charge, benefit from the lessons you have learned here this weekend? If so, answer "I will". Then you have achieved the right to join the Old Wolves and take your place as leaders of Cub Scouts. Do this with dignity, dedication, and honor. Do not let the Tabaqui and Shere Khan distract you from your task. (Participants return to their seats)

#### PACK/DEN ACTIVITIES

##### HOLIDAY TIME?

SHAC

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

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

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

### Caroling Party

SHAC

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

### Pomander

SHAC

**Materials:** Firm, fresh oranges or lemons, whole dried cloves, toothpick, nylon net, ribbons or pretty yarn

**Directions:** Use the toothpick to poke holes in the orange skin inserting a whole clove into each hole. You can randomly place the cloves in the orange, as close together as you can or you can make a neat vertical or horizontal pattern. If you want to add a richer, spicier scent, roll the finished pomander in a mixture of cinnamon, allspice, and nutmeg. Now, set the pomander aside to dry for several weeks. It will shrink and get hard (as the orange gets dehydrated). Wrap it in a square of nylon net and tie the ends with the ribbon. It's ready to hang in a closet or kitchen, or give as a gift.

### Popcorn Wreath

SHAC

**Materials:** Cardboard base (a pizza box is perfect or a cake round), lots of popped corn, glue, yarn, ribbon, scissors

**Directions:** Cut the center of the cardboard out to create the wreath base. Punch a hole near the edge and tie a loop of yarn through it to be used for hanging later. Pour glue out on a recycled meat tray. Put the popped corn into a bowl, and one at a time dip in the glue and stick onto the wreath base. Cover the base completely with the popcorn. Decorate with tiny yarn or ribbon bows, glued on here and there.

### Gumdrop Tree

SHAC

**Materials:** Styrofoam cone, toothpicks, candy gumdrops

**Directions:** Place gumdrops on table. Stick a toothpick into each gumdrop. Press toothpicks into Styrofoam cone. Cover the cone completely. Tie ornaments are edible.

### Stamped Christmas Wrapping Paper

SHAC

**Materials:** Pre-cut shaped sponges, or sponges you cut into shapes, tempera paint paper towels, construction paper or white butcher paper, paint tray

**Directions:** Pour tempera paint over several layers of paper towels on tray to form an inkpad. Dip sponges into paint. Tamp onto paper. When dry, use as gift-wrap.

### Potted Christmas Tree

SHAC

**Materials:** Tree branch, potting dish, Styrofoam, fabric, scissors

**Directions:** Find a nicely shaped tree branch on the ground. (Do not cut a live branch). Place it in a pot. Secure it in a piece of Styrofoam or bed of small rocks. Cut a piece of fabric large enough to cover the top of the pot. Cut a hole in the center and slash to the outer edge. Use it as a tree skirt. As the Christmas season progresses, decorate with ornaments you have made.

### Christmas Bells

SHAC

**Materials:** Paper cups, tin foil, ribbon, jingle bells

**Directions:** Cover cups with foil. Punch a hole in the bottom of each and string a ribbon through the hole, securing with a knot. Tie a jingle bell (or two) at the other end of the ribbon. Hang from Christmas tree.

### Holiday Smells From Far Away

SHAC

**Materials:** Stamps, construction paper, medium grade sandpaper, holiday cookie cutter, pencil, scissors, ground cinnamon, glue, markers, envelope

**Directions:** Fold a piece of construction paper in half to form a card. Trace cookie cutter onto sandpaper and cut out shape. Sprinkle cinnamon on the sandpaper, and rub in with your finger. Shake off the excess spice. Glue the cookie shapes on the front of the card. Write your holiday message inside the card. Mail to someone special.

### Caps On! Caps Off! Clipper!

DesPlaines Valley Council

**Material:** Wood measuring stick, 5 wooden spring clothes pins, wood glue (greater strength), Glue gun (impatient boys), paints and brushes

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1. Glue one clothespin at each of the 6", 12", 18", 24", and 30" marks. Use either wood glue or hot glue depending on your needs. Body of pins should line up on the centerline of the stick. Jaws should line up with numbers.
  2. Paint a funny face on each pin.
  3. Clip a baseball cap at each pin and hang on wall.
- Less than \$1.00 apiece. Frequently local merchants will donate the measuring sticks, so cost drops to 15 cents each.

#### Tips

Very popular with boys because it is both practical (holds five baseball caps) and fanciful (chomping monster faces). These can be very quick to make if no decorating is done. Some boys will really get into painting and decorating the faces so allow time for it. Be sure the pins are glued down so that jaws are at opposite end of stick from the hanging hole or the chomping monsters will be hidden by the caps when the stick is hung on a wall. These make great craft sale items.

#### Pinecone Ornaments

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**Materials:** Pinecones, red, green, or white spray paint gold or silver paint, string or thread, paint brush

**Directions:** Put the pinecones on a sheet of newspaper. Spray the cones on one side. Allow them to dry, then spray the other side. When dry, paint the tips in gold or silver and let dry. If cones are "soft", sew a foot-long heavy thread through the bottom of each cone. If they are wooden-like, tie a ribbon through the bottom spurs of each cone. Now, you have ornaments for packages, a wreath, a Christmas tree, or to hang on a door with a big bow.

#### Christmas Tree Ornaments

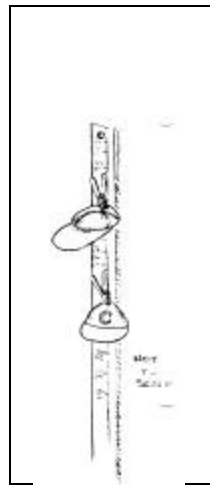
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**Ingredients:** 4 cups flour, 1 cup salt, 1 1/2 cups water, paper clips, tempera paints, thread, clear plastic spray

**Directions:** Mix the flour, salt and water to make flour clay. Rub your hands with flour and knead the mixture for at least five minutes, until thickened. Mold and shape the clay into Christmas wreaths, trees, stars, or whatever you like. For adding details, try using a toothpick to "etch" the clay. Finished pieces should be no thicker than 1/2 inch and no bigger than 3 inches. For a hanging hook, stick one end of a paper clip into the shape. Cover a cookie sheet with foil, and place your clay shapes on it. Bake in an oven at 350 degrees for about 12 to 20 minutes. When done, your clay will be light brown in color. When tapped with a fork, it will make a solid ringing sound. Decorate your clay ornaments with paints. When paint is dry, spray the ornaments with clear plastic coating. Tie a thread through each paper clip and hang them on your tree.

#### Gift Tags

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**Materials:** Used greeting cards, scissors, thread or thin string, and a hole punch  
**Directions:** Select pictures, designs or greetings that would make attractive gift tags (make sure there is no writing on the back). Cut the tags into different shapes and sizes or make small folders. Punch a hole in the corner of each tag. Cut a 5" piece of string, loop it through the hole and knot.

**Read a story or poem about snow**

Northwest Suburban Council

There is something magical about snow, the way it blankets fields, and rests on tree branches; the way it softens a landscape, and quiets a city.

#### The Big Snow

Berta and Elmer Hader (story)

#### First Snow

Marie Louise Allen (poem)

#### It Fell in the City

Eve Merriam (poem)

#### Snow

Karla Kuskin (poem)

#### The Snowy Day

Ezra Jack Keats (story)

#### Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening

Robert Frost (poem)

#### When All the World Is Full of Snow

N.M. Bodecker (poem)

#### Make a Snow Gauge

Northwest Suburban Council

You can measure the amount of snowfall with a homemade gauge made from any container that you can mark off in inches or centimeters. A simple but effective gauge can be made from the bottom half of a clear plastic soda bottle, marked with an indelible laundry marker on the outside. Though less reliable because of the way snow drifts, you can also measure snowfall with a yardstick. Compare your findings with the forecasted amount. Put several gauges outdoors--near a tree, out in the open, on your front steps--and see if they all measure the same. Are you surprised?



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### Candy Menorah

St. Louis Area Council

**Materials:** Styrofoam pieces for base, 9 peppermint sticks, 9 candy kisses

Cut a 1" square of foam and glue to center of foam base. Push four peppermint sticks into the foam to one side of the center. Push four peppermint sticks into the other side. Push the central peppermint stick into the center. On the first day of Hanukkah, "light" the Shamash and the first "candle" on the right. To light the candles, dab some frosting onto the top of the candy stick and attach a candy kiss. Candles are lit from right to left. On the eighth day, the edible parts of the menorah may be eaten in celebration of the holiday.

### Milk Jug Luminary

DesPlaines Valley Council

#### Materials

Sand, empty plastic gallon milk containers, tea lights, scissors, fireplace matches

1. Clean milk gallons and remove all labels.
2. On the side nearest the handle, cut a slit one inch tall and three inches long about one inch up from the bottom.
3. Pour about one inch of sand into the container. Shake to distribute sand evenly.
4. Push tea light into the middle of the sand. Use fireplace matches to light.

Cost for 8= \$1.00 or less.

#### Tips

These are very unusual luminary. They don't blow over or get snuffed out if it's wet and windy. They give a lovely white light. At a cost of 10 cents each, they are a very inexpensive way to decorate the outdoors at Christmas and other times of the year. Care must be taken to place the tea light near the center of the container but not directly under the spout.

### Magic Reindeer Food

Greater St. Louis Area Council

Santa's reindeer will be hungry when they get to your house. While Santa's inside eating the cookie and milk you left him, the reindeer will be waiting outside. How about leaving them some reindeer food?

Uncooked oatmeal, glitter, ziplock bags, ribbon  
In a Ziplock bag, put a little bit of uncooked oats and glitter. Shake to mix.

Place this poem inside the bag and hand out.

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

If you live in an area where you have lots of animals like pets or wild animals they might get to the reindeer food, before the reindeer and they might eat it. Glitter might hurt real animal stomachs and Santa's reindeer will still enjoy the feast without glitter.

### Hanukkah Ideas

Viking Council

#### Background

The holiday dates back 2200 years. Jews lived in Palestine, then occupied by the Syrians. Antiochus was the king of Syria. He wanted the Jews to accept the religion of the Greeks. Some did and some did not. Those that did not formed a band of loyal Jews. They were named the Maccabees. Mattahhis was their father, and Judah Maccabee was their leader. After three years, the band captured Jerusalem, cleaned and repaired the Holy Temple.

They found a small cruse of oil to light the eternal light. However, there was only enough for one day and they sent for more oil. The small amount of oil lasted for eight days instead of one, until more oil was secured. This was considered the miracle, although the victory of the small ban over the Syrian Army was also considered a miracle. Hanukkah is celebrated the 25th day of Kislev in the Hebrew calendar. It falls somewhere between Thanksgiving and New Years each year.

In homes, people decorate with paper products. They light candles each day. They start with one candle and the "shammus" which lights the other candles, and add one candle each night. They sing songs, eat potato pancakes and Hanukkah cookies. Also they exchange Hanukkah gifts and Hanukkah "gelt" (small amounts of money). They play games with the "dreidle" or top.

#### Crafts

Viking Council

**Menorah** odd piece of wood (oblong); bottle caps, wooden spools, etc., paint, glue. Must have 9 holders, one either larger elevated as the "Shammus".

**Stained Glass Windows** waxed paper, shapes of tissue paper (can also be done with Christmas colors and symbols). Iron Hanukkah shapes between two pieces of wax paper.

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**Holiday cards** (may also be done with Christmas symbols) dip holiday cookie cutters in paint and print on colored paper (can also use potato or vegetable print)

### Crafts On Theme Table

Trapper Trails Council

Many Families have traditions surrounding ornaments and decorations for the holidays. Have the boys in your den or pack share their traditions with each other. Here are some ideas that you can share with them.

### Popcorn Chain

Trapper Trails Council

Decorate the tree with a chain made by pushing a needle and thread through pieces of popcorn. Easier still thread string or yarn through items with a hole already in it such as Cheerios, Fruit Loops, or Apple Jacks. Noodles of various types can be dyed with food coloring, painted or used as is to make an interesting chain.

### Countdown Chain

Trapper Trails Council

Boys love counting down the days left to Christmas. A simple count down chain can be made by gluing or taping strips of paper though each other to make a chain. Use a strip of paper for each day needed for the count down. The chain can be attached to a paper that is decorated to represent the holiday.

### Egg Cup Santa

Trapper Trails Council

Here is a fat, jolly Santa made from egg cartons, cotton, and paint. Cut out four of the eggcup sections below the portion of carton which joins one cup to another so that you have only the round bottom half. Color three of the cups red on the outside with poster paint or crayon and one white. Glue two of the red sections together where they have been cut. Glue the third red section on top of the white one, again joining at the cut part. Twist some cotton into a thick cord and glue this around the seams you have made on the cups for the trim on Santa's hat bottom jacket trim. Make a tassel for his hat, hair and whiskers out of cotton. With paint or crayon color his eyes, nose, mouth and buttons for his coat. Glue the two halves together.

### Trapper Trails Council

Use your old Christmas tree or your backyard shrubs as a bird feeder. Decorate them by making Orange Slice Ornaments and Cookie Cutter Bird treats. This not only makes a festive feeder, but also provides shelter for small birds like sparrows and juncos. This activity can be a 1 week or 2 week Den Meeting. This would depend on the size of the den.

### Orange Slice Ornaments

Trapper Trails Council

**Materials:** Oranges, paring knife, cutting boards, yarn, raffia or ribbon, and pencils.

Give each Cub Scout his own orange and experiment slicing his orange, along with knife safety instructions. When it's time to deck the tree or shrub, tie each slice to a branch.

### Cookie Cutter Bird Treats

Trapper Trails Council

**Materials:** Mixing bowls, measuring cups, measuring spoons, mixers-electric or manual, rolling pin, drinking straws, and ribbon.

1 Cup unsalted butter, softened 3 eggs, beaten, 3 1/2 cups all-purpose flour, sifted 1 teaspoon baking soda, 1 1/2 teaspoons cream of tartar 1/2 teaspoon salt, mixed birdseed  
Cream the butter, then beat in the eggs. Sift together the flour, baking soda, cream of tartar, and salt. Gradually add the dry ingredients to the butter and egg mixture. When well mixed, cover and chill. Flour surface of cabinet top and roll out the dough to about a 1/4 in thickness. Cut out shapes with the cookie cutters; at the top of each cookie, make a hole with a drinking straw. Press in a coating of the birdseed. Preheat oven to 350 and bake for about 12 minutes. When cookies are cool, insert a length of ribbon through each and tie.

Since the cookie dough will need to chill, make dough first and chill. Then try the Orange Slice Ornaments while waiting for the dough.

## AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

### Stretcher

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Tonight we've been honoring,  
The Boy Scouts so famous.  
But we can't sit forever,  
And nobody can blame us.  
So let us all stand up right now,  
And move ourselves awhile. -  
Shake hands with all who sit close by,  
And give them all a smile,  
Stretch your arms way up high,  
And shake your leg a bit.  
Now everybody turn around  
And now, please, let's all sit.

### A Trip Through Santa's Workshop

Viking Council

**Narrator:** Hi folks. We've had a special invitation from old Santa himself to come up and visit his toyshop at the North Pole. He told me that we must make our trip through the

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toyshop as quietly as possible, so we won't disturb the elves or the toys. You see, the toys come to life when they see visitors, so if they spot us we may have to pretend we're toys too. The elves get very nervous when they see people. So you just follow me and do exactly as I do and we'll be able to visit without disturbing anyone.

Come on. Let's follow Santa. (Walking in place) on a trip through his toyshop. Since the hour's late, we can't take time to stop (hold finger to lips and hump over, pretending to sneak by). Sh-h-h, the jack-in-the-box is sound asleep, so come on quietly and past him we'll creep.

Look! There's the dancing ballerina (point ahead with finger) standing on one toe. Oh no! She saw us! So round and round we go (hold one hand over head and turn around several times.) Now that the ordeal is over, let's continue on our way (walking in place); we want to see some more but too long we cannot stay.

Look over there to the right, (shade eyes with hand, point to right) back in that corner dark; I think that I can see a very tiny spark (pretend to be quietly sneaking up on something). Oh, it's an elf I see, building a Rudolph toy. Oh, oh, he sees us! Pretend you're not a boy! (Cup hand over nose to simulate Rudolph's large nose while saying "blink, blink, blink").

Whew! That was a close call (wipe brow with hand) but we fooled him I guess. We'd better follow Santa (walk in place) before we get into a mess. Oh, Santa has stopped again (stop walking and hold up hand in halt sign). I wonder what he sees. Uh oh, look out, I think I'm going to sneeze! (Hold finger under nose while saying a-a-a-choo!") Oh my goodness, that did it! Come on, we'd better run (start running in place). Let's hurry and get out of here, or it may not be such fun!

Come on and blink your nose (all do as before while running in place) as past the Rudolphs we run, just to make the elf think that we are one. There's the ballerina, dancing on her toe. Let's twirl around once (all twirl while continuing running) so past her we can go. Here's the jack-in-the-box, let's get down low and crouch, (get down low and sneak quietly by). Here's the jack-in-the-box, let's get down and crouch, (get down low and sneak quietly by). Out he comes with a b-o-i-n-g! (All shout "boing" as they spring up high in the air and then sit back down in chairs) Now we're back home on the couch! (Drop in chair with hands hanging down sides; wipe brow.

### Audience Participation

Trapper Trails

### The House Where Santa Claus Lives

**House** - hands over head in a inverted V

**Shed** - hand in front of chest in an inverted V

**Sled**- hands together in waving motion, left to right.

**Reindeer** - one hand, palm out, at each side of head as antlers

**Pack** - both hands over right shoulder as if carrying a load

**Little girls** - all girls, young and old, stand up

**Little boys** - all boys, young and old, stand up

**Box** - show dimensions of the box, length and width, with hands

**Doll** - both hands under right side of head, as if asleep

**Lion** - Extend both hands and paws and give a deep growl

**Soldier** - Give the Cub Scout salute while at attention

**Santa Claus**- pat stomach with both hands and say "Ho, Ho, Ho"

This is the **House** where **Santa Claus** lives. This is the **Sled** behind the **House** where **Santa Claus** lives. This is the **Sled** that is kept in the **Shed** behind the **House** where **Santa Claus** lives. These are the **Reindeer** that pull the **Sled** that is kept in the **Shed** behind the **House** where **Santa Claus** lives. This is old **Santa Claus** who guides the **Reindeer** that pull the **Sled** that is kept in the **Shed** behind the **House** where **Santa Claus** lives.

This is the **Pack** all filled with toys for good **Little Girls** and good **Little Boys** that is carried by old **Santa Claus** who guides the **Reindeer** that pull the **Sled** that is kept in the **Shed** that is behind the **House** where **Santa Claus** lives. This is the **Box** that is in the **Pack** all filled with toys for good **Little Girls** and good **Little Boys** that is carried by old **Santa Claus** who guides the **Reindeer** that pull the **Sled** that is kept in the **Shed** that is behind the **House** where **Santa Claus** lives.

This is the **Doll** that is in the **Box** that is in the **Pack** all filled with toys for good **Little Girls** and good **Little Boys** that is carried by old **Santa Claus** who guides the **Reindeer** that pull the **Sled** that is kept in the **Shed** that is behind the **House** where **Santa Claus** lives.

This is the **Lion** that frightened the **Doll** that is in the **Box** that is in the **Pack** all filled with toys for good **Little Girls** and good **Little Boys** that is carried by old **Santa Claus** who guides the **Reindeer** that pull the **Sled** that is kept in the **Shed** that is behind the **House** where **Santa Claus** lives. This is the **Soldier** that captured the **Lion** that frightened the **Doll** that is in the **Box** that is in the **Pack** all filled with toys for good **Little Girls** and good **Little Boys** that is carried by old **Santa Claus** who guides the **Reindeer** that pull the **Sled** that is kept in the **Shed** that is behind the **House** where **Santa Claus** wishes you a **Merry Christmas!**

## ADVANCEMENT CEREMONIES

### Achievement Chart Ceremony

Northwest Suburban Council

**Personnel:** Cub Scout(s), the Den Leader, and the Den Chief.

He then receives an award which is a gold star.

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**Den Leader:** (Name) having fulfilled the requirements for Wolf and duly receiving this award at the pack meeting as of (day), is hereby authorized by the members of this den to place the appropriate star after his name on the achievement chart.

**Den Chief:** (Name) it has been a pleasure to help and assist you in your Cubbing and to prepare you for Scouting. You have learned your lessons well and are now on the trail of the Bear. I know you will soon be on the Scouting trail that leads to the Eagle's nest.

**Den Leader:** Cubs, let us all remember it took hours of work for both (Name) and his parents to achieve this award, so let us all work for the higher goals in Cubbing so that later on we may take our place for God and our country. Now Cubs, let us give a Class A hand clap for (Name).

#### The Fourth Bead

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

**Personnel:** Den Leader, advancing Cub Scout

**Equipment:** Bead from Immediate Recognition Kit

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

(Attach bead to thong of Progress toward Ranks patch).

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

#### 'Twas the Night of the Pack Meeting

Greater St. Louis Area Council

'Twas the night of the pack meeting and all through the place,  
Not a boy was stirring, anticipation on each face.  
It was time for advancements and they all turned an ear,  
So when their name was called, they would hear it loud and clear.  
The Cubmaster was checking his list, not only once but twice,

To see which boys had worked hard and earned awards this night.

When all of a sudden the Cubmaster as ready with helpers nigh,

To pass out awards as the boys called were filing by.

First came the Bobcats all new to the pack.

Akela is ready, with the guidance and experience they lack,

Come up all you new Cubs

You're our Bobcats tonight.

Your final step as a Bobcat is to do a good deed and you must do it right.

(Call boys and their parents forward and present awards.)

Second are the Wolves, experienced that is true

But there is still much to learn, Akela's not through

Come up all our Wolf Cubs, you are Wolves to be praised,  
Achievements and electives you've done

So with Wolf Badge and arrow point, to rank you are raised.

(Call boys and their parents forward and present awards.)

Third are the Bears most experienced so far,

Akela's teachings they've heeded, they're way above par.

Come all our Bear Cubs, your work and learning is applauded,

For completing achievement and electives, tonight you're rewarded.

(Call boys and their parents forward and present awards.)

Last are the Webelos, but not least to be sure,

Akela's lessons they've learned, now Boy Scouts is their lure.

Come up all our Webelos, your activities are harder,

Your accomplishments you wear so proudly on your shoulder.

(Call boys and their parents forward and present awards.)

Now, let's give all these Cubs our Santa applause for a job well done.

#### Christmas Tree Advancement Ceremony

Viking Council

All advancement awards are placed in Christmas tree wrappings and hung on the tree. Also in each package is a Christmas tree light bulb with the Cub Scout's first name lettered on with felt-tip pen.

Use pink bulbs for Bobcat; red for Wolf; green for Bear; gold for Arrow points; silver or white for silver arrow points; orange for Webelos activity badges; and a multicolored or special bulb for Arrow of Light.

Boys being given awards are called forward with their parents and pin on their new award and the boys then screw in their bulbs, which remain on the tree for the rest of the meeting. Afterward, let the boys have them to take home.

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For boys graduating into a Scout troop, use one of the more formal ceremonies from "Staging Den and Pack Ceremonies".

### Advancement Ceremonies

Trapper Trails Council

1. Awards could be gift wrapped and given out by Santa or one of his helpers.
2. Awards could be hung on a Christmas tree (either a small one from home or the decorated one where you hold your pack meetings.
3. Santa or helper could pull the awards out of a "toy" pack.
4. In one of the Scandinavian countries, the goodies are found in a wooden shoe-the awards could be put in a wooden shoe.
5. Awards could be attached to a candy piece of coal, reminding boys to be good if they want visit from Santa.

### Easy Fun Dough

Trapper Trails Council

Mix 1 1/4 cup Bisquick Original baking mix - 1/4 cup salt, 1 teaspoon cream of tartar

Mix 1-cup water and 1 teaspoon food coloring - Stir the colored water into the dry mixture, a little at a time, until all the liquid is added. Microwave uncovered on high 1 minute. Scrape the mixture from the side of the cup and stir. Microwave uncovered 2 - 3 minutes longer, stirring every minute, until the mixture forms form of a ball. Let the dough stand uncovered about 3 minutes. Use the spoon to take the dough out of the measuring cup. Knead dough in your hands or on the counter about 1 minute or until smooth. If sticky add 1 - 2 tablespoons Bisquick. Cool about 15 minutes or until cook enough to handle. Store in refrigerator in plastic bag.

**Easy Fun Dough** - can also be baked like cookie dough. Heat oven to 225 degrees. Roll dough about 1/8 inch thick. Cut out desired shaped with cookie cutters, or shape the dough into whatever you want. Make a hole in the top of each ornament using the end of a plastic straw. Place on ungreased sheet. Bake 1 hour. Turn the ornaments over. Bake 1 to 1 1/2 hours longer or until ornaments sound brittle when tapped. Remove ornaments from cookie sheet with spatula to wire rack. Cool completely. Tie ribbon or yarn through holes.

## GAMES

### Presents

SHAC

Each boy thinks of a present he would like to give a make-believe friend (or a real friend) and then decides how to act out movements for his chosen present. (For example, if he chose a dog, he could chase his tail around in a circle, give a paw to "shake", or roll over with paws up in the air.)

There are no limits on the price, or availability of this pretend present. The leader should consult with each boy as needed to choose a present and work out the movements. When all the boys have decided on the presents and movements, have each in turn act out his present and see who can guess what it is.

### Trim the Tree

Viking Council

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

### Viking Council

**Hide the Dreidle** (Hanukkah top) one Cub leaves the room. The others hide the dreidle. The Cub returns. The others yell "hot" and "cold" depending on whether he is near or far. You can use real or paper dreidle.

**Hanukkah Peanut Hunt** Buy package of peanuts. Write K on 4, H on 4, N on 4, U on 4 and A on 4. Hide all the peanuts, lettered and unlettered, hunt for 5 minutes.  
10 points for greatest number  
5 points for each lettered peanut  
20 points for a Cub finding enough to write HANUKKAH

**Pass the Dreidle** Cubs sit in circle, start music. Pass the top around the circle. When the music stops, the Cub holding the dreidle drops out. Last Cub is the winner. You can find some Hanukkah games in the Game Section.

### Candy Bar Game

Trapper Trails

As our families run here and there, little time is spent together. This game gives your family an opportunity to gather together and have FUN!

**Objective:** Each person tries to get as many candy bars as they can.

**Materials:** 2 Candy bars for each player or couple  
1 brown lunch sack for each player or couple  
Timer

Wood die

Bowl

Good Attitude

**Timer:** Set timer in another room, so no one can watch to see how much time is left. A stop timer is perfect. Most families play for about a half-hour. After playing a few times, you will know how much time needs to be adjusted.

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It's fun to vary the time from each game to keep them off guard.

**Preparation:** If using this game for a party, assign each person to bring two candy bars. Take the candy when they arrive. One person (mother, father, or party leader) places two candy bars in a brown sack. Fold down the top of each sack the same. If there are extra bars, place them in a bowl. Place a mark, (x) on the bottom of one of the bags.

Starting the game:

1. Everyone gather in a circle.
2. Bowl is placed inside the circle.
3. Each person or couple picks a sack out of the center.
4. Explain that each sack contains two candy bars and no one is to look until directed to do so.
5. Each person looks into their own sack but does not tell what kind of bars they have.
6. Everyone closes their bag. Players may look inside any sack that is their own during the game.
7. Who goes first? The player with the mark on the bottom of their sack. That player rolls first then follows to the left.

**Roll Die:** A player has to follow what has been rolled.

1. Take the Bowl: If rolled the player takes all the bars.
2. Trade sacks: Player picks another player to trade sacks with. Remember: You want the most candy
3. Lose a turn: Lose next turn.
4. **Add Bar to Bowl:** The player takes a bar from his sack and adds to the bowl. Don't let people know your sack is empty. This might help out when trading. If you receive an empty sack don't say anything. Just hope you can pass is off
5. **Double take:** A player who rolls this takes one bar from the players on his left and right. If the player is out of bars, you're out of luck.
6. **Guess a Bar:** Players need to watch bars and sacks as they are exchanged

When rolled a player says a person name and tries to guess the candy bar in their sack. The players only need to answer with a yes or no. If the player asked has the bar, he must give it to the roller.

**Ending the Game:** When the timer goes off everyone keeps the sack that they end up with. If a player has rolled the die when the timer goes off, that player may complete his turn. At this time any bars left in the bowl must be rolled for.

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

**Christmas Swipe-** A large sack containing candies and trinkets of various sorts is hung in the center of the room. Players from the Red Caps and the Green Caps take turns in being blindfolded, turned about, and given an opportunity to bring the sack down with a swipe of the wand. If a Red Cap brings down the sack, then his teammates are privileged to scramble for the contents. If it is brought down by a Green Cap, only the Greens have the privilege. Players are not allowed to coach a contestant.

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

**Snowball Relay -** Players divide into two teams and line up behind starting line.

Give each team a "snowball", either Styrofoam or cotton and a piece of cardboard. On signal, first player on each team tries to move ball across floor and back by fanning it with cardboard. Player may not touch snowball with hands or cardboard. First team to finish is winner.

## SONGS

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### Every Year

Tune: Old MacDonald Had A Farm  
SHAC

Every year we bake some pies,  
Yum, yum, yum, yum, yum.  
Coconut and lemon pies,  
Yum, yum, yum, yum, yum.  
With a big slice now and a glass of milk.  
Extra slices if I may.  
Every year we bake some pies,  
Yum, yum, yum, yum, yum.

Every year we go see Grandma,  
Ho, ho, ho, ho, ho.  
She always lets us trim the tree.  
Ho, ho, ho, ho, ho.  
Up go the lights, and up goes the tinsel.  
Everyone helps as we decorate it.

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## BALOO'S BUGLE

Every year we go see Grandma,  
Ho, ho, ho, ho, ho.

### Helping Santa Claus

Tune: Up On The Housetop  
SHAC

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

### Hanukkah Fun

Tune: Mary Had A Little Lamb  
SHAC

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

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

The candles burn so happily,  
Happily, happily.  
The candles burn so happily  
Oh what fun we'll have.

### Share With Others

Tune: Rudolph The Red Nosed Reindeer  
SHAC

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

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

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

Bright and early Christmas morning,  
When they see our shiny toys,  
We'll be happy that we shared  
Our Christmas joy with other boys.

### Santa's Coming 'Round The World

Tune: Are You Sleeping  
Northwest Suburban Council

Santa's coming, Santa's coming,  
Round the world, round the world;  
He has many faces;  
Seen in many places;  
Santa Claus, Santa Claus.

Santa's coming, Santa's coming,  
Round the world, round the world;  
In France he's Father Christmas,  
Who fills the children's wishes;  
Santa Claus, Santa Claus.

Santa's coming, Santa's coming,  
Round the world, round the world;  
In Hungary, Kris Kringle  
Brings gifts to make tots tingle,  
Santa Claus, Santa Claus.

Santa's coming, Santa's coming,  
Round the world, round the world;  
A Belgium child leaves  
carrots bunched  
For Nicholas' horse to munch;  
Santa Claus, Santa Claus.

Santa's coming, Santa's coming,  
Round the world, round the world;  
No matter what his face or name  
Goodwill and peace are just  
the same,  
Santa Claus, Santa Claus.

### When Your Helping And You Know It

(Tune: When you're happy and you know it)  
Trapper Trails Council

When you're helping and you know it,  
Lend a hand  
When you're giving and you show it  
Things are grand  
If you're helping and you're giving  
Then you help make life worth living  
Keep on helping, keep on giving  
Take a stand

**BALOO'S BUGLE****Holiday Magic**

(Tune: Up on the House Top)

Trapper Trails Council

Holiday magic is in the air  
 Whimsical feelings I feel every year  
 By helping others without being told  
 All for the magic that I behold  
 HO HO HO, I'll shovel snow  
 HO HO HO, to the store I'll go  
 OOOOH Holiday Magic  
 Click, click, click  
 By helping others does the trick

**Giving Time**

(Tune: Jingle Bells -chorus)

Trapper Trails Council

Giving time, sharing time  
 Fun for everyone  
 Scouters know that Christmas is  
 The time for deeds well done  
 Giving time, sharing time  
 Let us all take part  
 Join with Cub Scouts all around  
 And give gifts from the heart

**CUB GRUB - Fun Food****Hot Spiced Apple Cider**

Northwest Suburban Council

1 Gal. Apple Cider or Apple Juice  
 1-9 oz bag of Cinnamon Red Hot Candy  
 1/2 cup Sugar  
 5 cinnamon sticks  
 20 - 25 Whole Cloves  
 1 cup Prepared Cranberry Juice  
 1 cup Prepared Orange Juice  
 Butter

In a large pot, combine all ingredients except the butter. Over a medium heat, bring to a boil. Stir frequently until sugar and candies are dissolved. Reduce heat and simmer for about an hour. Before serving, place a small pad of butter in each mug. Pour cider into mug over butter. Add cinnamon stick and stir.

**Santa Claus Punch**

Greater St. Louis Area Council

Mix two packages unsweetened raspberry punch powder with 1-cup sugar. Add 4 cups cranberry juice. Stir in 12 cups crushed ice and water. Makes 16 cups.

**Edible Ornaments**

Trapper Trails Council

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

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

**Icing**

Blend together:

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

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

**Peanutty Nuggets**

Trapper Trails Council

- 1/3 cup peanut butter  
 1/4 cup margarine  
 3 cups miniature marshmallows  
 4 cups Life Cereal (whole pieces)
1. Combine peanut butter and margarine in medium pan.
  2. Melt over low heat, mixing well
  3. Add marshmallows, stirring constantly until melted and smooth
  4. Fold in cereal
  5. Spread onto greased cookie sheet
  6. Chill until firm break into nuggets
  7. You can spoon into muffin cups before chilling if you so desire



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### Yummy Igloo

Trapper Trails Council

**Ingredients:** 1/2 apple, cored, miniature marshmallows, peanut butter

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

### Festive Popcorn Trees

Trapper Trails Council

12 Cups popped popcorn 1 cup sugar 1 cup light corn syrup 1/2 cup peanut butter Green food coloring 1/2 cup M&M's

Pop popcorn and pour into a large bowl. Combine sugar and corn syrup in medium saucepan. Bring to a boil over medium heat. Stirring constantly, boil 1 minute. Remove from heat. Add peanut butter and green food coloring. Stir until peanut butter is melted completely. Pour over popcorn and mix well. Lightly butter hands and shape into trees. While still warm add M&M's candies by pressing them into the trees. Place on a baking sheet covered with wax paper. Let cool completely.

### Graham Cracker Treasure Chest

Trapper Trails Council

Graham Crackers M&M candies or other coated Christmas Candies, tube of frosting, peppermint candy canes (if desired)

You will need 4 graham crackers; one graham cracker broke in half. For the bottom, frost all the way around the edges of one graham cracker. Frost three sides of each of the graham crackers that make up the main body of the treasure chest. Push them together, you'll want to have some sort of surface that will help support them while they dry. I used a cookie sheet. Once you have all the graham crackers together let dry about 15 minutes then decorate with frosting and candies. If you wish you may add candies or some other prize inside the treasure chest.

## STUNTS & APPLAUSES

### Rudolph Applause

West Michigan Shores Council

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

### Goodbye Santa Applause

West Michigan Shores Council

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

### Northwest Suburban Council

**Cub #1: What do bears and wolves get when they walk along the beach?**

Cub #2 I don't know.

**Cub #1: Sandy Claws!**

**Rudolph:** Put thumbs to head with fingers pointing up to form antlers, Wrinkle nose and say, "Blink, blink, blink?"

**Frozen Cub:** Wrap your arms around yourself, and say, "BRRRRR!"

**Salt and pepper:** Hold both fists out in front of you and raise up the thumbs. Then you turn them over and shake the shakers.

**Milkshake:** Shake contents in shaker bottle, slurp the drink.

## SKITS

### Trimming The Christmas Tree

SHAC

**Cast:** Group of Cubs, den leader, Scout staff with sprig of evergreen lashed to the top; materials to make snipping and sawing sounds (You can prerecord these on a cassette tape.)

**Setting:** Den leader is on stage; the Cubs are off to the side. Two Cubs enter.

**Cub #1:** Go ask the den leader how this tree is supposed to look.

**Cub #2** goes to leader, acts out asking question. Leader acts out response. The Cubs run off stage, and audience can hear the sounds of sawing, snipping etc.)

**Cub #3:** (Enters, goes to leader.) Like this?

**Leader:** (Looks over at the Cubs who are positioned to let the leader see, but not the audience.) More off of this side. (Gestures Cub runs off stage.) (More sawing sounds are heard. Repeat this several times, with leader pointing and gesturing about different sides of the tree. Everyone is getting more and more tired. Finally after many sounds of sawing and snipping the Cubs all march over to the leader, carrying the staff with the sprig attached to the top, and show it to the leader and the audience. Leader groans and all leave.)

### Santa's Help-In

SHAC

**Cast:** Santa with list and empty sack, helpers with red caps, helper "X" with green cap

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**Setting:** Santa's workshop with all helpers busy working on toys, whistling or singing "Jingle Bells". Santa enters, puzzled, and desperate, checking his list in his hand.

**SANTA:** Ho! Ho! This is an unusual list from the Cub Scouts of pack \_\_\_. We are running out of time! Good grief!

**HELPER 1:** I've worked hard on trains. Have they run out of brains?

**HELPER 2:** It's clear to see they don't want trucks from me.

**HELPER 3:** Surely Santa, you know the score. That's ho, ho, ho, please tell us more.

**HELPER 4:** I know, great red and white one, they need a change. (Rattles coins in his pocket.)

**HELPER 5:** That's right, wise leader. Any new ideas in our "goody range"?

**HELPER 6:** Me thinks the Cubs are tired of toys. How about more arrow points for those boys?

**HELPER X:** (runs across stage, carrying large cardboard shield with arrow points painted on) Sock it to 'em, Santa! (He places shield in Santa's sack. All stand and bow together, and exit, singing "Jingle Bells.")

### Santa's Noisy Christmas Northwest Suburban Council

#### Sound Effects

- (1) Beat on drum
- (2) Blow whistle
- (3) Ring bells
- (4) Rub sandpaper blocks together
- (5) Clap blocks of wood together
- (6) Sing through hummer or kazoo
- (7) Strike two heavy lids together

Divide audience into 7 groups. Assign each a sound effect and let each group practice. Narrator reads story and holds up numbered cards as groups respond with their sound effects.

**Narrator:** It was a blowing, snowy Christmas Eve (1) (2). Santa was just about finished with his rounds. His reindeer landed on the last roof with a great jingle of bells (3). Santa jumped from his sleigh and squeezed down the chimney (4), landing softly on the floor (5). Reaching into the bottom of his almost-empty pack, Santa hummed a tune (6), as he decorated the tree and filled the stockings. The clock on the mantel struck two, (7) (7) as he put the last ornament in place. Then Santa began stacking presents under the tree (5) (5) (5).

As he finished and stood back to survey his work proudly, he noticed that an ornament was slipping from a branch (4), he lunged frantically for it, but he missed, and it crashed to the floor (7). In his hurry, Santa knocked over the

beautifully wrapped presents that he had arranged so carefully (4) (5) (7). A toy airplane started zooming around the room (6) up and down, just as a bowling ball bumped over some small thing that had fallen (1). A baby doll, still smiling sweetly, tumbled to the floor, loudly calling for her 'mama' (6).

Reaching quickly for her, Santa stumbled across a rocking horse, which started to rock frantically with its bells jingling (3). A large rubber ball, carefully balanced on the horse's saddle, slid off and began bouncing merrily around the room (1) (1) (1). It struck a pile of blocks, crashing them loudly to the floor (1) (4) (5) (6) (7). A toy engine, beneath the blocks began to whistle shrilly (2), as a block hit its switch, and it raced around and around on its track.

As the wind outside got louder and louder (6), the shutters began to bang (1) the windows rattled (5) and the rafters creaked (2). "What a bedlam!" Santa groaned (6) as he could hear the reindeer up on the roof prancing lightly (5) and jingling their bells (3). "Oh dear" sighed Santa, scratching his head (4). "Why does everything seem to happen at once?" He scurried around the room picking things up and putting them back in their boxes, just as the clock struck three (7) (7) (7), many pairs of feet began running down the stairs, so Santa hastily squeezed up the chimney (4), jumped into his sleigh and flew away.

Through the noise of the jingling bells (3), crashing storm (1) (7). and whistling wind (2), you could hear him exclaim as he drove out of sight: "Christmas is fun, but oh!! what a night."

### The Twelve Days of Christmas Akela Calls

**Characters:** Bob, 12 Cub Scout friends (if den has less than 12 boys, have them repeat their entrance on stage)

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

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

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

**Bob:** You're welcome!

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

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

**Bob:** You bet!

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

**Bob:** No problem!

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

**Bob:** Glad to do it!

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

**Bob:** Don't mention it!

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

**Bob:** OK!

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

**Bob:** Yeah, you're right!

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

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

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

**Bob:** Cool dude!

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

**Bob:** Check you later!

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

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

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

**Bob:** Bye, pal! (last cub exits, table is cleared of all props) Now, let's see. That was (singing) twelve dump trucks dumping, eleven pies for pitching, ten leaping lizards, nine dirty dustpans, eight mugs for milk shakes, seven soggy sweatshirts, six greasy rags, FIVE RUSTY NAILS, four comic books, three French fries, two napkins and a knob to adjust my TV. (looks at audience and wipes brow) Whew! I finally did it. I finally got my closet cleaned out!

## CLOSING CEREMONY

### Closing Ceremony SHAC

**Cubmaster:** This is the season of lights. It is a time when the days are shorter so the nights are longer, yet somehow things are brighter. Stores and homes are bright with holiday lights. Thousands of homes have a single light to show the way for the Christ child, others have candles burning to commemorate the miracle of Hanukkah, and some light candles to honor the heritage of Kwanzaa. Even the stars in the winter sky seem brighter at this time of year. But the most important glow is from the spirit of goodwill that WE live with year-round in the Cub Scout Promise and the Law of the Pack. Before we all leave to get on with our holiday celebrations, let's stand and repeat the Promise and Law together. Happy Holidays!

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

### What Do You Do At Holiday Time?

Contributed by Scott Thayer  
Sequoia Council, California

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

## WEBELOS

### Craftsman SHAC

What parent or grandparent doesn't like to receive homemade presents from their child or grandchild? They love to see the child's face just beaming with pride when the present's pretty wrapping is finally removed! Try these very useful gifts made with our feathered friends in mind.

### Super Screen Suet Birdfeeder SHAC

Use a rectangle of wire window screening (6X12 inches). Wear heavy cotton gloves, and use needle-nosed pliers to crimp back the loose wire edges (so they won't poke the birds or snag their feathers). Fold it in half with two string hangers through the corners on each side. These will be used to hang the feeder. Insert a suet/birdseed cake from the store, or make a "cake" of oatmeal, birdseed, and peanut butter. Suet birdseed will attract cardinals, jays, robins, and sparrows.

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### Log Bird Feeder

SHAC

Using a short log (about 6 inches in diameter and 12 inches long), drill several holes 1-2 inches in diameter. Next drill 1/2-inch holes underneath the larger holes and insert dowels for the birds to perch. Add eye screws at the top of the log for hanging. Fill the larger holes with suet, and watch the birds come to the feast!

### Northwest Suburban Council Craftsman Activity Badge

Webelos Scouts who have spent a year or two in a Cub Scout den before coming into the Webelos den will have had some experience with craft work. Chances are they will have already worked with simple woodworking tools. But



most of them probably have not done much in leather or tin craft. This is an excellent opportunity for a boy to gain some knowledge in these skills.

To earn the badge, the boy must complete 10 craft projects. There is no way these can all be completed at den meetings, so here is a chance to involve the parents. Have the boys secure help from their fathers at home. You can also enlist the help of the fathers in furnishing tools to be used during the den meeting.

### Den Activities

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1. List tools needed to complete badge.
2. Visit furniture factory, lumber mill or lumberyard.
3. Visit a tannery or leather goods manufacturer. Tandy Leather is always willing to help Cub Scouts.
4. Invite an expert to give a demonstration on the proper care and use of tools.
5. Make a den knot board.
6. Tie in with scholar and discuss how education will help in doing crafts and working on the job.
7. Make a tool chest or bench hook for sawing.
8. Select projects to work on (See Boys' Life Reprints "Craftsman Activity Badge #26-057" and "Fun with Tools" #BL-25, Crafts for Cub Scouts; Webelos Scout handbook)
9. Have a birdhouse building contest or select another project.
10. Invite someone to give a demonstration on the safe use of tools.
11. Have a "straight" nail-driving contest.

### Pack Activities

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**Exhibit:** Tool display; wood, leather and tin craft work by boys

### Demonstrations for Pack Meeting

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

### Words Of Wisdom

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What follows is borrowed wisdom from years past. When working with the boys on their projects, you need P, P, P.

**Patience** - Some boys require a high degree of patience. Stick with it and be rewarded. Enlist the help of the assistant den leader, den chief, and fathers. Do not do it all alone.

**Preparation** - Have all tools laid out before the den meeting starts. Build a sample of the item and make note of the steps that are required. Be prepared to help boys individually in these areas. Show them the sample to give them an idea of what the finished product will be like.

**Perseverance** - Insist that the boys finish the items they begin. This is very important. If necessary, work individually with them outside den meetings or enlist the help of others. Do not use a project which the boys cannot complete within a reasonable length of time. Watch for signs of discouragement and help the boys who seem to be having trouble.

Learning how to care for and sharpen tools is an important in doing any kind of handicraft, but boys want to make things. The Craftsman Activity Badge requires that a Webelos Scout make at least eight different

### Tin Can Lanterns

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In Mexico people often light their houses at Christmas with simple tin lanterns. They're decorated with lacy patterns of punched holes. Candlelight glowing through the holes creates dozens of flickering stars.

Use tin cans or aluminum funnels. The tin is easily pierced with a hammer and nail if you first freeze water in it. The funnels are sturdier and won't need frozen water.

Make a paper pattern which will fit around the can. Draw designs on the paper to follow as you punch the holes in the can.

Lay the can of frozen water on a towel. Wrap pattern around can and tape it down. Hammer evenly spaced nail holes through the lines of the pattern.

In each punched can place a small candle and holder. Votive candles in glass jars work well. Place the funnel upside down, over the top.

#### Citizen

Heart of America Council

Good citizenship is emphasized throughout Scouting. Being a good citizen means helping other people, knowing the history of our country, appreciating the contributions and sacrifices of others who have made our country better, knowing our public officials, understanding how our government works, obeying the laws, and doing things that will benefit the community.

#### Den Activities/Field Trips

- ?? Buy a pack of U.S. commemorative stamps. Pass out several to each Webelos and challenge them to discover the story behind the stamp.
- ?? Plan and carry out a citizenship project or litter campaign, complete with posters, etc.
- ?? Visit a city council meeting, police station, etc.
- ?? Discuss the various organizations in your community which help people. How are they financed and run? Do they use volunteer help? Visit one of these organizations.
- ?? Discuss ways boys can be good citizens. Let them make lists of things they will try to do regularly.
- ?? Observe voting process.
- ?? Invite a "new" citizen to talk to boys and tell what becoming an American means to them.

#### Cub Scout Uniform

Heart of America Council

**Materials:** Denner out of uniform

When preparing for the uniform inspection have the Webelos tell what is wrong with the Denner.

☞☞ Cap on backwards

- ☞☞ Wearing den chief cord
- ☞☞ Service star on neckerchief
- ☞☞ Neckerchief twisted into a roll
- ☞☞ Neckerchief tied around neck
- ☞☞ One sleeve rolled up
- ☞☞ Button unbuttoned
- ☞☞ Pocket turned inside out

(Be sure to have fun with this. I've seen something similar and the scouter was wearing fuzzy bear slippers, coat was on backwards, etc. Baloo)

#### Citizen Work Book

Heart of America Council

1. Who is the President of the United States?
2. Who is the Vice-President of the United States?
3. Who is the Governor of (Your State)?
4. Who is the Mayor of the City in which you live?
5. Who are the Senators representing (Your State) in Washington?
6. List three natural resources of the United States.
7. How can you help save these natural resources?
8. Why should we help save our natural resources?
9. Why was the Constitution of the United States written?
10. The Bill of Rights lists certain freedoms and rights enjoyed by all citizens of the United States. List five of these rights.

#### Citizen Knowledge

Heart of America

1. **The first words of the Declaration of Independence are:**  
"We hold these truths to be self-evident"  
"We, the People of the United States"  
"When in the course of human events"  
"Four score and seven years ago"
2. **The first draft of the Declaration of Independence was written by:**  
John Hancock  
Button Gwinnett  
George Washington  
Thomas Jefferson
3. **The Constitution of the United States was signed in what year?**  
1776  
1492  
1787  
1620
4. **What is the minimum age for a President of the United States, and in what document is this stated?**
5. **Which amendment to the Constitution provided for the abolition of slavery?**

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Tenth Amendment  
Thirteenth Amendment  
Third Amendment  
Sixteenth Amendment

**6. A senator serves a term of:**

Six years  
Two years  
Four years  
Eight years

**7. What is the maximum number of years a President may serve?**

**8. Which amendment to the Constitution guarantees freedom of speech?**

Fourteenth Amendment.  
First Amendment  
Twenty-ninth Amendment  
Fifth Amendment

**9. What legislative body has the sole power to impeach a President?**

**10. Who takes over in the event of death of the President?**

**ANSWERS:**

1. "When in the course of human events"
2. Thomas Jefferson
3. 1787
4. Age 35, as stated in the Constitution
5. Thirteenth
6. Six years
7. Ten years (two terms plus the remainder of a predecessor's term if 2 years or less)
8. First Amendment
9. House of Representatives
10. Vice President

**Liberty Bell Slide**

Heart of America Council

**Materials:** Thin wood, copper colored paint, ring for back, PVC, cut thinly

Trace this liberty bell pattern onto cardboard, cut out and use to make shapes on wood.

Have boys cut wood. Sand and paint with the copper colored paint. Make the simulated crack with a fine-tipped black marker. Attach ring to rear of slide.

### PowWows around the U.S.

#### Southern Region

**Golden Spread Council**, Amarillo, Texas Pow Wow Men in Tights (Robin Hood) theme November 4, 2000, First United



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**Alapaha Area Council**, "Follow Me, Boys! - Pow Wow 2000," Valdosta, Georgia, November 4, 2000. Contact Person: Linda Miller (912) 242-7843 or [LinjoGa@aol.com](mailto:LinjoGa@aol.com)

**Southeast Louisiana Council** Nov 11,2000 @ Loyola University, New Orleans 504=889-0388.

**Quapaw Council**, Little Rock, Arkansas, PowWow is December 2 from 9-4 at JA Fair High School in Little Rock, AR

**Great Smoky Mountain Council** ,University of Scouting, Knoxville, TN, March 17, 2001, Contact person: Linda Goff, [doublelope@yahoo.com](mailto:doublelope@yahoo.com)

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

#### Central Region

**Samoset Council** will be holding its annual "A.C.E.S. (Adult Continuing Education in Scouting) program (a.k.a. "The All Scouters Pow Wow") on Saturday, October 28, 2000 at John Muir Middle School in Wausau, Wisconsin. Information can be obtained from the Council Service Center at 800-303-2195.

**Northwest Suburban Council** is Saturday November 4th, 2000 from about 8:00AM until 5:00PM. The exact time will be finalized very soon at the Kingswood Church at 401 West Dundee Road in Buffalo Grove

Check out the web site

<http://www.nwsc.org/~powwow/>

**Mid-America Council**, recently enlarged to include the former Prairie Gold Council, will be holding their University of Scouting (formerly known as Pow-Wow) event on Saturday, November 4, 2000 at Boystown, Omaha, Nebraska. University of Scouting 2000 Chair is Sue Bowman (402) 493-2609 (H) and the advisor is Sue Baldwin, [sbaldwin@mac-bsa.org](mailto:sbaldwin@mac-bsa.org)

Pow Wow for **Dan Beard Council (Cincinnati Area)** is scheduled for Saturday November 4.

**The Overland Trails Council** will be holding their University of Scouting (bi-annual training for Cub and Boy Scout Leaders) event on Saturday, November 18, 2000 at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Kearney, Nebraska, 8:00 a.m. walk-in registration. Or contact the Overland Trails Council, NE 1-800-897-6893.

**Greater St. Louis Area Council's** Pow Wow is going to be on December 2, 2000 at Hazelwood High School West.

<http://www.stlbsa.org>

## BALOO'S BUGLE

**The Four Lakes Council**, Madison, Wisconsin has scheduled its All Scouter Pow Wow on 13 Jan 2001. It will be held at Madison Area Technical College, in Madison. Time: 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM.  
email: [kenhammond@hotmail.com](mailto:kenhammond@hotmail.com)

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

### Northeast

**National Capital Area Council** will hold its 2000 Pow Wow, Jungle Book Jam, on October 28th, at a location to be finalized. Information is available from George Costigan, Vice Chair for Publicity at 703-435-2276 or by writing  
[gcostigan@netscape.net](mailto:gcostigan@netscape.net).

**Brooklyn Council of the Greater New York Councils Powwow.** Saturday, December 9th, Fort Hamilton Army Base.  
Contact= Donald Miserandino, 212 651 2856,  
[dmiserandino@bsa-gnyc.org](mailto:dmiserandino@bsa-gnyc.org)

### Western

**Los Angeles Area Council's** Pow Wow is set for November 4, 2000 from 8:00-4:00p.m. It will be held at Miraleste Intermediate School, 29323 Palos Verdes Drive East, Rancho Palos Verdes CA 90275. The cost is \$15 prior to October 20 and includes the Pow Wow book and patch. The contact information is Joe Tabrisky, 310-831-0796, [jptabrisky@aol.com](mailto:jptabrisky@aol.com) or Joey Robinson, 213-413-4400, ext.168, [joerock13@aol.com](mailto:joerock13@aol.com).

### Web Sites

#### **National Coupon for Cub Scout uniform**

<http://www.scoutstuff.org/misc/cubcoupon.pdf>

#### **Roundtable & Program Helps/Pack 957**

<http://www.ghgcorp.com/ccounts/programhelps/programhelps.html>

#### **Tiger Cubs**

##### **Feed the birds**

<http://www.crafterscommunity.com/kids/misc/feedbirds.html>

#### **Magnificent Masks**

<http://www.enchantedlearning.com/crafts/Mask.shtml>

#### **Indian Moccasins**

<http://www.worldbook.com/fun/wbla/camp/html/craftmoc.html>

#### **Build a Box town**

<http://www.enchantedlearning.com/crafts/Boxtown.shtml>

#### **Soda Bottle Rain Gauge**

<http://www.ctw.org/celebrate/athome/article/0,1439,27040,0,0.html>

#### **Photos of original crafts**

<http://craftsforkids.about.com/parenting/craftsforkids/library/blphotoalb.htm>

#### **Theme**

##### **Gifts kids can make**

[http://www.makingfriends.com/gift\\_crafts.htm](http://www.makingfriends.com/gift_crafts.htm)

#### **Egg Shell Ornament**

<http://www.bry-backmanor.org/holidayfun/xmaseggz.html>

#### **Wacky Web Tales**

<http://www.eduplace.com/tales/>