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FAITH, HOPE & CHARITY

Tiger Cub Requirement # 2

Webelos Craftsman & Scientist

FOCUS

Cub Scout Roundtable Leaders' Guide

This time of year is packed with "Faith, Hope and Charity" - celebrating and sharing family traditions and faiths, hopes for the future and charity to all. Service projects are a way to give thanks while helping those in need in our neighborhoods and schools. Celebrate the holiday season with foods and crafts that are appropriate to various faiths. Collect toys during a pack meeting or organize a food collection where everyone brings something to share with those who are less fortunate.

CORE VALUES

Cub Scout Roundtable Leaders' Guide

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

- ✓ **Family Understanding**, Family traditions are shared and families work together as they participate in Den or pack activities.
- ✓ **Friendly Service**, Cub Scouts learn to serve others through Den and/or pack community activity and services.
- ✓ **Spiritual Growth**, Cub Scouts learn more about their family's faith and respect for other faiths as they share during the holiday season.

The core value highlighted this month is:

- ✓ **Responsibility**, By helping others, Cub Scouts learn about duty to care for self and others.

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

COMMISSIONER'S CORNER

There are a lot of good standard Holiday Cub Scout items in this edition but I would weigh them carefully against the Focus above and the vignette for the theme in the Cub Scout Program Helps. As well as considering the Core Values and purposes highlighted for the month in both places to make sure your Den and pack are presenting programs in accordance with what the theme is supposed to accomplish. I get my input from Pow Wow Books and other Scouters who have lots of great ideas but we sometimes go off on tangents from the direction intended by National for the theme.

What a great weekend I just had!! My nephews asked me to go camping with them and their units. So I attended the Pennsbury District, Bucks County Council, Fall Camporee with Pack, Troop and Crew 102 from Levittown, PA. There were gateways, catapults, Living History Reenactments, some initiative games by the C.O.P.E. Staff, First Aid, and a Photography lesson (Each Scout received a disposable camera on Saturday and was then taken on a short walk to take unusual pictures. On Sunday they received the developed pictures before they left). It was fun seeing Scouting in action at another council and especially seeing my nephews as Scouts. I got to talk with the Scoutmaster, who had his troop prepare three delicious turkeys for dinner with his "patented" method, the Cubmaster (who is, also, an Assistant Scoutmaster) and the Webelos Leader, who told me this is her third time as she was Webelos leader for both her older sons, too. Besides the four stations mentioned above we did some Outdoorsman requirements, especially working on Fire Building and Fire Safety as it was chilly. The Webelos worked hard looking for wood to keep the fire going. Just as we were leaving I met their District RT Commissioner, who is on a Scouting Task Force with me but whom I had never met in person. We spent almost an hour talking about Roundtables (much to the chagrin of his son who just wanted to go home!)

The weekend before I was Troop Scribe for our council's Wood Badge course. My copier ran up about 4700 copies in the six weeks I have it with two Wood Badge weekends each with their daily Gilwell Gazettes!! But there are now new critters out there working their tickets!!

Maybe this week I can begin enjoying retirement and cleaning my house of all the stuff I brought home!

Pow Wow season is upon us for a few weeks. Pow Wows allow you to see your best Scouters doing what they like most. Pow Wow sessions are usually not scripted like the basic training series (New Leader Essentials, Position Specific courses) but allow someone who is good in (ceremonies, skits songs crafts, games) to present the items relating to (ceremonies, skits songs crafts, games) so others can enjoy them too. You get to see Scouters enjoying showing off what they do best. Don't miss your Pow Wow (or university) or if you must, attend one at a neighboring Pow Wow. I plan to attend two this month and have a great time at each.

Have a great Scouting month!!

Months with similar themes to

Faith, Hope and Charity

Thanks to Dave D. in Illinois

Year	All are December of the year
1939	Pack Christmas Party
1940	Good Will - Cub Style
1941	Giving Good Will
1942	Good Will
1943	Good Will Month
1944	The Other Fellow
1945	Follows - Helps - Gives
1946	Cub Scout Santa Claus
1947	Helps and Gives
1948	Goodwill
1949	The Other Fellow
1950	Helps (for institutions)
1951	F-H-G (good followers, helpers, & givers)
1952	An Old-Fashioned Christmas
1953	Happy, Game, and Fair
1954	We'll Do Our Best
1955	Customs of Other Lands
1956	Christmas In The Americas
1957	Happy Holiday
1958	The Golden Rule
1959	Do Your Best
1960	Guiding Stars
1961	Follows, Helps, and Gives
1962	The Magic of Christmas
1963	Old-Fashioned Christmas
1964	Winter Festival
1965	Happy, Game, and Fair
1966	Yuletide Everywhere
1967	Do Your Best
1968	Winter Wonderland
1969	The Cub Scout Gives Good Will
1970	Happy, Game and Fair
1971	Cub Scout Gives Good Will
1972	Follows, Helps, Gives
1973	Customs of Countries
1974	Old Fashion Christmas
1975	Cub Scout Gives Good Will
1976	Winter Festival
1977	Do Your Best
1978	Duty to God & Country
1979	Customs of Other Lands
1980	Happy Holidays
1981	Do Your Best
1982	Cub Scout Spirit
1983	Giving Gifts
1984	Do a Good Turn
1985	Follows, Helps, Gives
1986	The Golden Rule
1987	Happy Holidays
1988	Holiday Magic

1989	Customs of Countries
1990	Giving Gifts
1991	Follows, Helps, Gives
1992	To Help Other People
1993	Holiday Magic
1994	Customs of Other Lands
1995	Do a Good Turn
1996	Helping Others
1997	The Golden Rule
1998	Let's Celebrate
1999	Holiday Magic
2000	What do You do at Holiday Time?
2001	Works of Art
2002	Winter Wonderland
2003	A Cub Scout Gives Good Will
2004	Holiday Food Fare
2005	Faith, Hope & Charity

THOUGHTFUL ITEMS FOR SCOUTERS

Thanks to Scouter Jim from Bountiful, Utah, who prepares this section of Baloo for us each month. You can reach him at bobwhitejonz@juno.com or through the link to write Baloo on www.usscouts.org. CD

Scout Beatitudes

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Blessed are the Scouts who are taught to see beauty in all things around them, for their world will be a place of grace and wonder.

Blessed are the Scouts who are led with patience understanding, for they will learn the strength of endurance and the gift of tolerance.

Blessed are the Scouts who are provided a home where family members dwell in harmony and close communication, for they shall become the peacemakers of the world.

Blessed are the Scouts who are taught the value and power of truth, for they search for knowledge and use it with wisdom and discernment.

Blessed are the Scouts who are loved and know that they are loved, for they shall sow seeds of love in the world and reap joy for themselves and others.

Charity Begins At Home

Scouter Jim, Bountiful Utah

One of my favorite quotes is, "When all is said and done, more is said than done." This past year has been a historic year. We have seen devastating events all around the world. We have seen a massive tsunami hit Southeast Asia. Hurricanes and the resulting floods of mud have covered portions of Central America. A killer earthquake flattened whole villages in Pakistan leaving thousands dead. Closer to home, a series of Hurricanes has left many parts the Gulf Coast of the United States in ruin. With each disaster the call for aid has gone out and the American people have responded by opening their hearts and wallets. All this is

wonderful, but we need to remember Charity begins at home. Where I live the local food pantry shelves are almost bare. Many of my neighbors are going hungry because much of the food and money that is normally donated to the Food Bank has gone elsewhere.

This summer a bus pulled up in front of a home in my community. It was the ABC Television Network's, Extreme Makeover, Home Edition crew. They built the Gordon Harrison Family a new home. Gordon has for years been a volunteer Scout Leader. He has pancreatic cancer, which very well might take his life. This episode has already aired, so many may have seen that while he was sick in the hospital, his thoughts turned to neighbors and friends in need. He found a way to give a neighbor a Kitchen Makeover. Why, when his life was fading away, did his thoughts turn to others? "*Do it now. There may be no tomorrow,*" is his answer. He chooses to live out the life he has left giving back to others.

Each of us can look around and see others in need. Even if we can't do something as dramatic as Gordon Harrison, we can give generously of our time and money to those in need. Drop some extra money in the Salvation Army Kettle, buy a sack of groceries for your local food pantry, or even just visit an elderly neighbor, begging for someone to talk to. *When all is said and done, lets all make sure more is done than said.*

Quotations

Santa Clara Council Pow Wow Book

"A. C. Benson used to say "There are four Christian values, not three: they are Faith, Hope, Charity – and humor" - Lord Robert Baden-Powell

"Press forward with Hope; mix it with optimism and temper it with the sense of humor which enables you to face difficulties with a sense of proportions." - Lord Robert Baden-Powell

"I've always maintained that if the right spirit is there, it can knock the "im" out of impossible." - Lord Robert Baden-Powell

"Hope sees the invisible, feels the intangible and achieves the impossible." - Anonymous

"Hope is the feeling you have that the feeling you have isn't permanent." - Jean Kerr

"All human wisdom is summed up in two words - wait and hope." - Alexander Dumas

"Expect to have hope rekindled. Expect your prayers to be answered in wondrous ways. The dry seasons in life do not last. The spring rains will come again." - Sarah Ban

"Listen now to the gentle whispers of hope." - Charles D. Brodhead

"While there's life, there's hope!" - Ancient Roman Saying

"Hope has been and always will be safe. It's inside every one of us." - Xenia

"Hope is the thing with feathers that perches in the soul and sings the tune without the words And never stops at all." - Emily Dickinson

"Hope for the best but prepare for the worst." - English Proverb

"Never deprive someone of hope -- it may be all they have." - Unknown

"Hope is a waking dream." - Aristotle (384-322 B.C.)

"In all pleasure hope is a considerable part." - Samuel Johnson

"Hope is necessary in every condition. The miseries of poverty, sickness and captivity would, without this comfort, be insupportable." - Samuel Johnson

"Hope begins in the dark, the stubborn hope that if you just show up and try to do the right thing, the dawn will come. You wait and watch and work: you don't give up."

Anne LaMotte; Bird by Bird: Some Instructions on Writing and Life

"True hope is swift, and flies with swallow's wings." - William Shakespeare; King Richard

"We must accept finite disappointment, but we must never lose infinite hope." - Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

"Learn from yesterday, live for today, hope for tomorrow. The important thing is to not stop questioning." - Albert Einstein

"Everything that is done in the world is done by hope." - Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

"Hope is not the conviction that something will turn out well, but the certainty that something makes sense regardless of how it turns out." - Vaclav Havel

"Your hopes, dreams and aspirations are legitimate. They are trying to take you airborne, above the clouds, above the storms, if you only let them." - William James

"We should not let our fears hold us back from pursuing our hopes." - John Fitzgerald Kennedy

"Every area of trouble gives out a ray of hope; and the one unchangeable certainty is that nothing is certain or unchangeable." - John Fitzgerald Kennedy

"There is no hope of joy except in human relations." - Antoine de Saint-Exupery

"If you haven't any charity in your heart, you have the worst kind of heart trouble." - Bob Hope

"Make your thinking orderly and free from emotional overtones, and you will see people and things as they are, with clarity and charity." - Sri Nisargadatta Maharaj

"Peace, like charity, begins at home." - Franklin D. Roosevelt

"Nine requisites for contented living: Health enough to make work a pleasure. Wealth enough to support your needs. Strength to battle with difficulties and overcome them. Grace enough to confess your sins and forsake them. Patience enough to toil until some good is accomplished. Charity enough to see some good in your neighbor. Love enough to move you to be useful and helpful to others. Faith enough to make real the things of God. Hope enough to remove all anxious fears concerning the future." - Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

"A little more patience, a little more charity for all, a little more devotion, a little more love; with less bowing down to the past, and a silent ignoring of pretended authority; brave

looking forward to the future with more faith in our fellows, and the race will be ripe for a great burst of light and life.” - Elbert Hubbard

“Charity never humiliated him who profited from it, nor ever bound him by the chains of gratitude, since it was not to him but to God that the gift was made.” - Antoine de Saint-Exupery

“The intuitive mind is a sacred gift and the rational mind is a faithful servant. We have created a society that honors the servant and has forgotten the gift.” - Albert Einstein

“It's lack of faith that makes people afraid of meeting challenges, and I believe in myself.” - Muhammad Ali

“Enthusiasm is nothing more or less than faith in action.” - Henry Chester

“All effort is in the last analysis sustained by the faith that it is worth making.” - Ordway Tead

“Faith is the very first thing you should pack in a hope chest.” - Sarah Ban Breathnach

“You can do very little with faith, but you can do nothing without it.” - Samuel Butler

“Optimism is the faith that leads to achievement. Nothing can be done without hope or confidence.” - Helen Keller

“Never talk defeat. Use words like hope, belief, faith, victory.” - Norman Vincent Peale

“Faith and love are apt to be spasmodic in the best minds. Men live the brink of mysteries and harmonies into which they never enter, and with their hands on the door-latch they die outside.” - Ralph Waldo Emerson

“The mason asks but a narrow shelf to spring his brick from, man requires only an infinitely narrower one to spring his arch of faith from.” - Henry David Thoreau

“He who loses money, loses much; He who loses a friend, loses much more, He who loses faith, loses all.” - Eleanor Roosevelt

“The leader seeks to communicate his vision to his followers. He captures their attention with his optimistic intuition of possible solutions to their needs. He influences them by the dynamism of his faith. He demonstrates confidence that the challenge can be met, the need resolved, the crisis overcome.” - John Haggai

“Leaders are the custodians of a nation's ideals, of the beliefs it cherishes, of its permanent hopes, of the faith which makes a nation out of a mere aggregation of individuals.” - Walter Lippmann

“Faith is the strength by which a shattered world shall emerge into the light.” - Helen Keller

“Scientists were rated as great heretics by the church, but they were truly religious men because of their faith in the orderliness of the universe.” -Albert Einstein

“Nine requisites for contented living: Health enough to make work a pleasure. Wealth enough to support your needs. Strength to battle with difficulties and overcome them. Grace enough to confess your sins and forsake them. Patience enough to toil until some good is accomplished. Charity enough to see some good in your neighbor. Love

enough to move you to be useful and helpful to others. Faith enough to make real the things of God. Hope enough to remove all anxious fears concerning the future.” - Johann Wolfgang von Goethe (1749-1832)

“Take the first step in faith. You don't have to see the whole staircase, just take the first step.” - Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Minister, Civil Rights Leader

“I do not pray for success. I ask for faithfulness.” - Mother Teresa

“Faith is an oasis in the heart which will never be reached by the caravan of thinking.” - Kahlil Gibran

“A little faith will bring your soul to heaven; A great faith will bring heaven to your soul.” - Charles Spurgeon

“The only limit to our realization of tomorrow will be our doubts of today; Let us move forward with strong and active faith.” - Franklin D. Roosevelt

“A little more patience, a little more charity for all, a little more devotion, a little more love; with less bowing down to the past, and a silent ignoring of pretended authority; brave looking forward to the future with more faith in our fellows, and the race will be ripe for a great burst of light and life.” - Elbert Hubbard

“Without faith, nothing is possible. With it, nothing is impossible.” - Mary McLeod Bethune (1875 - 1955) Educator

“To one who has faith, no explanation is necessary. To one without faith, no explanation is possible.” St. Thomas Aquinas (1225-1274)

What Cubs Are Made Of
Baltimore Area Council

Cub Scouts are made of all of these,
Scarves of gold, patches on sleeves,
Trousers of blue and well-worn knees,
That's what Cub Scouts are made of.
They're partly Indians, of fringe and feather,
And beads and buttons and bits of leather,
With war-paint and freckles mixed together,
That's what Cub Scouts are made of.
They're made of a promise, a pledge, and a prayer
Of hands that are willing, of hearts that play fair,
With something inside them that God put there,
And that's what Cub Scouts are made of.

TRAINING TIP

Remember for your new leaders – Fast Start training and Youth Protection training is available on-line -
Fast Start training
<http://www.scouting.org/cubscouts/faststart/>
Youth Protection Online
<http://www.scouting.org/pubs/ypt/ypt.jsp>

Pack Meetings

Bill Smith, the Roundtable Guy

Training Tips

Pack meetings set the stage for everything else in Cub Scouting: the den meetings, the home and family activities, the service projects, outdoor action, and even an introduction

to the Boy Scout program. You might think of pack meetings as the gateway to Scouting.

Without pack meetings, those other things might not happen at all.

First, don't think of your meeting as a 'meeting'. Start to think in terms of a one night show, a production. Meetings are dull, we go to them every day and rarely (if ever) look forward to them. A show, however, is entertainment! People want to be entertained, and while they'll forget to go to your meeting, they'll remember that they have tickets to your show!

Sean Scott

<http://scouting.argentive.com/>

Role model

You may honestly believe that you're doing this for all the boys in your community, but the truth is that the person who benefits the most from your work as a as Cub Scout leader happens to live with you. Your Cub Scout son sees what you do, he is aware of your commitment and attitude and he will end up copying a good portion of what he sees and admires in you. Your first responsibility as a pack leader is to be a good Akela to your son. So put on a good show for him. Let him see you doing your best, planning ahead, being a good team member, and especially having fun while doing all this: the sort of life you would like him to emulate. Be a good role model.

Den Support

The pack meeting must provide an arena for your dens to show their stuff. Strong dens perform regularly at pack meetings in ceremonies, skits, and other activities that can be seen and appreciated by parents. When den leaders and Cub Scouts look forward to their parts in an upcoming pack extravaganza the den meetings take on a focus and excitement that just makes Cub Scouting fun. When dens have no part in pack meetings, they tend to fill their den programs with rank advancement - this, in turn replaces the family and parent participation. This can weaken the whole program and structure of the pack.

Family Support

The heart and soul of the Cub Scout program takes place in the boy's home with his family. Activities at the pack meeting must exalt the family's part in the program. Be generous with your recognition of the parents' contribution to the boys' advancement and their help with all phases of the program. As a general rule, you probably can never heap too much praise and accolades on parents.

Communication

Your highest attendance usually occurs at pack meetings, making them excellent locations to get the word out. The trick will be to do it without messing up the flow of fun and idealism that you want in your pack meeting programs. Long, boring announcements are killers so you will want to replace them with better communication methods. Newsletters and flyers are great for explaining details like dates, times and meeting places of upcoming events.

Posters and banners set up around the meeting room can emphasize future activities. It is amazing how something as

simple as a few ribbons and a small fan can draw attention to a notice on poster board. Wrap your promotions for Service Projects, Friends of Scouting Appeals, and Summer Camp registration in skits, run-ons, and parodies of songs or TV commercials. Use ceremonies to honor contribution of parents and others.

Basic Rules

VIOLATE THESE AT YOUR OWN RISK!

PLAN IT

Lack of planning ruins more pack meeting than any thing else. Plan everything down to the last detail.

Who is going to do what, when, for how long?

Get as many of the participants (the TEAM) involved in planning as possible. This will help ensure that each member knows his or her part and is willing to do it.

Remember to plan the little things like pre opening activities, cheers, and run-ons. The more you plan, the more spontaneous everything will play out and the more prepared you will be when something unexpected happens.

Write it all out and give a copy to everyone involved.

TEAM LEADERSHIP

A whole bunch of jobs have to be done to make a pack meeting work:

Master of Ceremonies - someone to introduce each star performer and lead the applause.

Cheer master - someone to lead the sparklers, the audience participation stunts and support all the acts.

Award Presenter - someone to open the envelopes, call up the honored, and conduct the ceremonies.

Director - someone to keep track of who is up next, cue the acts, and keep the whole gang on schedule.

Stage Manager - someone to make sure that all the props are in place, the color guard has the flags, the artificial campfire is plugged in and the badges are ready.

Song Leader - in case the Cheer Master isn't up to a quick round of Do Wah Ditty.

Information Manager - someone to distribute newsletters and flyers, or stage gorilla theatricals to promote some noble Scouting cause.

You can double up or rotate and share some of the functions but you should involve all the Assistant Cubmasters and most of your Pack Committee in these jobs. You will also need a few people to do run-ons, help with ceremonies, and handle the lights.

KEEP IT MOVING

A successful pack meeting grabs and holds the attention of everyone there: the Tigers, Cub Scouts and Webelos as well as the parents, and siblings. You do this with short fast-moving bits. You change the mood of the audience with every dramatic and comedic trick you can borrow or copy or invent. Keep the pace changing with faster or slower sparklers or audience participation gags. Use the entire room so that if someone leads a song from the north end of the hall, the following den skit enters from the southeast corner. Move the center of attention around with action, sound, and lighting.

Dead time is a killer. Make sure that when one bit is finished, the next participant is ready with a cheer, a magic trick or presentation. Don't let them sit still for the entire meeting - sprinkle in lots of stunts that get everyone standing, jumping, applauding, and shouting.

BUILDING BLOCKS

Pack meetings are constructed from a variety of building blocks that you should use effectively. Here are some of the common ones:

- **Ceremonies** - Main elements of your program. Build everything else around these. The openings and closings frame the program. Advancement and graduations are your highlights.
- **Den presentations** - Headline acts. Set these up carefully so that they cannot fail. Good den presentations build pack membership and retain good den leaders.
- **Games** - Bundles of FUN for everyone. Involve parents and all family members. These are the activities that will be remembered long after the meeting.
- **Sparklers** - Mood changers. Use these to build excitement and intensity or to settle things down for a more serious bit.
- **Songs** - More effective mood changers. Songs can be just plain fun or can make a closing ceremony very special.
- **Costumes** - Great for setting up the theme of the month. You don't have to be in uniform every meeting.
- **Promotion** - Create enthusiasm for upcoming special events. Think of TV commercials, movie trailers, or circus parades.
- **Visitors** - New families, someone from the Chartered Organization or a neighboring Scout Troop should be introduced with proper fanfare and even a special cheer. Caution: be careful about letting them speak.

FLOW and MOOD SETTING

Each part of the meeting sets a tone or mood that will carry on to the next part. The opening ceremony will catch the attention of the audience and things usually begin in a subdued and attentive mood. You usually want to build the fun and excitement before you bring on a high-light event like a den skit. You can do this with sparklers, audience participation stunts, and games. If things get a bit dull, liven them up with cheers and run-ons. If the boys get too rambunctious, use a song or story to bring the mood down to earth. You may want to set a serious tone for a graduation ceremony or a closing so choose your stunts and gimmicks accordingly. A good team of leaders can, with a bit of practice, become expert at this.

VARIETY

Variety and surprise can do a lot to make your meetings successful. Vary the pace throughout each meeting and vary the elements, themes and moods from month to month. When the boys and parents start wondering what will this

crazy bunch of leaders do next, then you have reached top form.

PACK ADMIN HELPS

SERVICE PROJECTS FOR DEN & PACK

Southern NJ Council

I thought this was a perfect time to run this article on Service projects as we get ready for the Holidays and we prepare to help others (e.g. Scouting for Food) CD

Along the trail of Scouting, we promise...to "HELP OTHER PEOPLE", and that, "THE CUB SCOUT GIVES GOODWILL". It is important for a Cub Scout to gain an understanding and experience the satisfaction in helping those less fortunate than himself.

Do the Cub Scouts really know the meaning of:

*"I _____, promise to do my best
To do my duty to God and my country,
To help other people
To obey the Law of the Pack."*

"To help other people" not only is said each time the Cub Scout Promise is recited, but should also be lived daily by all Scouts.

By organizing home and community service projects, you will be giving your Scouts the opportunity to "reach out" into a wider community, making them feel a part of their community, and to recognize the importance of good citizenship. Your pack could select one or more service projects to work on throughout the year. Thanksgiving and Christmas are common service project times of the year, but the need exists year round. Collect food and clothing in your neighborhood to donate to a shelter for the homeless; families need warm weather clothing, too. Perhaps your pack could adopt a family for a year; help them with their food, clothing needs, and presents during the holidays.

As stated on the BSA Web Site,

<http://www.goodturnforamerica.org/> - "From barn raisings to soup kitchens, ordinary Americans have always made an extraordinary difference in the lives of their neighbors and in their communities by lending a helping hand. Today, America needs the service of its citizens more than ever. Hunger, lack of adequate shelter, poor health—these are issues that affect all of us. The Boy Scouts of America believes that we can do something about these issues—if we work together. That's why we've created Good Turn for America. Good Turn for America is a collaboration with The Salvation Army, Habitat for Humanity, American Red Cross, and thousands of other community organizations that focuses the power of volunteerism on these important community issues."

Packs can arrange to do on going projects for which responsibilities can be rotated among the dens. Volunteer to pick up trash and litter once a month around your neighborhood or church; each den takes a turn. Organizations that serve food to the homeless on a regular basis may need volunteers as servers, or for bussing tables; pick one day a month with each den taking a month to serve.

Your den could provide entertainment and or companionship to the elderly in the nursing homes; wear costumes and present a skit or sing a few songs. Give a puppet show to boys and girls at the children's hospital. Collect magazines and donate them to nursing homes or hospitals; gather games, books, and puzzles to take to a day care center. Rake leaves for an elderly couple in your neighborhood.

One great way to encourage the Scouts to "Do a good turn daily" is for you to set a good example at den and pack meetings through your words and deed. When the boys see the adults around them picking up the trash after refreshments at the pack meeting, or stopping to help someone, they'll feel the need to repeat your lead.

Before beginning a service project two things are essential.

- ◆ Consider the boy's age.
- ◆ Regardless of age, how mature are they?

You must have sufficient leadership, two deep obviously. Decide when you will be doing your service project; in the den meeting or on a weekend. Requiring every Scout to get to the location on their own usually means a parent has to come and stay giving you plenty of adults to help.

When you are ready to pick out a project, don't do it alone.

Get the Scouts involved in decision making. Give them a few ideas and let them choose democratically.

Make contact with organizations and **GET PERMISSION.**

Set a date in advance and inform parents.

For safety, if parent is not present at service project, get a signed permission slip.

If service project is not for the chartered organization you are with and you must travel, **GET A TOUR PERMIT.**

Follow through with your plans.

Limit the awards or recognition to a verbal thank you or appreciation, or at most, write it up in the newsletter. Credit can be given in their Scout handbooks. Remember keep it simple. Boys should learn that the true reward is the feeling you get when you help.

Service, best exemplified by the daily Good Turn, has long been a tradition in Scouting. Good citizenship is best taught by service in action. To get the most Cub Scouting has to offer, boys should have opportunities to take part in den and pack service projects. This is one of the best ways to show boys that helping other people is not only beneficial to others, but is fun and rewarding for themselves. They will experience a warm feeling that comes from giving service to others.

Below are some suggestions for service projects that Cub Scouts will enjoy:

- ✓ Organize a spring cleanup.



- ✓ Assist a person with special needs or an elderly person in the neighborhood. Rake their yard, wash windows and screens, run errands.
- ✓ Conduct a paint and cleanup project at the building and on the grounds of the chartered organization.
- ✓ Paint drums or other containers with lids for use as litter containers.
- ✓ Adopt a stream. Clean debris and litter from a section of a nearby stream.
- ✓ Send a care package to American troops.
- ✓ Man a water station at a fun run.
- ✓ Help pack Red Cross Friendship boxes.
- ✓ Clean up the telephone poles of old signs.
- ✓ Donate a tree for Arbor Day to a park.
- ✓ Adopt a police or fire station and send Thank you's and goodies.
- ✓ Do a fire prevention program for a day care center.

These are only a few ideas for service projects. You'll find many more in Cub Scout and Webelos Scout Program Helps and other Scouting literature.

Also, go to <http://www.goodturnforamerica.org/> and find others. Be sure to log your service hours here so everyone can see the good things our Scouts are doing.

Cub Scouts like being helpful. Scouting has always emphasized the Good Turn, and boys are never too young to start doing things for others. Scouting can offer one antidote to the many messages focusing on self-interest that boys receive from the media and the culture in general.

There are many ways to be helpful. Some service projects are "behind the scenes," like cleaning up the church parking lot or making gifts for people the boys will never see. Other services are provided directly to individuals. Both forms of service are useful and should be encouraged.

TIGERS

Tiger Totem Ceremony



Baloo's Archives

This ceremony is designed to welcome new Tiger Cubs and/or groups into Tiger Cubs. The Tiger ceremony prop can be made from wood. Paint a simple Tiger Totem on it and mount the candles or lights as shown. I use a large black circle that I Velcro to a display board. Then I have

four round toes, each with a picture for the part being read. The ceremony was based on the old Tiger Promise but was modified to be current. Don't hesitate to modify it even further if you wish. CD

Ceremony:

Narrator: When a boy becomes a Tiger Cub, he is just beginning a trail that will lead him through Cub Scouting and into Boy Scouting. This Tiger Cub Totem (hold up) is a symbol of the first part of that trail, the Tiger Cub trail, one that you will walk with your adult partner during the coming year as you search, discover, and share the world around you. Tonight I would like to present to each of you this totem to wear on your uniform. It is to remind you of all the fun you will have while working on the Tiger Badge this year with your partner. As you progress through Tiger Cubs and finish each achievement requirement, you will be presented a bead to hang from your Tiger Totem. There are White beads for Family Activities, Orange beads for den activities, and Black beads for Go See It activities. The Tiger Totem has a special meaning for you. Listen carefully as we explain it.

Tiger Leader: The palm in the Totem represents the spirit of scouting (light the front candle). The spirit of scouting is one of helping and friendship. Each toe has a special meaning for you, too. Listen close.

Cubmaster: The first toe is (light first candle) to remind you to of your duty to God. Your parents and religious leaders teach you to know and serve God. By following these teachings, you show your love to God.

Asst CM: The second toe is (light second candle) to remind you to love your family. A Tiger Cub should always be kind and helpful to his family. By helping your home to be a happy place, you show your love to your family.

Asst. TL: The third toe is (light third candle) to remind you to love our country. This means being a good American. You help your community in any way you can. By being a good citizen, you show your love to your country.

Cubmaster: The fourth toe is (light fourth candle) to remind you search, discover and share in our world. The world we live in is a big and beautiful place. There are many things to learn. As a tiger cub, you will learn a lot about your world. Now, each time you see a Tiger Totem, it will help you to remember how to be a good Tiger Cub. Would all Tiger Cubs and their partners please stand and repeat the Tiger Cub motto.

"Search, Discover, Share"

Congratulations on completing your first step as Cub Scouts.

Welcome! We are excited to have you in our pack.

I welcome all of you to the adventure of Tiger Cubs!

Cubmaster may now lead the pack in a Tiger "spelldown".

Give me a T---(audience yells T!)

Give me an I---(I!)

Give me a G---(G!)

Give me an E---(E!)

Give me an R---(R!)

What's that spell?----(Tigers!)

What's that spell?----(Tigers!)

What do they say?----(R-o-a-r!)

(or do *The Tony the Tiger Cheer* – "They're great")

Achievement #2 Where I Live

This achievement lets the boys learn about their communities. Learning about their communities will help them realize that when they take care of it the stronger it becomes. And they develop a sense of pride of their communities becoming good citizens of where they live.

Family Activity 2F -

Together with your adult partner, look at a map of your community. The map can be one your adult partner has, or a map that your adult partner draws with you. On that map locate your home, and find three places you like to go. Places to find on the map could be your school, your place of worship, the place where you have your pack meetings, a store, a park or playground, or the house of a friend or a relative.

If the choice is made to draw a map be sure to put this in their scrapbook.

From A to Z What Families Can Do To Help Their Communities

Southern NJ Council

- A. **Adopt** a stream, park or roadside to clean up and keep beautiful.
- B. **Bring** lunch to school in a lunch box. Save your paper bags.
- C. **Care** for toys so they will last longer. Then you won't have to replace them and can pass them on.
- D. **Donate** clothes that you have outgrown to a needy person or someone smaller.
- E. **Encourage** others to join you in collecting glass, newspaper and aluminum to be recycled.
- F. **Flatten** empty cans, boxes and other containers so they don't take up so much space
- G. **Get** in the habit of turning off the water when you brush your teeth. Turn it on only to wet your brush and to rinse.
- H. **Help** by caring about our wildlife & be very careful with matches.
- I. **Insist** on buying products that are biodegradable (they rot or decompose when discarded.) Most plastics are not.
- J. **Log** or walk, ride a bike or scooter from place to place to save energy.
- K. **Keep** jars of cold water in the refrigerator so you won't have to run the tap water waiting for it to get cold.
- L. **Look** for the recycled symbol on products you buy.
- M. **Make** it a habit to cut each six-pack ring. These sometimes wind up in the oceans. Animals often get caught in them.
- N. **Never** litter. Always put your trash in a trash can.
- O. **Open** the blinds in the wintertime to let in the sun. Close blinds in the summer to keep out the sun's heat.
- P. **Plant** a tree to stop soil erosion, give you shade and give birds a home.
- Q. **Quit** buying products that have a lot of packaging.

- R. **Reduce** the amount of water you use to keep clean. Take showers, not baths.
- S. **Save** energy by asking your parents to turn down the thermostat.
- T. **Turn** off lights if you are the last person to leave a room. Turn off appliances if you are not using them.
- U. **Use** products made to be used many times, such as sponges or cloth towels.
- V. **Value** and appreciate your Earth. Realize that you can make a difference.
- W. **Watch** what you pour in the drain. Hazardous waste can get into the ground water.
- X. **eXamine** labels before using products. Certain household cleaners can be dangerous.
- Y. **Yearn** to do what you can to help our environment. Grow up to be an adult who takes an interest, too.
- Z. **Zip** to close doors and windows if they are opened when the heater or air conditioner is on.

Den Activity 2D -

This Achievement fits with the Citizenship Character Connection. When we say the Pledge of Allegiance we show that we are proud to live in our country.

If you are wearing your Tiger Cub uniform when you say the Pledge of Allegiance, give the Cub Scout salute and face the U.S. flag. You do not have to take off your Tiger Cub cap if you are wearing one. If you say the Pledge of Allegiance when you are not in uniform, remove your hat, and place your right hand over your heart. When you salute or place your hand over your heart, you are showing your respect for the flag.

Practice the Pledge of Allegiance with your den, and participate in a den or pack flag ceremony.

In discussing the Pledge of Allegiance, The Tiger Book stresses the point that "One Nation Under God" should be said as a continuous phrase without a pause in the middle. From personal experience I know saying it this way (although hard at first) adds more meaning to the Pledge for me. Please teach this to your Tigers (and all Scouts).

Thank You – Commissioner Dave

Go See It Activity 2G –

One of the easiest ways to get to know your community is to go out and "do the town." Understand that each community is different and you may not be able to do in one community that you could do in another. The following is a list of suggested places besides the Police Station or Fire Station listed in the Achievement within many communities that the Tiger group could visit when working on this Achievement.

- ✓ Visit Town Hall. Learn what services are available for others within your community.
- ✓ Visit a bakery, a restaurant or store.
- ✓ Have a scavenger hunt. Plan the list of items that can be found locally.
- ✓ Plan a 'make believe' stay at home vacation.
- ✓ What other things can be done or visited in your area.
- ✓ Visit a nursing or retirement home.

- ✓ Take a tray of favors for the children's ward of a hospital.
- ✓ Visit community organizations that give aid to the needy.
- ✓ Visit a recycling center. Take aluminum cans and or plastic containers.
- ✓ Visit fire station, hospital or police station.
- ✓ Visit museums, zoos or historical sites.

WALK AROUND THE BLOCK

Circle Ten Council

- Shadow Walk:** Walk only in the shadows, that may require some jumping. (Don't plan this walk at noon since that is when shadows are their shortest)
- Smell Walk:** Sniff your way around the block. Write down the odors you recognize, and draw a picture of what causes those smells. Label how you feel about each smell.
- Color Walk:** Choose a color like red and walk only toward red object for as long as you can. Can you make it all the way around your block? Write a history of your color walk. You might try drawing a map of it.
- Sound Walk:** Listen your way around the block. Write down the sounds you recognize. Draw a picture of the things, which cause these sounds. Label how you feel about each sound.

Other Achievement #2 Ideas

York Adams Council

- Gathering:** Have a map of your community spread out on a table. As scouts and their partners arrive, have them mark on the map the location of their home. Compare distances between each Tiger and to the nearest store or local landmark of your choice.
- Opening:** For Tigers this is short and sweet. Remember the new slogan you are learning in Scouts---**KISMIF (Keep it simple, make it fun)**. Ask a Tiger and his partner to lead the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag. As group leader, explain the theme for this meeting and how you hope everyone will learn a little more about your community.
- Information Sharing:** Again this is as it sounds. Share any information coming from the Pack, i.e. When is Pack meeting, what do the Tigers need to do to prepare, when the next meeting will be and who is running it. Should there be expenses for the group, now is the time that money should be collected.
- Activity:** Using the map, that now has the group's homes located, start locating various other parts that make up a community. Go around the room and have each scout name another aspect of the community. Some of these may include: Fire Station, Police Station, Town Hall, Library, favorite restaurants, video store, personal place of worship, hospital or physician's office, and more and more and more. Take a minute with each suggestion and see if your group can tell you how this place helps the community. Believe me the video store will have a totally different answer than the police station. Now it is time to get away from the table. Ask the boys to do an impromptu skit where they meet one by one on the

street and each is going somewhere different. See how many places within the community they wish to go. This is the adult partner's time to see the hidden gems within their boys.

Closing: Congratulate the Tigers for a job well done on their skit. Remind partners of any future commitments and gather everyone in a circle for your closing comments. This can be just a single statement of what your community means to you. Thank everyone for coming and send them on their way.

Meeting Ideas

1. Draw a map of your community and include places of interest as listed from the group.
2. Make fire chief and policeman puppets as found in the Tiger Cub Resource book.
3. Play pin your town on the map, again described in the Tiger Cub Resource book.
4. Using a town map, plan and do a Town bike trip.

SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY

Duty to God Promotion Patch Requirements
 From P.R.A.Y. Publishing
www.praypub.org



“Duty to God” is at the heart of the Scouting movement. Religious emblems reinforce this spiritual component and promote many of the values found in the Scouting program. The purpose of this “Duty to God Promotion Patch” is to encourage youth and adults to learn about and promote the religious emblems programs.

Requirements: Youth and adults must:

1. Attend or coordinate a presentation or information seminar on religious emblems (sample resources and suggestions are available at www.praypub.org).
2. Make a commitment to fulfill their “Duty to God.” For example:
 - ✓ Adults can commit to having 50% of families participate in the religious emblems programs, commit to nominating a worthy adult to be recognized with an adult religious award, serving as counselor in their local congregation, etc.
 - ✓ Youth can commit to earning the religious emblem of their faith at an appropriate time, making a presentation on religious emblems to another unit, helping younger Scouts earn their religious emblem, helping to establish a religious emblems program in their local congregation, etc.

Patch

The Duty to God Promotion Patch is a four-segment puzzle patch with 8 to 10 colors per segment and is 100% embroidered. Only one segment will be offered in any given year. For this year, the "Scout" segment will be available. Participants are encouraged to earn all four segments over a four-year span. Patches may be pre-ordered for distribution at the presentation / information seminar.

DVD

The Duty to God Promotion DVD contains the resources to make a presentation on the religious emblems programs. These resources include the video “Promoting Duty to God (Religious Emblems),” Duty to God brochure/chart listing all religious emblems (No. 05-879D), scripts (for presentations to Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, and Venturers), and Parent Handout. Please note: this DVD is available for order now, but will begin shipping on September 6, 2005. Please read our **DVD Notice** before ordering.

Frequently Asked Questions

1. **What is the purpose of the *Duty to God Promotion Patch*?**
 The purpose of this patch is to encourage youth and adults to learn about and promote the religious emblems programs.
2. **Can both youth and adults earn this patch?**
 Yes. Both youth and adults may earn this patch.
3. **Is this patch for all faiths?**
 Yes. This patch requires that you promote the religious emblems programs of all faiths. A person from any religious background may earn this patch.
4. **What are the requirements?**
 You are required to: 1) attend or make a presentation on religious emblems, and 2) make a commitment to Duty to God.
5. **What does it mean to "make a commitment to Duty to God"?**
 At the end of your presentation on religious awards, Scouts and leaders will be asked to make a commitment to fulfill their Duty to God. This means that you do not have to wait until you have earned your religious emblem in order to receive this patch. Making a commitment to Duty to God can mean talking to your clergy about earning your religious emblem, presenting information to your congregation, helping younger Scouts learn about religious emblems, etc.
6. **How do I make a presentation?**
 There are free resources available at www.praypub.org. These resources include scripts, slide presentations, a video on religious emblems, and parent handouts. These resources are also packaged as a DVD available for \$5.00 from P.R.A.Y.
7. **Do I have to wait until after my presentation to order the patches?**
 No. Patches may be preordered so that you may distribute them at your presentation.
8. **Does this patch replace the square knot?**
 No. The Duty to God Promotion Patch indicates that you have learned about the religious emblems programs. The Universal Religious Square Knot indicates that you have earned your religious emblem. The two patches

are completely different and not to be confused with each other.

9. **Where is it worn on the uniform?**
The Duty to God Promotion Patch is a temporary patch and is worn on the button of the right shirt pocket.
10. **Does the Scout Shop carry these patches?**
No. The Duty to God Promotion Patch is administered by P.R.A.Y. and is only available through P.R.A.Y.
11. **If a Scout just recently earned his religious emblem, does he qualify for this Duty to God Promotion Patch?**
Yes. A Scout who just recently earned a religious emblem may receive a Duty to God Promotion Patch. However, in the following years, in order to receive the next segment of the Duty to God Promotion Patch, he will either have to earn another religious emblem (or make a presentation on religious emblems to another group).
12. **Why is this a four-segment puzzle patch?**
The intent of the puzzle patch is to encourage leaders to make presentations on the religious emblems every year.
13. **When will the second segment become available?**
The second segment will become available August 2006.
14. **Can girls earn this patch?**
Yes. Although this program was created for members of the BSA, girls who wish to learn about religious emblems programs may earn this patch.
15. **I make presentations at Pow Wows and Round Tables every year. Can I hand out patches to the leaders at these trainings?**
Yes. The Duty to God Promotion Patch may be distributed at adult trainings to encourage leaders to make presentations to their own units.
16. **Is this a BSA program?**
This is a program created for members of the BSA. However, the program is administered by P.R.A.Y.

Donate to this Program

If you believe that this program will make a difference and would like to make a contribution towards its success, please use the contribution form found on the P.R.A.Y. Website (www.praypub.org) to make a donation. Please indicate on this form to designate your contribution to the Duty to God Patch Program.

Boys' Life Reading Contest

Enter the 18th Boys' Life Reading Contest Now!

Boys' Life Reading Contest Patches

COLLECT ALL FOUR!



Write a one-page report titled "The Best Book I Read This Year" and enter it in the *Boys' Life* 2005 "Say Yes to Reading!" contest.

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

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

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

The contest is open to all *Boys' Life* readers. Be sure to include your name, address, age, and grade on the entry. Send your report, along with a business-size, self-addressed, stamped envelope, to:

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

For more details go to www.boyslife.org

Entries must be postmarked by Dec. 31, 2005.

GATHERING ACTIVITIES

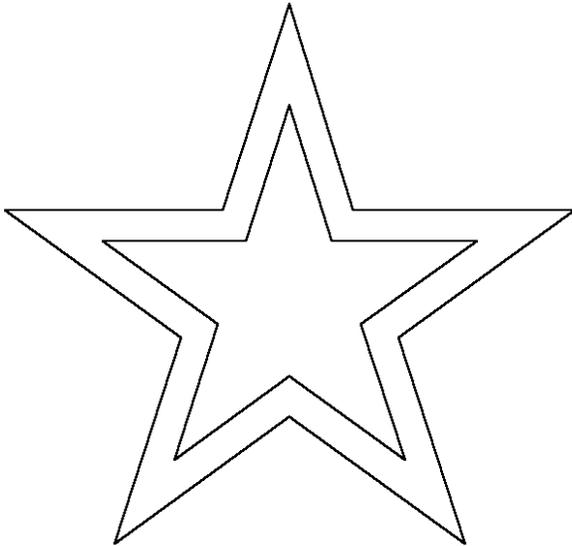
Note on Word Searches, Word Games, Mazes, and such – In order to make these items fit in the two-column format of Baloo's Bugle they are shrunk to a width of about 3 inches. Your Cubs probably need bigger pictures. You can get these by copying and pasting the picture from the Word version or clipping the picture in the Adobe (.pdf) version and then enlarging to page width. CD

Good Will Word Search
Piedmont Area Council

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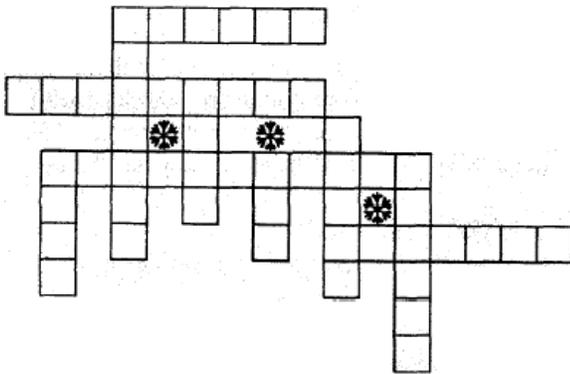
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Star Tracing
Baltimore Area Council



Duplicate a number of double stars, the outer one being about 6 inches from point to point, and the inner one smaller, as illustrated. The Object is to draw a third star between the lines of the inner and outer stars while shielding the stars from direct vision and using a mirror. Place mirror about 1" from point of star.

Christmas Fill-In
Baltimore Area Council



BOW
CANDLES
PEACE

DINNER
TREE
CHRISTMAS
GINGERBREAD

GIFT
FRIENDS
FAMILY

Kwanzaa Word Search
Baltimore Area Council

BENDERA	KARAMU	KUJICHAGULIA
KWANZAA	MAZAO	MUHINDI
NIA	SWAHILI	UJAMAA
UJIMA	IMANI	TAMBIKO
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Christmas Word Search
Baltimore Area Council

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Rudolph
Sack

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Vixen
Wreath

Chanukah Word Search
Baltimore Area Council

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| Olive oil | Shamash | Shin |
| | Syrians Temple | |

Christmas Sayings and Songs Puzzle

San Gabriel, Long Beach Area, Verdugo Hills Councils

Translate each statement into modern English. Each is a common Christmas saying or song.

1. Move thitherward the entire assembly of those who are loyal in their belief.
2. Listen, the celestial messengers produce harmonious sounds.
3. Nocturnal time span of unbroken quietness.
4. An emotion excited by the acquisition or expectation of good given to the terrestrial sphere.
5. Embellish the interior passageways.
6. Exalted heavenly beings to whom harkened.
7. Twelve o'clock on a clement night witnessed its arrival.
8. The Christmas preceding all others.
9. Small municipality in Judea southeast of Jerusalem.
10. Diminutive masculine master of skin covered percussionistic cylinders.
11. Omnipotent Supreme Being who elicits respite to ecstatic distinguished males.
12. Tranquility upon the terrestrial sphere.
13. Obese personification fabricated of compressed mounds of minute crystals.
14. Expectation of arrival to populated area by mythical, masculine perennial gift-giver.
15. Natal Celebration devoid of color, rather albino, as a hallucinatory phenomenon for me.
16. In awe of the nocturnal time span characterized by religiosity.
17. Geographic state of fantasy during the season of Mother Nature's dormancy.
18. The first person nominative plural of a triumvirate of Far Eastern heads of state.
19. Tintinnabulation of vacillating pendulums in inverted, metallic, resonant cups.

20. In a distant location the existence of an improvised unit of newborn children's slumber furniture.
21. Proceed forth declaring upon a specific geological alpine formation.
22. Jovial Yuletide desired for the second person singular or plural by us.

Answers at the end of Baloo

OPENING CEREMONIES

Building A Better World

Piedmont Area Council

11 Cub Scouts, each holding a card with a letter on the front and his line on the back in BIG print.

Each speaker holds up his letter as he says his line.

Last line delivered by all.

- Cub # 1:** B for BROTHERHOOD, boosting for each other's good
- Cub # 2:** E for EVERY LAND to share in earth's riches everywhere
- Cub # 3:** T for TRUSTFULNESS, trusting more and fearing less
- Cub # 4:** T for TEAMWORK, for joining hands to put things through
- Cub # 5:** E for EQUAL CHANCE for each nation to advance
- Cub # 6:** R for REAL RESPECT in spite of race, creed, or sect.
- Cub # 7:** W for WILL TO WORK for peace with faith and skill
- Cub # 8:** O is for OPPORTUNITY to keep our speech and action free
- Cub # 9:** R for REVERENCE for a guiding providence
- Cub # 10:** L for LOVE TO SPREAD around when need and bitterness are found
- Cub # 11:** D for DIGNITY of man devoted to a better plan.

(All hold up letters)

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

Holiday Opening Ceremony

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

- Cub # 1:** December is one of the most exciting months of the year, and certainly one of the busiest.
- Cub # 2:** This month we have: Christmas (Takes out tree.); Hanukkah (Removes menorah.); Kwanzaa (Removes candle holder.), and Holiday parties (Takes out invitation.).
- Cub # 3:** 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.),
- Cub # 4:** But one of the best things was our special service project or Good Turn (Takes stocking from box.).
- Cub # 5:** 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."

Cub # 6: Now Den _____ will present the colors.

Light of Scouting (Opening Ceremony)

San Gabriel, Long Beach Area, Verdugo Hills Councils

Scene: Have four scouts each light a candle (or turn on a flashlight inside/behind a construction paper candle) in turn. Have another (or others) read the ceremony.

- Cub # 1:** This is the light of Scouting - it radiates enthusiasm. As light brings out the sparkle in diamonds, enthusiasm brings out the sparkle in scouting.
- Cub # 2:** This is the light of Scouting - its energy gives us the strength to do our best.
- Cub # 3:** This is the light of Scouting - it touches everyone. Remember the brotherhood we share together in Scouting.
- Cub # 4:** This is the light of Scouting - it brightens the way of the path we will follow.
- All:** **Feel the warmth from the glow of the light. May it warm your heart.**

Traditions at Christmas

San Gabriel, Long Beach Area, Verdugo Hills Councils

Equipment: Each Cub could have the object he talks about on display or a large picture of the object. Make sure each boy's text is in LARGE print.

This ceremony can be easily adapted to many different holidays by changing the objects and writing text. If you do so, please send me a copy, commissionerdave@comcast.net

- Cub # 1:** The Christmas Tree. The custom of decorating a small evergreen tree at Christmas time began in Germany. However, it reached America before it arrived in England. The German settlers in Pennsylvania decorated trees with lights, sweets, and colored paper. That is how the Christmas tree became part of our traditional Christmas.
- Cub # 2:** The Mistletoe. Ancient Celtic priests believed mistletoe had medicinal powers and was sacred. They thought it brought good fortune. Mistletoe was also considered the plant of peace and, under it; enemies met and reconciled their differences. From this ceremony came the English custom of kissing beneath the mistletoe.
- Cub # 3:** The Christmas Wreath. During the 16th century in Germany, branches of fir or spruce were intertwined in a circular shape. This symbolized the love of God, which had no beginning and no end. One legend tells of a young girl of Bethlehem who wept because she had nothing to bring to the Christ child but a crown of holly leaves. The babe touched the crown and the leaves gleamed and scarlet berries appeared where her tears had fallen.
- Cub # 4:** The Christmas Candle. Medieval Christians believed that on Christmas Eve the Christ child wandered through town and countryside in search of those who believed in Him. On that night, they place candles at their windows to guide Him.
- Cub # 5:** The Poinsettia. This Christmas flower was discovered in Mexico in 1828 by Dr. Joel

Poinsett. The people of Mexico and Central America call it "Flor do la noche buena" or flower of the Holy Night because it reaches full bloom at Christmas.

- Cub # 6:** The Christmas Card. At Christmas in 1843, in London, "A Christmas Carol" by Charles Dickens had just been published. A friend, Sir Henry Cole, had an artist friend design a Christmas greeting to send to his friends. This was to be the first Christmas card. It took more than 30 years for them to become popular. They were first introduced in the United States in the late 1870s.

Asst CM Would everyone join me in singing _____ (favorite Holiday song)?

Holiday Openings

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Scene: CM comes out followed by several scouts, each holding a large card with one letter from either Christmas Joy or Chanukah on it. Words can be on back of card with letter in LARGE print or the CM or Den Chiefs or other scouts can read the text associated with each letter. Have Scouts hold cards above their heads when finished.

- Cub # 1:** C: Caroling, candies, chimes a-ringing
- Cub # 2:** H: Holiday wreaths with berries climbing
- Cub # 3:** R: Reindeer - fast but oh so tiny
- Cub # 4:** I: Icicles bright and silvery shiny
- Cub # 5:** S: Stars and stockings, shoppers streaming
- Cub # 6:** T: Through the town with tinsel gleaming
- Cub # 7:** M: Mistletoe in its waxen glory
- Cub # 8:** A: Angels from the Christmas story
- Cub # 9:** S: Santa with his sack to carry
- Cub # 10:** J: Journeys on his sled so merry
- Cub # 11:** O: O'er the world to each girl and boy
- Cub # 12:** Y: Yes! It's time for Christmas Joy!

- Cub # 1:** C: Stands for candles golden and bright that Father with blessings will light every night
- Cub # 2:** H: Stands for Hannah, courageous and true, who would not yield, so her sons they slew
- Cub # 3:** A: Stands for Antioch, Syrian king, who tried with his power, Greek worship to bring
- Cub # 4:** N: Stands for "nes," that wonder so great, when oil lasted not one day, but eight
- Cub # 5:** U: Is for unfurling the Maccabee banner by Judah who fought in so valiant a manner
- Cub # 6:** K: Is for the kindling of candles each night, reminding us all of great deeds of might
- Cub # 7:** A: Stands for all, living far and wide, who tonight are glowing with a true sense of pride
- Cub # 8:** H: Stands for Hebrew, the language so old, in which the story of Chanukah is told

Starry Night

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

This can be either an opening read by one person or divided up into parts. Or it works well as a Cubmaster's Minute for a closing. CD

This is the season of lights and stars, when days are short and nights are long with beautiful stars. Lord Baden-Powell, the founder of Scouting, once said this to his Scouts, "I often think when the sun goes down, and 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.

PACK AND DEN ACTIVITIES

Service Activities

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Give some of the toys Cub Scouts may have made as part of the Craftsman badge to a children's home, hospital, or institution for handicapped children.

Use Craftsman skills to repair or refurbish toys for the same purpose.

Collect good used books and magazines for the library of a children's home or institution for the elderly.

Service, best exemplified by the daily Good Turn has long been a tradition in Scouting. Good citizenship is best taught by service in action.

To get the most Cub Scouting has to offer, boys should have opportunities to take part in den and pack service projects. This is one of the best way to show boys that helping other people is not only beneficial to others, but is fun and rewarding for themselves. They will experience a warm feeling that comes from giving to others.

Den Activities

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Cubs need to be reminded periodically that not all people face this holiday season with the same anticipation. Help them look closely at your own community. Are there people who may not have enough to eat or enough money for a tree and decorations (let alone presents) or people who are in need of company? Churches or specific organizations have some plans for addressing these issues. Maybe you can join in those efforts or devise your own "good turn." Here are some ideas:

- ✓ Collect clothing, toys, book, school supplies, decorations, and canned goods for shelters for needy families.
- ✓ Make decorations for someone's home or apartment.
- ✓ Help an elderly person or shut-ins to decorate their home for Christmas. Be sure to help them take down the decorations after Christmas.
- ✓ Save money from recycling and purchase a Christmas tree for a needy family.

- ✓ Make a full holiday meal and serve it to low-income elderly (assign each den family to make a certain item).
- ✓ Go caroling on the children's floor at the hospital, at the nursing home or around town.
- ✓ Visit the elderly and share a craft or put on a simple skit or read to them.
- ✓ Select some needy person and become their "secret Santa." Each week of December, mail them some little knick-knack, card, or memento.
- ✓ Gather empty coffee cans and decorate them with holiday paper. Fill them with cookies donated by the various families in the Pack. Distribute to residents of the Veterans Administration hospital in your area as a holiday treat.
- ✓ Make bird feeders: String popcorn and cranberries and hang them where the elderly and the shut-ins may watch the birds come to feed.
- ✓ Have each family bring a piece of clothing (gloves, hat, socks etc.) to the Pack meeting. Have them hang these on a clothesline. Donate all the items to a local homeless shelter.
- ✓ Do yard work regularly during the month for a church, temple, elderly, or shut-ins.
- ✓ Clean up the grounds or plant flowers for the chartered organization.
- ✓ Collect books and magazines for needy families and send them with homemade bookmarks.
- ✓ Share what blessings each of us has

Please note:

*Most institutions have restrictions, so be sure to clear with them before you undertake a project. When you are visiting a place that is normally isolated from the outside world, like a nursing home or convalescent home, please be careful about taking children who have severe colds. The patients/residents are susceptible to outside germs. Remind the boys that a service project is not limited to the holiday season. Many organizations need help throughout the year. The holiday season is just a good time to start a service project. Have the boys get involved in service projects year round. Projects don't have to be big. Please read pages 9-10 to 9-11 in the **Cub Scout Leader Book** for a service project that will be ideal for other times of the year.*

Make Your Own Traditions

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- ✓ A Cobweb Party! - In the 18th century, a fun tradition was to tie a LONG piece of yarn to a present - then hide the present. Take the piece of yarn (which is still attached to the hidden present) and wrap it around chair legs, through stair banisters, over tables, under couches... clear around the house. Once you're ready to hunt out the presents, the gift giver needs only to tell the recipient what color yarn to follow. If everyone in the family hides and seeks presents for each other, it can turn into a cobweb extravaganza!
- ✓ Go to church. Choose a special service, get dressed up in your best, and give thanks for all that you have.

- ✓ Make cookies together. Make cookies that are special just for this holiday, like sugar cookie cutouts or red and green M&M cookies.
- ✓ Make an entry in a yearly family diary. Take note of anything unusual or something very special that happened this year.
- ✓ Play card games or board games together. Keep a running tally of who's winning, and at the end of the day the winner gets a "big box" surprise present!
- ✓ After opening your presents, put together a basket of good stuff you no longer need to give to a charitable organization. Put a bow on it, and put it by the front door to be delivered the day after Christmas.
- ✓ Put on a Christmas show and tape it (either audio or video). Keep track of your performances each year. If you can't sing or dance, read a poem or a tell a short story!
- ✓ In the days before Christmas, you can write a short script for a play, either about the Christmas Story or about something you all enjoy. On Christmas day, you can hand out the parts (and costumes, if you have them) and videotape your performance!
- ✓ Play Christmas music on the radio (or stereo) in the background.
- ✓ Decorate an outside tree with homemade animal-friendly decorations, such as strings of popcorn, birdseed balls, and pinecone/peanut butter feeders.
- ✓ Drive through neighborhoods decorated with bright shining lights and lawn ornaments.
- ✓ Stroll through the neighborhood singing holiday carols.
- ✓ 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!
- ✓ Read a story or poem about snow. 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)

Holiday Placemats

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 Give each boy a sheet of heavy white paper.
 Draw, write on, and decorate each side with stickers.
 Include festive images and greetings.
 Be sure each boy writes his name on the bottom of one side and "(Wolf or Bear) Den, Pack ____."
 Cover these with contact paper and deliver them to shut-ins before Christmas.

Christmas Card Window

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Glue four craft sticks together to form a square. Then glue two more sticks across the middle, one going horizontally, and one going vertically so it looks like a window.
 Cut out an outdoor scene from an old Holiday card and glue it onto the window so that the picture is face down on the sticks.
 Turn it over and glue a strip of lace ribbon across the top stick. It looks like you're looking out of a window with a lace valance.

Kwanzaa Mat

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 Measure and cut a piece of black construction paper that is 8" wide and 10" long.
 With a ruler and pencil, measure and draw seven lines on the paper, leaving a 1" border all the way around the mat.
 Cut four red and four green strips of construction paper, each 1" wide, and 8" long.
 Weave the red and green strips alternately, going over and under the black mat frame.
 Keep the border solid black for a clean, finished look.
 Secure the ends of the red and green strips with glue or tape.
 Now you have a placemat for the holiday season!

Photo Ornament

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Materials:

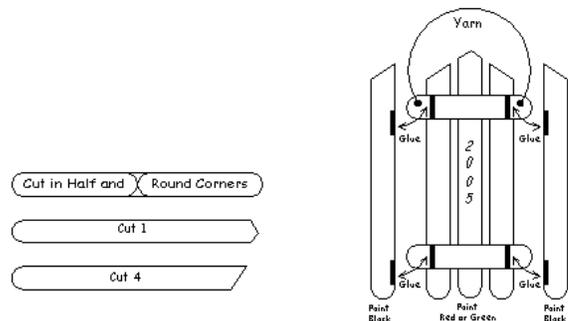
- Four photos of family members
- 5" red ribbon
- Glue
- Thumbtack
- Foam cube

Directions:

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

Christmas Sled

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Materials:

- ✓ 6 Popsicle sticks, Glue
- ✓ 6" piece of yarn, Sandpaper
- ✓ Red, green, and black acrylic paint

Directions:

- ✓ Cut Popsicle sticks as shown.
- ✓ Paint all sticks and let dry.
- ✓ Assemble as shown.

Snowman Pin

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A gift that is sure to please. You'll need two white buttons, each with two holes. One button should be larger than the other. Glue the buttons to the back of a jewelry pin, the smaller button with the holes positioned horizontally for eyes and the larger button with the holes vertically for buttons. Cut out a hat from black felt or fun foam and glue to the head. Tie a ribbon around the neck for a scarf.

Magic Reindeer Food

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Materials:

Uncooked oats
Zip-lock bag
Ribbon
Glitter

Directions:

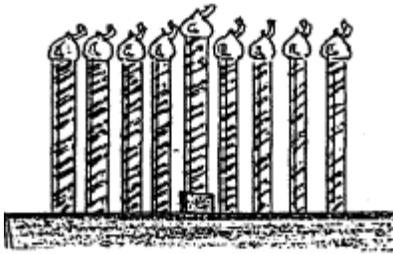
In a zip-lock bag, put a little bit of uncooked oats and glitter. Shake to mix.

Place this poem inside the bag and hand out.

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

Candy Menorah

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Materials:

Styrofoam pieces for base
9 peppermint sticks
9 candy kisses

Directions:

- ✓ 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.

Pomander

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

Directions:

- ✓ Use the toothpick to poke holes in the orange skin,
- ✓ Insert 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.

Candy Train

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Materials:

Pack of gum Roll of lifesavers Two caramels
Four hard Peppermint Candies (2 for each side)
One Hershey's Kiss

Directions:

- ✓ Keep all candies in wrappers.
- ✓ Use a drop of tacky glue to attach each piece.
- ✓ Follow the diagram above and glue candies together to make a train.
- ✓ You may add a ribbon to the top and use it as a Christmas Tree ornament.

A CD Wreath

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What you will need:

- An old, scratched, bad or AOL CD (*There are usually a lot of these in Post office lobbies*)
- "Reflective" Mylar ribbon
- White glue
- Glitter
- Mylar confetti (most stationary stores carry this) or holographic stickers
- Velcro with self adhesive on the back

Directions:

Glue star, tree, or whatever shape Mylar confetti you want to the "shiny" backside of the CD.
 Swirl patterns and dots of white glue and sprinkle with glitter. Tie a bow out of reflective Mylar ribbon and glue to the CD.
 Use a piece of self adhesive Velcro to attach the CD Christmas wreath to a computer, door, or wherever!
 This project is very easy to do, even for younger children, and makes a great gift for a computer geek... er... I mean enthusiast.

Hanukkah Match Holder
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Materials:

- Small pill bottle Blue felt Yellow yarn
- Glue Sandpaper

Directions:

- ✓ Cut a piece of blue felt long and wide enough to cover outside of pill bottle. Ends should overlap for gluing.
- ✓ Cut six 1" pieces of yarn and glue to side of holder in shape of a Star of David.
- ✓ Glue a longer band of yarn along edges of felt at top and bottom of holder.
- ✓ Cut a circle of sandpaper the size of the bottom of bottle, Glue won't stick to plastic, so tape in place.
- ✓ Give match holder to the grown-up in your house who is in charge of lighting the menorah.

Note: You will need to find the "strike-anywhere" type of wooden matches for this to work. If you have the "strike on the box" type of matches, use a circle cut from the striker on the side of the box instead of sandpaper.

Make A Dreidel

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Adapted from www.kidsdomain.com

You Will Need:

- Dreidel Pattern
- Lightweight cardboard

Scissors

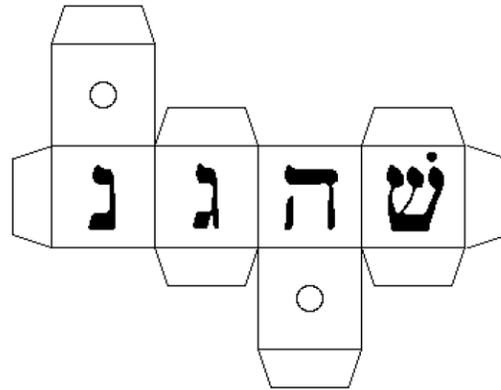
School Glue

A short, sharpened pencil or dowel (about 3" long)

Nuts, raisins, pennies, or whatever you want to play the game

Directions:

1. Print out the dreidel pattern. (Copy and enlarge to fill a sheet of paper)



2. Glue the pattern to lightweight cardboard and cut it out. Carefully cut out the little holes at the top and the bottom of the dreidel.
3. Fold the pattern into a box shape and glue the flaps in place on the inside of the dreidel. Let the glue dry.
4. Push the pencil or dowel through the holes so that the point comes through the bottom. Secure with a little glue if necessary.
5. Play the dreidel game!!

The Dreidel Game

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To begin the game, each player should have 10-20 objects. Each person puts one object in the middle. Then each person takes a turn at spinning the dreidel. What letter the dreidel shows when it is finished spinning determines what each person must do.

- נ (N) or nun stands for nicht or nothing. If the dreidel lands on nun, you do nothing.
- ג (G) or gimmel stands for ganz or all. If the dreidel lands on gimmel, take everything in the middle.
- ה (H) or hay stands for halb or half. If the dreidel lands on hay, take half of what's in the middle plus one if there's an odd number of objects.
- ש (SH) or shin stands for shtetl or put in. If the dreidel lands on shin, put two objects into the middle.

When only one object or no objects are left in the middle each player adds one. When a player has everything, he or she wins!

Christmas Tree Bird Feeder

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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 take 1 or 2 Den Meetings. This would depend on the size of the den.

Orange Slice Ornaments

Materials:

- Oranges
- Paring knife, cutting boards

- Yarn
- Raffia or ribbon
- 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

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Ingredients & Materials:

- 1 cup shortening
- 1 tsp. Baking soda
- ½ tsp. Salt
- Cookie cutters
- 3½ cups all-purpose flour
- 1½ tsp. Cream of tartar
- 3 eggs
- Mixed birdseed
- Drinking straws
- Ribbon

Directions:

- ✓ Cream the shortening and beat in the eggs.
- ✓ Sift together flour, soda, cream of tartar, and salt.
- ✓ Gradually add the dry ingredients to the shortening/egg mixture.
- ✓ When well mixed, cover and chill.
- ✓ Flour surface and roll dough out to about ¼ inch thick.
- ✓ Cut out shapes with cookie cutters.
- ✓ At the top of each cookie, make a hole with the straw.
- ✓ Press in a coating of birdseed.
- ✓ Preheat oven to 350° and bake for about 12 minutes.
- ✓ When the cookies are cool, insert a length of ribbon through each hole and tie.
- ✓ Hang on tree outdoors for birds to enjoy.

Christmas Mouse Slide

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- ✓ Paint clean walnut shell halves gray.
- ✓ Fill with plaster.
- ✓ Insert plastic ring into plaster when it begins to set up.
- ✓ Add wiggle eyes, black thread whiskers, gray felt tail and ears and a red felt Santa hat.

Square Knot Slide

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A number of you have mentioned this simple square knot. Simply dye cotton rope in appropriate colors,
 # 1. Tie the knot, and use a little glue to hold it together.

- # 2. Attach a loop and you're set!
- # 3. If you're using nylon rope, you'll need to melt the rope ends a bit to prevent fraying.
- # 4. We used clothesline cut into 4-inch strips.
- # 5. We had to melt the ends to keep from fraying. Since most cheap clothesline is made from nylon, the adults should do this step so that the melted nylon does not burn the scouts.
- # 6. We then painted one strip blue and one strip yellow.
- # 7. After the paint dried, we assembled a square knot and fused a strip of clothesline on the back for the slider part."

Borax Crystal Snowflake

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Grow a snowflake in a jar!

You will need:

- string
- wide mouth jar
- white pipe cleaners
- blue food coloring (optional)
- boiling water (with adult help)
- borax (available at grocery stores by laundry soap)
- pencil

Directions:

- ✓ With a little kitchen science you can create long lasting snowflakes as sparkly as the real ones.
- ✓ Cut a white pipe cleaner into 3 equal sections. Twist the sections together in the center so that you have a "six-sided" star shape. If your points are not even, trim the pipe-cleaner sections to the same length.
- ✓ Now attach string along the outer edges to form a snowflake pattern.
- ✓ Attach a piece of string to the top of one of the pipe cleaners and tie the other end to a pencil (this is to hang it from).
- ✓ Fill a wide mouth jar with boiling water.
- ✓ Mix borax into the water one tablespoon at a time.
- ✓ Use 3 tablespoons of borax per cup of water. Stir until dissolved, (don't worry if there is powder settling on the bottom of the jar).
- ✓ If you want you can add a little blue food coloring now to give the snowflake a bluish hue.
- ✓ Insert your pipe cleaner snowflake into the jar so that the pencil is resting on the lip of the jar and the snowflake is freely suspended in the borax solution.
- ✓ Wait overnight and by morning the snowflake will be covered with shiny crystals.
- ✓ Hang in a window as a sun-catcher or use as a wintertime decoration.

Snowglobe

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Supplies:

Baby food jars (medium or large jars)
 Florist clay
 Small figurine
 White glitter or fake snow (available at stores during the holiday season)
 Glue gun/glue or aquarium sealing glue (hot glue is cheaper)
 Optional: Any ribbon, garland plastic greenery

Directions:

1. Make sure jar is washed and clean. Note: Any jar will do if you desire a larger snow globe.
2. Attach figurine to inside of jar lid using florist clay. If you are using a small object, it's a good idea to build up the clay so the object will appear taller. Attach any optional items with the clay (greenery, berries, etc.). Use your imagination, but make sure it is waterproof and won't dissolve.
3. Fill jar with water to within ½" (1 cm) of top. Use cold water; warm water tends to cloud.
4. Sprinkle 1 tablespoon (25 ml) of glitter, or snow into water.
5. Insert figurine in water; screw on lid. Let stand overnight -- lid side up.
6. Use glue/sealer to ensure it is waterproof and attach decorative ribbon over lid. You may also paint the lid rather than use ribbon. Use your imagination; the possibilities are endless!

Tips:

- ✓ Make sure the objects are secure in the clay; you could even glue them for added security.
- ✓ Before gluing or sealing the lid, make sure you have a sufficient amount of glitter. Depending on the size of the jar, you may need more or less.
- ✓ To make a more elaborate snowglobe, add tiny objects to float in the water, use a drop of colored oil to create a swirling effect, use food coloring in the water, various
- ✓ Colors of glitter, etc. This can be altered in any way to be a one-of-a-kind. Use your imagination and have fun.
- ✓ Choose a theme: Birthday, sports, holiday, Victorian, seashells, etc.
- ✓ This activity may be used with any size jar; have fun with this and be creative.

Christmas Package Slide

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Supplies:

An old ice tray with square or rectangle cubes.
 Plaster, Oil, Ring for slide, art supplies

Directions:

Grease with oil (lightly) and pour in plaster.
 While plaster is still wet, insert rings in each square for the slide ring.
 Let plaster dry.
 When plaster is thoroughly dry, remove from mold.
 Paint with tempera or acrylic paint or wrap with foil wrapping paper.
 Glue on ribbon; add a nametag for each boy.

Christmas Package Neckerchief Slide

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Supplies:

A small 1" (or 1.5") piece of foam (the stiff kind used in floral arrangements is good).
 Ring for slide, wrapping paper, art supplies

Directions:

Wrap foam with Christmas wrapping paper (smaller design is best).
 Add some ribbon around the gift and glue it in place.
 Glue a ring on the backside.

TRADITIONS**Christmas on December 25**

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 Celebrations during the mid-winter season were common, even before Christmas was celebrated on December 25. Christmas was once a moveable feast celebrated many different times during the year. Pope Julius I made the choice of December 25 in the fourth century AD because this coincided with the pagan rituals of Winter Solstice, or Return of the Sun.

The intent was to replace the pagan celebration with the Christian one. In 1752, 11 days were dropped from the year when the switch was made from the Julian calendar to the Gregorian calendar. The December 25 date was effectively moved 11 days backwards. Some Christian church sects, called Eastern Orthodox, still celebrate Christmas on January 7 (previously Dec. 25 of the Julian calendar).

Many of the traditions associated with Christmas (giving gifts, lighting a Yule log, singing carols, decorating an evergreen) hark back to older religions.

The Origin of the Kettle

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 In December of 1891, a Salvation Army Captain in San Francisco had resolved to provide a free Christmas dinner to the area's poor persons. But how would he pay for the food? As he went about his daily tasks, the question stayed in his mind. Suddenly, his thoughts went back to his days as a sailor in Liverpool, England. He remembered seeing passersby at Stage Landing place their charitable contributions into a large pot they called "Simpson's pot." The next morning, he secured permission from the authorities to place a similar pot at the Oakland ferry landing at the foot of Market Street. No time was lost in securing the pot and placing it in a conspicuous position so that all those going to and from the ferryboats could see it. In addition, a brass urn was placed on a stand in the waiting room for the same purpose.

Thus, Captain Joseph McFee launched a tradition that has spread not only throughout the United States but also throughout the world.

Now kettles are used in Korea, Japan, and Chile and in many European countries. Everywhere, public contributions to the kettles enable the Salvation Army to bring the spirit of Christmas to those who would otherwise be forgotten - the aged and lonely, the ill, inmates of jails and other institutions, the poor and unfortunate. In the United States, the Salvation Army annually aids more than 7,000,000 Americans at Thanksgiving and Christmas. Kettles have changed since the first utilitarian cauldron set up in San Francisco. Some of the new kettles have such devices as a

self-ringing bell and a booth complete with a public address system that broadcasts traditional Christmas carols. Behind it all, though, is the same Salvation Army message, "Sharing is Caring."

Hanukkah

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Observed by millions of Jews around the globe, it commemorates the victory of faith over tyranny. Although Hanukkah is technically a minor Jewish festivity, it is a holiday for which Jews exchange gifts. Also, it is celebrated in the Jewish month of Kislev, which usually falls in December. This combination has resulted in the misperception that Hanukkah is "the Jewish Christmas." In fact this festival has a rich tradition and history of its own.

The Christmas Spider Legend

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A long time ago in Germany, while a mother was busily cleaning house in preparation for Christmas, the spiders that usually stayed in the living room corner fled upstairs to the attic to escape from her broom. From the attic they could hear all the excitement from the living room as decorations were being made for when the Gift Giver was to come on Christmas Eve and bring gifts for the children. Frantic to see the decorated tree, the spiders slowly crept downstairs for a view. Oh, what a beautiful tree! In their excitement, they scurried up the trunk and out along each branch. They were filled with happiness as they climbed all through the tree to see the glittering beauty. But alas! By the time they were through climbing all over the tree, it was completely shrouded in their dusty-gray spider web. When the Gift Giver came, he smiled as he saw how happy the spiders were. However, he knew how heart-broken the mother would be if she saw the tree covered with the dusty webs. So He reached out and touched the webs, blessing them and turning them to silver and gold. Thus, the custom to have a spider ornament amongst all other decorations with tinsel of gold and silver on the Christmas tree was born.

What Is Kwanzaa?

Baltimore Area Council

Kwanzaa is a special holiday that was created in 1966 by Dr. Maulana Karenga. Dr. Karenga wanted Black Americans to have their own holiday so they could celebrate their own unique history. The words of Kwanzaa come from Swahili, a language that is from Africa. Swahili is special because no country can claim it as its own. Many different people all over Africa speak Swahili. Dr. Karenga chose it because it helps Black Americans remember that all of Africa their ancestral land, not just one area or one country. The name "Kwanzaa" means "the first fruits of the harvest."

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATIONS

Helping Others

Piedmont Area Council

Divide audience up into six parts.

Assign each part an action to do and say when their key word is read. Practice as you assign parts.

- Lights:** "Blink, blink, blink"
- Cub Scout:** "Do Your Best"
- Helping Other People:** "Warm Fuzzy"
- Pack:** Yell the Pack Number
- Old Lady:** "No, I Don't Want To Go"
- Tree:** "Ahhhhhhhhh"

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

Santa Decorates the Tree

San Gabriel, Long Beach Area, Verdugo Hills Councils
Divide the audience into seven groups. Assign each group a word and its response. Practice as you make assignments:

- SANTA:** Ho-ho-ho
- STAR:** Twinkle, twinkle
- ICICLES:** Drip, drip
- ELF/ELVES:** Tee, hee, hee
- SNOW:** Flaky, flaky
- REINDEER:** Clip, clop
- WHITE:** As snow

Once upon a time, long, long ago, **SANTA** was decorating his first Christmas tree. **SANTA** hung **ICICLES** on some branches and **SNOW** balls on others. In between, he hung **SNOW** flakes. On top, **SANTA** placed a **STAR**. **SANTA** stood back to admire his tree. Something was missing! The **STAR** twinkled and the **SNOW** flakes glistened. The **SNOW** balls and **ICICLES** hung beautifully. The problem was that everything was **WHITE**! **SANTA** called his **REINDEER** and asked them what to do. The **REINDEER** thought and thought. **REINDEER** are very good at flying, but Christmas trees were too hard. They just couldn't figure out how to fix **SANTA'S WHITE** tree. **SANTA** called his **ELVES**. "What can I do with this **WHITE** tree?" he asked. The **ELVES** thought and thought. Even though these **ELVES** were the very smartest of **ELVES**, they just couldn't figure out what to do with **SANTA'S WHITE** tree. **SANTA**, the **REINDEER**, and the **ELVES** stood looking at the **WHITE** tree with the **STAR**

on top, the ICICLES, the SNOW balls and the SNOW flakes. They thought and thought.

While they were thinking, a very young ELF came in carrying several buckets of paint from the storeroom. This young ELF had never seen a tree with a STAR on top and decorated with SNOW balls, ICICLES, and SNOW flakes. The young ELF thought it was the most beautiful thing he had ever seen! The young ELF was fascinated by the STAR, the SNOW balls, the SNOW flakes and the ICICLES. Just then, he tripped over his paint buckets. The paint buckets went flying through the air and spilled all over the tree. The ELVES were embarrassed by the clumsy young ELF and began to scold him. The REINDEER were frightened by the clatter and hid in the corner. The young ELF began to cry because he ruined SANTA'S beautiful tree. SANTA looked at the tree. It wasn't WHITE anymore! The ICICLES were silver, the SNOW flakes and SNOW balls were red, blue and green and the STAR on top glistened with gold.

SANTA was delighted with the beautiful colors on the tree. He picked up the young ELF, gave him a big hug and made him head ELF in charge of Christmas trees!

Cub Scout Holiday *Baltimore Area Council*

Break audience into 4 parts. Assign each part one word and its response. Practice as you make assignments

CUB SCOUT: stand, make a halo, say "Yes, Mother"
HOLIDAY PRESENTS: stand, put hands out, say "Oh, just what I needed"

DEN LEADER: stand, shake finger, say "Now Boys!"

CUBMASTER: stand; give Chinese Cheer "Phooey, Phooey, Phooey!"

Once upon a time, long, long ago a CUB SCOUT was shopping for HOLIDAY PRESENTS. He wanted something really nice for his DEN LEADER and his CUBMASTER. Unfortunately, the CUB SCOUT had only \$1 to spend. As he walked down the snow-covered street in the cold winter air, the CUB SCOUT sang this song... JINGLE BELLS... Looking through store window, the CUB SCOUT saw the perfect HOLIDAY PRESENT for his DEN LEADER... a bottle of Excedrin. However, the price was too high; so the CUB SCOUT moved to the next store, singing this song... RUDOLPH THE RED-NOSED REINDEER... Darkness was falling and still the CUB SCOUT had not found a HOLIDAY PRESENT for his DEN LEADER and his CUBMASTER. Frantically he ran from store to store. Knowing his DEN LEADER needed energy for the Den meetings, he bought his favorite candy for his DEN LEADER. He found a small bag of marbles for his CUBMASTER, for he had heard people say that the CUBMASTER had lost his. The CUB SCOUT rushed to the Pack Meeting with his HOLIDAY PRESENTS which he presented to his DEN LEADER and his CUBMASTER, who both said "Oh, just what I needed" and then sang... We Wish You A Merry Holiday!

Christmas with the Right Family *Baltimore Area Council*

This one would make a pack Grab Bag gift giving a little more interesting. CD

Everyone sits in a circle, holding the gift he brought for the Grab Bag. Someone reads the story below, reading slowly enough for gifts to be passed. Every time the word RIGHT is read, everybody passes his gift to the right. Every time the word LEFT is read, everybody passes the gift he's holding to the left. The gift each person is holding when the story ends is the gift he keeps.

Christmas was almost here, and Mother RIGHT was finishing the Christmas baking. Father RIGHT, Sue RIGHT, and Billy RIGHT re-turned from their last-minute Christmas errands.

"There's not much LEFT to be done," said Father RIGHT as he came into the kitchen.

"Did you leave the basket of food at the church?" asked Mother RIGHT.

"I LEFT it RIGHT where you told me to," Said Father RIGHT.

"I'm glad my shopping is done," said Billy RIGHT. "I don't have any money LEFT."

The hall telephone rang, and Susan RIGHT LEFT to answer it. She rushed back and told the family, "Aunt Tillie RIGHT LEFT a package for us RIGHT on Grandma RIGHT's porch. I'll go over there RIGHT now and get it," she said as she LEFT in a rush.

Father RIGHT LEFT the kitchen and brought in the Christmas tree.

By the time Susan RIGHT returned, Mother RIGHT, Father RIGHT, and Billy RIGHT had begun trimming the tree. The entire RIGHT family sang carols as they finished the decorating. Then they LEFT all the presents arranged under the tree and went to bed, hoping they had selected the RIGHT gifts for their family.

Now I hope you have the RIGHT present for yourself, because that's all that's LEFT of our story ... except to wish you a Merry Christmas ... isn't that RIGHT?

ADVANCEMENT CEREMONIES

Be careful at this time of year when presenting awards. The boys have EARNED the awards. If you incorporate too much Santa Claus and Christmas into your ceremony, the awards will come out as gifts. Gifts although given out of love, are not earned, or deserved. Please be careful to maintain this distinction in your award presentations CD

The Night of the Pack Meeting

*San Gabriel, Long Beach Area, Verdugo Hills Councils
And Baltimore 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 was 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,

So with Wolf Badge and arrow points, in 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 award).

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 award).

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

Snowflakes (Advancement Ceremony)

San Gabriel, Long Beach Area, Verdugo Hills Councils

CM: One of the most beautiful objects formed by nature is a snowflake. It would take most of us a long time to design a shape as beautiful as a single snowflake. Yet, in an ordinary snowfall, billions upon billions of snowflakes fall to the earth, and no two are exactly alike.

CM: Tonight we are gathered much like snowflakes, in that we are here because of beautiful objects; our sons and their "designs" are each as different and unique.

CM: When water freezes to become a snowflake, it forms crystals. This simply means that the water comes together in a geometric shape we call a crystal. As it freezes, the crystals are small and almost invisible. But when the snow is formed, these crystals are carried up and down in the atmosphere on currents of air.

CM: Let us look at our Tigers & Bobcats tonight. We gathered them up, and now they are being carried along the path of Cub Scouting. Would _____ and their parents please come forward to receive their honors?

CM: As the crystals move up and down, some of them begin to gather around each other, forming a nucleus that lets the crystals grow larger. Soon, there may be hundreds of crystals together. Our Wolves and Bears

are much like the crystals at this stage. They have gathered in groups together around their Den Leader. They have grown through their achievements and their electives. Would _____ and their parents please come forward to receive their honors?

CM: When a group of crystals is large enough, it begins to float down toward the earth and we call it a snowflake. These represent, of course, our Webelos Scouts - growing rapidly and maturing constantly. They are gaining ground toward their next step in Scouting, Boy Scouts. Will _____ and their parents please come forward?

CM: I would like all the Scouts who received awards tonight to please stand. Each snowflake begins as a single drop of water and grows to different sizes. You too are growing. May you always recognize the beauty of your differences and enjoy your unique place in life.

Holiday Advancement Ceremony

Baltimore Area Council

Personnel: Cubmaster or Advancement Chair

Props: Hearth made of cardboard or heavy paper (free standing or taped to a wall of frame of some kind). Stocking made of paper or material for each boy receiving an award.

Preparation: Attach awards to each stocking and each stocking to hearth.

CM or Advance Chair: Last night someone came and hung these stockings here. Let's see what is in them. As I call your names, please come forward with your parents and find your stockings and hand them to me. (Announce boys' awards and give them to parents to present to their sons.) *Ask boys some friendly questions about the requirements (What did you cook, what did you like at the firehouse, where did you go for ...) to get across the idea the awards were earned.*

GAMES

Pass the Present

Baltimore Area Council

You will need a small box wrapped in ten or more layers of wrapping paper (or tissue paper or newspaper). You will also need a source of music. The players sit on the floor in a circle with one player holding the present. When the leader starts the music, the players pass the present around the circle as quickly as possible. When the music stops, the player holding the present unwraps one layer of paper. Continue in this way until the present has been completely unwrapped. If desired, you may include a small "prize" in the box for the fortunate player who removes the last layer of wrap.

Pass the Dreidel, Ornament, Holiday related item

San Gabriel, Long Beach Area, Verdugo Hills Councils

Cubs sit in circle. Leader starts music. Cubs pass the item around the circle. When the music stops, the Cub holding the item drops out. Last Cub left is the winner.

Holiday Handshake

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Call the Cub Scouts to attention and give each five Holiday stickers or candy canes. On signal, each boy is to introduce himself to five parents other than his own. Each time he must leave a sticker or candy cane with them. (Parents do not accept it until the introduction is complete and boy can repeat the parent's name.) The first Den to complete the project assembles as a Den and reports to the Cubmaster. Give them a cheer or two.

Santa's Helpers

San Gabriel, Long Beach Area, Verdugo Hills Councils

This game is a race to see which team of two can wrap a package securely first. The trick is that each team member must hold one hand behind his back, so it is very important to be able to work together. Give each pair a box, a roll/sheet of wrapping paper, tape, and a bow. Have a judge on hand to name the winning pair.

Who Stole the Cookies?

Baltimore Area Council

Cubs sit in a circle and are numbered.

They start to alternately slap their own knees and then clap hands with the Cubs on each side of them.

The Cubs chant: Who stole the cookies from the cookie jar?

The Leader chants: Number (i.e. 5) stole the cookies from the cookie jar.

Number responds: Who me?

All reply: Yes, you!

Number 5 chants: Couldn't be!

All reply: Then who?

Number 5 replies: Number (i.e. 12) stole the cookies from the cookie jar!

Number responds: Who me?

And the game goes on -

The idea of the game is to keep the, rhythm of slaps and claps going, while continuing the chant with new number being called each time. As the Cubs get used to the game, the leader can speed it up.

What's Wrong with Christmas?

Baltimore Area Council

This is a Holiday Kim's Game

- ✓ This is a good quiet game for use at Den meetings. On a table or tray place a number of Holiday (Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa) type objects, such as a candy canes, bells, sprigs 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 the objects, and give each boy a pencil and paper.
- ✓ Ask them to write down all non-Holiday (non-Christmas, non-Hanukkah, non-Kwanzaa) items.
- ✓ Cub Scout with longest list wins.

Snowball Relay

Baltimore Area Council

- ✓ Players divide into two teams and
- ✓ Each team lines 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.

Snowball Fight

San Gabriel, Long Beach Area, Verdugo Hills Councils

This is an oldie, but a goodie. Designate an area and determine the turf for each of the teams. This can be halves of a room or even quarters of a room. Provide old newspapers or scrap 8½ x 11" copy paper to each team with instructions that they are to crumple them up, piece by piece (you may want to pre-tear the pages in half) to make snowballs and then throw them at another team. After a set time, the team with the least number of snowballs on their turf is the winner. Everyone helps clean up and make sure they all wash the newsprint off their hands!

Snow blowers

San Gabriel, Long Beach Area, Verdugo Hills Councils

Before the game, have each Cub paint and decorate a paper towel tube (snow blower). You will need to attach large cups to the long edges of the tube, making sure the cup lips are level with the table surface. Fill each cup halfway with small prizes (candy, erasers, etc.) and clear the chairs away from the table. Pair up the Cubs and have them on opposite sides of the table (maybe do 2 pair at a time). Place a ping-pong ball on the table between each pair and let them blow through their snow blowers. If the ball goes off the table, place it on again. Once a Cub gets his ball into one of the cups, he may select one prize. Then the next pair of Cubs plays. Play continues until every Cub has won at least one prize.

Candle And Straw Relay Race

Piedmont Area Council

Materials: 1 candle and a box of matches per team and 1 drinking straw per team member

- ✓ Each team member is given a straw.
- ✓ They have to race to the opposite end of the hall where their candle and box of matches is located.
- ✓ They must light the candle and then blow it out by blowing the flame through the straw.
- ✓ This can also be played in subdued lighting.

STOP

Piedmont Area Council

You will need: 2 sets of large cards - there are four cards in each set and the letters on the cards spell S-T-O-P. You get up eight people and stand four on each side of you facing the audience.

Directions:

- ✓ Give each team member one of the cards from their set of STOP cards.
- ✓ To start with they should spell out STOP as viewed from the audience.

- ✓ The idea is that they have to rearrange themselves to spell out the word that you tell them.
- ✓ The first team to finish each word is the winners. The words you can have are STOP,
- ✓ TOPS, POST and SPOT. There is lots of room for fun here, try telling them to spell a word they are already lined up spelling and see what happens.

Hide the Dreidel, Ornament, or Holiday related item

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Cub leaves the room. The others hide the item. The Cub returns. The others yell "hot" and "cold" depending on whether he is near or far.

Holiday Peanut Hunt

San Gabriel, Long Beach Area, Verdugo Hills Councils
Buy package of peanuts. Write the letters for a holiday related word on some of the peanuts (e.g. 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.

Award –

10 points for greatest number of peanuts,
5 points for each lettered peanut
20 points for a Cub finding enough to write the word (e.g. HANUKKAH)

SONGS

Share With Others

San Gabriel, Long Beach Area, Verdugo Hills Councils
(Tune: Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer)

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.

When You're Helping And You Know It

San Gabriel, Long Beach Area, Verdugo Hills Councils
(Tune: When you're happy and you know it)

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

Give a Gift

San Gabriel, Long Beach Area, Verdugo Hills Councils
(Tune: I'd Like to Teach the World to Sing)
I'd like to give the world a gift,
That all men will be free.

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

Share With Others

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Giving Time

Baltimore Area Council

Tune: Jingle Bells-chorus

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.
Jolly Old Cubmaster
Tune: Jolly Old St. Nicholas
Jolly Old Cubmaster
Lend your ear this way
Don't you tell a single soul
What I'm going to say
Holiday eve is coming soon
Now you dear old man
Tell me who has earned their rank
Tell me if you can
Has Bobby earned his Bobcat
Has Nick earned his Wolf
Has Johnny earned his Bear rank
Had Jack earned his Webelos badge
Now don't you think that #ii is
A present that's the best
Tell me now dear Cubmaster
Tell me who's advanced

Do Your Best - Are You Sleeping

Piedmont Area Council
(Tune: Are You Sleeping)

When you do your best
When you do your best
You'll feel great
You'll feel great
Make and do for others
Make and do for others
Spread good cheer
Spread good cheer

A Hanukkah Song

San Gabriel, Long Beach Area, Verdugo Hills Councils
(Tune: 3 Blind Mice)

Eight bright lights, eight bright lights,
See how they glow, see how they glow,
They call to mind the Maccabees,
The struggle for our liberties,
The glory of their victories,
Eight bright lights.

Hanukkah Fun

Baltimore Area Council
Tune: Mary Had A Little Lamb

Hanukkah is here at last,
Here at last, here at last.
Hanukkah is here at last.
Oh what fun we'll have.
We spin the dreidel merrily,
Merrily, merrily.
We spin the dreidel merrily,
Oh what fun we'll have.
The candles burn so happily,
Happily, happily.
The candles burn so happily,
Oh what fun we'll have.

Every Year

Baltimore Area Council
Tune: Old MacDonald Had A Farm

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

The Twelve Days of Cub Scouts

Baltimore Area Council

On the first day of Cub Scouts my leader gave to me,
A Bobcat pin for all to see.

On the second day of Cub Scouts my leader gave to me,
Two Den Numbers, and a Bobcat pin for all to see.
On the third day of Cub Scouts my leader gave to me,
Three Scout pins... etc.

Four Neckerchiefs...
Five Golden Slides...
Six Den Meetings...
Seven Scout Hats...
Eight Tubs of Popcorn...
Nine Knotted Ropes...
Ten Pinewood Derby Cars...
Eleven Arrow Points...
Twelve Belt Loops...

Be Kind To Your Scouting Friends

Piedmont Area Council
(Tune: Stars and Stripes)

Be kind to your Scouting friends,
That's a pledge from one Scout to another.
Be kind to your leaders today,
'Cause for helping they don't get any pay.
Be kind to your neighbors and friends,
'Cause by caring you follow Scouting's letter.
Scouting and friendship are grand,
And as we grow, the world will know,
We've made things better.

Oh Christmas Tree

San Gabriel, Long Beach Area, Verdugo Hills Councils
(Tune: O Tannenbaum)

Oh, Christmas tree! Oh Christmas tree!
Your needles falling down on me.
Oh Christmas tree! Oh Christmas tree!
Your needles falling down on me.
"It's freshly cut," the salesman said.
But now you're home, I see you're dead.
Oh Christmas tree! Oh Christmas tree!
Your needles falling down on me.
Oh Christmas tree! Oh Christmas tree!
You fell over on my TV.
Oh Christmas tree! Oh Christmas tree!
You fell over on my TV.
The cable lines are in a pinch,
I can't watch Snoopy or the Grinch.
Oh Christmas tree! Oh Christmas tree!
You fell over on my TV
Oh Christmas tree! Oh Christmas tree!
There's something under you I see.
Oh Christmas tree! Oh Christmas tree!
There's something under you I see.
Is it a present gaily wrapped?
No, it's a blob of goeey sap.
Oh Christmas tree! Oh Christmas tree!
There's something under you I see.

CUB GRUB

Whenever making foods with your Den, be sure to check for allergies – peanuts, gluten, food colorings, and others – before starting. This information should be documented

on the physical forms the parents fill out on the back of the application to join.

Rudolph the Reindeer
Baltimore Area Council

Ingredients

- ¼ cup Peanut butter; creamy
- 2 slices Whole wheat bread
- 16 Raisins
- 4 cherries
- 16 Pretzels; twist style

Directions:

- ✓ Spread peanut butter on bread slices and cut each slice into four triangles.
- ✓ Turn triangles so point is down,
- ✓ Then place two raisins in center for eyes.
- ✓ Cut cherry in half and place one half at bottom point for nose.
- ✓ Break twist pretzels to make antlers and place at upper two corners.

Edible Yule Log
Baltimore Area Council

Ingredients

- 2¼ cups graham cracker crumbs
- ¾ cup miniature marshmallows
- 1 cup chopped dates or raisins
- 2 cups chopped nuts
- 1 cup cream

Directions:

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

Yummy Igloo
Baltimore Area Council

Ingredients

- ½ apple, cored
- Peanut butter
- Miniature marshmallows

Directions:

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

Edible Snowman
Baltimore Area Council

Ingredients

- 2 unfrosted cupcakes
- Large marshmallow
- White frosting
- Coconut
- Peppermint stick
- Red cinnamon candies
- 1" Gumdrop

Directions:

- ✓ Stack cupcakes with layer of frosting between.
- ✓ Frost all sides except bottom.

- ✓ Sprinkle with coconut.
- ✓ Stack marshmallow on top with layer of frosting for head and attach red cinnamon candies for eyes, mouth, and buttons with dots of frosting.
- ✓ Use a peppermint stick broken in half for arms, and a one-inch gumdrop for hat - attach with frosting.



Benne Cakes

Baltimore Area Council

Note: Benne cakes are a food from West Africa. Benne means sesame seeds. The sesame seeds are eaten for luck. This treat is still eaten in some parts of the American south.

Ingredients

- oil to grease a cookie sheet
- 1 cup finely packed brown sugar
- ¼ cup butter or margarine, softened
- 1 egg, beaten
- ½ teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 teaspoon freshly squeezed lemon juice
- ½ cup all-purpose flour
- ½ teaspoon baking powder
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- 1 cup toasted sesame seeds

Directions:

- ✓ Preheat the oven to 325°.
- ✓ Lightly oil a cookie sheet.
- ✓ Mix together the brown sugar and butter, and beat until they are creamy.
- ✓ Stir in the egg, vanilla extract, and lemon juice.
- ✓ Add flour, baking powder, salt, and sesame seeds.
- ✓ Drop by rounded teaspoons onto the cookie sheet 2 inches apart
- ✓ Bake for 15 minutes or until the edges are browned.
- ✓ Enjoy!

Gingerbread Men

Baltimore Area Council

Ingredients

- ½ cup shortening
- 1 egg
- ½ cup brown sugar
- 1½ cup flour
- 1 pkg. instant butterscotch pudding mix
- 1½ teaspoon ginger
- ½ teaspoon cinnamon
- ½ teaspoon baking soda
- Favorite frosting
- Raisins & candies
- Cookie cutter

Directions:

- ✓ Mix together egg, shortening, and brown sugar.
- ✓ Add remaining ingredients.

- ✓ Roll out dough and cut into gingerbread men shapes with a cookie cutter.
 - ✓ Bake for 10 minutes at 350°.
 - ✓ Decorate men using favorite frosting and candies.
- It's fun to make these after reading the classic tale of The Gingerbread Man. Children like this recipe because the gingerbread is sweeter and chewier than the traditional molasses cookies.*

Sweet Potato Pie

San Gabriel, Long Beach Area, Verdugo Hills Councils

Ingredients:

- 2 cups Sweet potatoes, drained
- 4 T Margarine, melted
- 3 Eggs
- 1 cup Sugar
- 1 tsp Cinnamon
- ¼ tsp Grated nutmeg
- ¾ cup Milk
- 1 tsp Vanilla
- 1 9" pie shell, baked
- ¼ cup Chopped pecans

Directions:

1. Use a food processor or fork to mash sweet potatoes together with melted margarine.
2. Blend in eggs, sugar, cinnamon, and nutmeg.
3. Add milk and vanilla.
4. Pour mixture into baked pie shell.
5. Microwave on 70% (medium high) for 7 minutes.
6. Sprinkle pecans over surface of pie.
7. Rotating midway through cooking, microwave on 70 % (medium high) 6 to 8 minutes or until center no longer jiggles.
8. If you prefer, you can bake it in the oven at 375°F for about 35-45 minutes or until it doesn't jiggle.
9. Yield: 8 servings

Potato Latkes

San Gabriel, Long Beach Area, Verdugo Hills Councils

Ingredients:

- 3 Large potatoes, peeled and grated into ice water
- ¼ C. grated onion
- ¼ C. egg substitute
- ½ tsp. salt & pepper to taste
- ¼ tsp. baking powder
- 3 Tbsp. matza meal

Directions:

1. In a tea towel, squeeze excess moisture from potato.
2. Place in a mixing bowl with onion and egg substitute and mix well.
3. In a small bowl, combine dry ingredients.
4. Slowly add to potato mixture, beating very well.
5. Drop by tablespoons onto hot, lightly oiled, or vegetable oil-sprayed skillet.
6. Cook on one side until well browned; turn over and brown other side.
7. Serve with sour cream, yogurt, applesauce, or pear chutney.

Pear Chutney

San Gabriel, Long Beach Area, Verdugo Hills Councils

Ingredients:

- 2 cups sugar
- 1¼ cups white vinegar
- ¼ cup apple cider
- 2 oranges, diced with rind
- 1 lemon, diced with rind
- 1 lime, diced with rind
- 1 medium onion, diced
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1 cup white raisins
- 2¾ oz. crystallized ginger, diced
- 2½ lbs. pears, unpeeled and diced

Directions:

1. Bring sugar, vinegar and cider to a boil and
2. Simmer for 15 minutes.
3. Add all remaining ingredients and simmer for 40 minutes.
4. Cool; refrigerate in covered jars for as long as 6-8 weeks. Makes more than 1 quart.

Gingerbread Cookies

San Gabriel, Long Beach Area, Verdugo Hills Councils

Ingredients:

- 2¾ Cups of all-purpose flour
- 2 Teaspoons of cinnamon
- 1 Teaspoon of ginger
- 1 Teaspoon of baking soda
- ¼ Teaspoon of nutmeg
- ¼ Teaspoon of cloves
- ¼ Teaspoon of salt
- ¾ Cup of butter or margarine
- ½ Cup of sugar
- ½ Cup of unsulphured molasses
- 1 Large egg, lightly beaten

Directions:

1. Combine the flour, cinnamon, ginger, baking soda, nutmeg, cloves, and salt in a bowl.
2. Heat the butter, sugar, and molasses in a saucepan over medium heat until the butter is melted.
3. Remove from the heat.
4. Pour this into the dry ingredients; stir.
5. Add egg; stir until smooth.
6. Let stand for 10 minutes.
7. Divide the dough in half. While it still warm, roll each half of the dough to 1/8" thick between 2 sheets of wax paper. Refrigerate on cookie sheets at least 1 hour or overnight.
8. Preheat the oven to 350°F. Grease the 2 cookie sheets. Remove the wax paper and cut the dough with 2" cookie cutters.
9. Transfer the cutouts to the prepared cookie sheets.
10. Bake 8 to 10 minutes. Cool on wire racks.
11. Reroll the scraps and refrigerate; repeat the cutting and baking. Decorate if desired.

Popcorn Candy Cane

San Gabriel, Long Beach Area, Verdugo Hills Councils

Ingredients:

- 4 qt. popped corn
- 2 cups whole nuts
- 3 cups mini-marshmallows

- 1½ cups gumdrops
- 1 cup margarine
- 1½ cups sugar
- ½ cup light corn syrup
- 1 tsp. vanilla

Directions:

1. Mix popcorn, nuts, marshmallows, and gumdrops in large bowl.
2. Melt margarine in saucepan; add vanilla and mix well.
3. Pour over the popcorn mixture and mix well.
4. Let it stand to cool.
5. With hands dampened in cool water, mold popcorn mixture into candy cane shapes.
6. Arrange on a baking sheet to set.
7. Wrap each in plastic wrap and store in a cool place.
8. Cubs may want to help by using narrow strips of fruit roll-ups to "wrap" a stripe on the candy cane.

Hot Spiced Apple Cider

San Gabriel, Long Beach Area, Verdugo Hills Councils

Ingredients:

- 1 gal. Apple Cider or Apple Juice
- 1-9 oz bag of Cinnamon Red Hot Candy
- ½ cup Sugar
- 5 cinnamon sticks
- 20 to 25 Whole Cloves
- 1 cup Prepared Cranberry Juice
- 1 cup Prepared Orange Juice
- Butter

Directions:

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

Karamu Feast Tabbouleh

San Gabriel, Long Beach Area, Verdugo Hills Councils

A high point of Kwanzaa is the Karamu or feast. Karamu foods, like this recipe, incorporate the Kwanzaa colors of black, red, and green.

Ingredients:

- 2 cups boiling water
- 1 cup bulgur wheat
- 1 cup fresh parsley, finely chopped
- ½ cup mint, finely chopped
- ½ pound tofu, finely chopped
- 2 tomatoes, finely chopped
- ½ cup black olives
- ¼ cup lemon juice
- ¼ cup green onion, chopped
- 2 Tablespoons olive oil
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ½ teaspoon black pepper
- Leaf lettuce

Directions:

1. Pour boiling water over the bulgur wheat and soak for 1 hour.
2. Pour off water and drain well.

3. In the medium bowl combine the bulgur wheat with the remaining ingredients.
4. Serve with leaf lettuce.

STUNTS AND APPLAUSES

APPLAUSES & CHEERS

Baltimore Area Council

Candle Applause: "Flicker, flicker, flicker."

Christmas Stocking Cheer:

Act as if emptying stocking, then put it on your right foot.

Rudolph Applause: Put your thumbs to your head with fingers up, forming antlers. Wrinkle your nose while saying "Blink, blink, blink, blink."

Santa Applause: Rub your stomach while saying "HO, HO, HO, Merry Christmas."

Santa Cub Applause: Put hands on belly, lean back slightly while saying "Ho, ho, ho! Merry Cubbing!"

Frozen Cub Approval: Wrap your arms around yourself and say "Bumrrrrrrrrrr!"

Good Bye Santa: Pretend to throw a Pack onto your back and say "Merry Christmas to all, and to all a good night!"

Sleigh Applause: Say "Ding-a-ling" three times.

Christmas Bells: Pretend to hold a bell rope, and then get the left side of the audience to say "DING!" on the down stroke and the right side to say "DONG!" on the upstroke. Repeat three times.

Piedmont Area Council

Bravo (For an excellent performance) The cheer leader says: "That deserves a Bravo ! We'll do this in a circle." He then proceeds to have one end of the circle start with the 'BRR' sound and proceeds to point around the circle while they do the 'AVOOOO' sound. The sound level should rise as more of the circle comes in.

Canned Laughter: Laugh when lid is removed from a can, and stop when lid is closed.

San Gabriel, Long Beach Area, Verdugo Hills Councils

Good Turn Applause: Stand up and turn around.

Santa Applause: Rub your stomach while saying "Ho, Ho, Ho, Merry Christmas."

Tiny Tim Applause: God Bless Us Every One!

Snowball Applause: Reach down and pick up a pretend handful of snow, pack it into a ball, pull you arm back, throw, and yell "SPLAT!"

Great Job Cheer: Have one half of the audience say "Great" and the other half say "Job." Alternate each side.

Ice Cube Cheer: Shape an ice cube with a thumb and index finger, saying, "COOOOOOOL!"

Double Ice Cube Cheer: Make an ice cube with a thumb and index finger of each hand, saying, "TOOOOO COOOOOOOL!"

Present Cheer: Pretend that you are opening a present. When you open the box, say, "Oooh, Aaaaah!"

RUN-ONS

Knock, Knocks

Baltimore Area Council

Knock, Knock
Who's there?
Snow
Snow who?
Snow business like show business!

Knock Knock
Who's there?
Donut
Donut who?
Donut open till Christmas!

Knock, Knock
Who's there?
Avery
Avery who?
Avery Merry Christmas! ‘

San Gabriel, Long Beach Area, Verdugo Hills Councils

Cub #1: Knock Knock
Cub #2: Who's There?
Cub #1: Pizza
Cub #2: Pizza Who?
Cub #1: Pizza on Earth, Good Will to Man.
Cub #1: Knock, Knock
Cub #2: Who's There?
Cub #1: Murray
Cub #2: Murray Who?
Cub #1: Murray Christmas to all and to all a Good Night

JOKES & RIDDLES

San Gabriel, Long Beach Area, Verdugo Hills Councils

Q: What do bears and wolves get when they walk along the beach?
A: Sandy Claws!
Q: Why does Santa visit his doctor before Christmas?
A: Because he always gets a flue shot before he slides down chimneys.
Q: What did Santa Claus say to the lumberjack?
A: There are only 23 chopping days left until Christmas
Q: Why did Santa Claus send for a barber?
A: He needed someone to trim his Christmas tree.
Q: How did Scrooge score a touch down?
A: The ghost of Christmas passed.
Q: What wears armor and is very, very quiet?
A: A silent knight!
Q: What does Santa have for a snack on Christmas Eve?
A: Peanut butter and jolly!
Q: Where do snowmen keep their money?
A: In snowbanks!
Q: What's in December that isn't in any other month?
A: The letter "D"!
Q: How many pieces of candy can you put into an empty stocking?
A: One! After that, it's not empty!
Father: They know when you're sleeping. They know when you're awake. They know if you've been bad or good.
Mother: Are you telling Junior about Santa's elves?

Father: No. I'm telling him about the CIA and the FBI

SKITS

G-I-V-E-S- Goodwill

This skit can be incorporated into many ceremonies. It is especially suitable for use during the time that your community is participating in a United Way campaign or an independent finance drive for Friends of Scouting (FOS) or Sustaining Membership Enrollment (SME).

PERSONNEL: Five Cub Scouts.

EQUIPMENT:

Five large cards, each printed with a letter of the word G-I-V-E-S on front and the part on back in BIG print

ARRANGEMENT:

Each of the five Cub Scouts holds his card with the blank side to the audience.

One at a time the boys step forward, turn their card so the audience may see the letter, and recite the phrases given below. When all have recited, they will be lined up left to right, their letters spelling out the word GIVES.

- Cub # 1:** G-Stands for Giving. It's always good to give.
- Cub # 2:** I-Stands for Intentions. May mine be always right.
- Cub # 3:** V-Stands for Valiant. A trait of great might.
- Cub # 4:** E-Stands for Eager. From beginning to end.
- Cub # 5:** S-Stands for Sharing. This makes me a friend

A Gift of Goodwill

Piedmont Area Council

Personnel: Den Chief & 8 Cubs

Setting:

A group of 8 Cub Scouts are gathered around. Each boy is wrapping a gift. Den Chief enters.
Den Chief: Hey, guys let me see what each of you is wrapping.

- Cub # 1:** Gloves for my dad.
- Cub # 2:** An owl plaque for my mom.
- Cub # 3:** Oreo cookies for my little brother...so maybe he'll quit eating mine!
- Cub # 4:** A doll for my sister.
- Cub # 5:** Wind chimes for my mom.
- Cub # 6:** Ink pens for my brother; he really likes to write.
- Cub # 7:** A lamp for my mom.
- Cub # 8:** A lacy handkerchief for my grandmother. She likes to wave goodbye.

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

Cub # 4: We hope so.

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

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

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

A Bad Turn

Piedmont Area Council

Akela: "Now, (Cubs name), you know you should always do Good Turns."

Cub # 1: I tried, honest!

Akela: OK

Each Cub enters and says similar things to Akela

Last Cub: (carrying a small frying pan with a "pancake" in it) I did a good turn!

He flips pancake over and catches it in pan

But you should see the mess in the kitchen!

(Other Cubs look ashamed)

The Key

Baltimore Area Council

This could, also, work as a closing. CD

Props:

- ✓ A large door marked "Happiness" with easily read letters
- ✓ Seven cut outs resembling keys with words written on them in large letters. One key labeled on front for each item listed below

Personnel: **7 Cub Scouts.**

Each Cub takes his key and tries to open the door. As he crosses in front of audience, make sure the key is in front of him with the word facing the audience. *If you want, have Cubs announce what their key is (read the one word)*

Cub # 1: (key called Effort) - He tries to open the door but cannot unlock it. (He steps aside.)

Cub # 2: (key called Knowledge) - He tries to open door, but cannot (He steps aside).

Cub # 3: (key called Wealth) - Does same as other boys.

Cub # 4: (key called Honesty) - Does as others.

Cub # 5: (key called Truth) - Does as others.

Cub # 6: (key called Cooperation) - Does as others.

Cub # 7: (key called Love) - He opens the door to find a big gift.

Narrator: Love opens the door to happiness because with love comes the gift of sharing your, knowledge, wealth, effort, and honesty, and truthfully in a cooperative spirit. Love is the spirit of caring and sharing. Let us keep the caring, sharing, feeling all year round for that is the Spirit of Scouts.

Ice Fisherman

Baltimore Area Council

Two men are fishing through a hole in the ice, but are having no luck. A boy fishing through a nearby hole keeps pulling one fish after another. The men ask if they might trade places with the boy. He mumbles agreement, they trade places, but the men still have no luck, while the boy continues to catch fish. One man asks the boy what his secret is. The boy mumbles an incoherent answer. The man can't understand him and asks him to repeat his answer. Finally the boy spits something into one hand and says loudly: "You've got to keep your worms warm!"

Santa's Big Secret

Baltimore Area Council

Characters:

- ✓ Santa Claus (Scout uniform under Santa suit),

- ✓ Reporter,

- ✓ Numerous elves (Scout uniforms under jackets).

Scene: Elves are in background working making toys or putting toys in sacks. Santa is directing them when reporter comes out with microphone.

Reporter: This is Scoop Smith the roving reporter for radio station WCUB, on the scene here at Santa's workshop. Santa, may we have a word with you please?

Santa: Oh sure, we're real busy getting ready for our deliveries. What can I do for you?

Reporter: All of our listeners want to know how you got into the gift giving business. Did your father give gifts or what?

Santa: Well, it all began when I was eight years old... I just started doing good deeds, you know, helping people and such... and it just became a habit.

Reporter: Good deeds, huh, that sounds familiar. Say, what is that under your jacket?

Santa: That's my best kept secret... (Opens jacket)

Reporter: A Cub Scout Uniform!!!!!! You're a Cub Scout?

Santa: Yes, well, no. I WAS a Cub Scout, then a Boy Scout, and then an Explorer. I wear this uniform to remind me of where it all started... way back years and years ago. I just loved helping other people and doing good things.

Reporter: Well, that explains your involvement, but how do you get all of these elves to help you?

Santa: Show the man... (Elves open jackets to show Cub Scout Uniforms.)

CLOSING CEREMONIES

Do Your Best

San Gabriel, Long Beach Area, Verdugo Hills Councils

Scene: Boys with key words hold up cards saying "DO YOUR BEST"

Cub # 1: DO unto others as they should do to you.

Cub # 2: That's called the Golden Rule.

Cub # 3: YOU'RE all Cub Scouts of Gold and Blue,

Cub # 4: The Pack Law is your special tool,

Cub # 5: BEST way we know to celebrate this season,

Cub # 6: Is in giving your best to others,

Cub # 7: And now we wish you, for that very reason,

All: **Happy holidays! May we all be brothers.**

End of Year Rededication

San Gabriel, Long Beach Area, Verdugo Hills Councils

Setup: You'll need nine candles, one of which is taller than the others. The CM should light them all and the room should be darkened.

CM: This last ceremony of the year is one of rededication. Five candles represent our Cub Scout ranks of Tiger, Bobcat, Wolf, Bear, and Webelos. *(Ask Tigers to stand.)*

CM: Tigers, if you promise to do your best in 2006 recite the Tiger motto.

Tigers: Search – Discover-Share

CM: *(Extinguish one candle flame. Ask Bobcats and Wolf and Bear dens to stand)* Bobcats, Wolves and Bears, if you promise to do your best in 2006 and to

follow the Cub Scout Promise, obey the Law of the Pack and advance further, please recite the Cub Scout Promise.

Cubs: I promise to do my best, To do my duty to God and my country, To help other people and To obey the Law of the Pack.

CM: *(Extinguish three candle flames. Ask Webelos dens to stand)* Webelos, if you promise to do your best in 2006 and to follow on the trail toward the Arrow of Light, please recite the Law of the Pack.

Cubs: The Cub Scout follows Akela. The Cub Scout helps the Pack go. The Pack helps the Cub Scout grow. The Cub Scout gives goodwill.

CM: These three candles stand for Follows, Helps, and Gives - which mean that you as Cub Scouts will be loyal. *(Extinguish their three flames.)*

CM: The large candle, the spirit of scouting, still burns as it does in the hearts of Cub Scouts everywhere. May it continue to burn brightly in your heart throughout 2006 as we go onward and upward in Pack _____. Good night, Cub Scouts.

Happy Holidays!

Baltimore Area Council

Personnel: Cubmaster, 6 readers (Cub Scouts or Leaders)

Props: 6 pieces of paper with the letters T-H-A-N-K-S on one side and the text on the other side in BIG print

Cubmaster: Tonight is our last Pack meeting of the year.

We have had a great year together, and as we look forward to next year, we have a lot to be thankful for.

Cub # 1: (Hold up "T") T is for Togetherness; Working together to make our Pack go.

Cub # 2: (Hold up "H") H is for Homes, families, and friends.

Cub # 3: (Hold up "A") A is for Akela; Our parents and leaders.

Cub # 4: (Hold up "N") N is for New friends we've made and experiences we've had.

Cub # 5: (Hold up "K") K is for KISMIF; keeping it simple, making it fun.

Cub # 6: (Hold up "S") S is for Scouting; which helps us grow and spread goodwill.

Cubmaster: Thank you all for a great year! Let us now retire the colors.

Do Your Best

Piedmont Area Council

Boys with key words hold up cards saying "DO YOUR BEST" and their parts in BIG print on the back

Cub # 1: DO unto others as they should do to you.

Cub # 2: That's called the Golden Rule.

Cub # 3: YOU'RE all Cub Scouts of Gold and Blue,

Cub # 4: The Pack Law is your special tool,

Cub # 5: BEST way we know to celebrate this season,

Cub # 6: Is in giving your best to others,

Cub # 7: And now we wish you, for that very reason,

ALL: Happy holidays! May we all be brothers.

Cubmaster's Minutes

Good Turn - CM Minute

Piedmont Area Council

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

Traditions

San Gabriel, Long Beach Area, Verdugo Hills Councils
This was actually listed as an Opening in the Pow Wow Book, but I moved it here. Your choice CD

Here in America we are many. We come from many lands and with us we bring our heritages. We bring our beliefs and we strengthen America when we hold to those beliefs. Each of our traditions gives us an identity, a belonging. And when we share those traditions, we expand our circle so that soon we all can belong.

Whether we celebrate Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, or none of these, sharing valued traditions and holding true to what they stand for will make America strong.

In Cub Scouts, we are many. We come from all backgrounds and celebrate many traditions. But no matter who we are, we are still part of America and we all strive to "Do Our Best."

The Rabbi & The Soap Maker (Cubmaster's Minute)

San Gabriel, Long Beach Area, Verdugo Hills Councils

A Rabbi and a soap maker were walking along and the soap maker questioned the Rabbi by asking, "What good is religion? There's been religion for a long time, but people are still bad to each other." The Rabbi was silent until they saw a boy who was dirty from playing in the street. The Rabbi asked the soap maker, "What good is soap? We've had soap for many, many years and people still get dirty." The soap maker protested the comparison and insisted that the soap had to be used in order to keep people clean. "Exactly my point," said the Rabbi. "Religion," he said, "has to be applied in order to do anybody any good."

Why God Made Boys

Baltimore Area Council

God made a world out of his dreams
Of magic mountains, oceans and streams.
Prairies and plains and wooded land;
Then paused and thought,
"I need someone to stand"
On top of the mountains, to conquer the seas,
Explore the plains and climb the trees,
Someone to start out small, and grow
Sturdy and strong, like a tree."
And so He created boys, full of spirit and fun
To explore and conquer, to romp and run,
With dirty faces, banged-up shins,
Flashing eyes, and great wide grins.
When He completed the task He'd begun,
He surely said, "That's a job well done!"

Lights

Baltimore Area Council

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....

Cubmaster Closing

Baltimore Area Council

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

WEBELOS

This is the second month for both of these badges. These ideas are intended to supplement last month's. So if you haven't used all the ideas in last month's issue, go on back to that issue as well as looking here. CD

CRAFTSMAN TECHNOLOGY GROUP

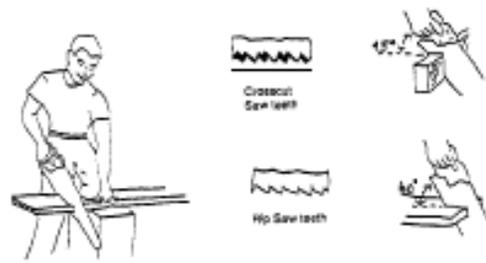
Southern NJ Council

The Craftsman activity pin will not be an easy one for some of the boys to complete. Encourage the boys to put forth their best effort. Give praise when praise is deserved, and give encouragement in other areas. Do not encourage competition while working on Craftsman, this can cause boys to get careless in their attempts to "win" and could cause injuries to occur.

Handsaws

Handsaws have come a long way since the earliest Stone Age man made his by chipping notches in a piece of stone or flint. Today's saws are made of steel, with handles designed for a firm grip and with two different types of teeth. These two very important saws in a wood worker's tool kit are a rip and a crosscut saw. While both saws look alike in size and shape, a close examination of the teeth will disclose several differences - the shape and spacing of the teeth, and the way the teeth are filed. Rip-saw teeth are designed to cut with the grain of the wood and so are straight-filed, each tooth cutting as a small chisel. Crosscut saw teeth are designed to cut across the grain and so are bevel-filed, each tooth cutting the wood fibers like a sharp knife. Both saws have a "set" in the teeth ... that is, alternate teeth are bent outward slightly, so the saw kerf will be slightly wider than the thickness of the blade to provide clearance and make cutting easier.

High quality saws are taper-ground for the same reason. The most popular size of rip and crosscut saws is 26 inches, with



five or five and one-half teeth (point to the inch for rip saws and eight or ten teeth to the inch for crosscut saws.)

To rip a board, hold at 45 to 60-degree angle. Take long, easy strokes. Don't force saw. To start a cut, use thumb as a guide for blade. Extending your forefinger on handle, helps to steer saw in straight line. For crosscutting, hold the saw at an angle of 45 degrees. Steady the board so it does not vibrate.

Working with Plastics

Acrylic sheets are used for plastic projects. Almost any plastic supplier has scrap acrylics which you can purchase from them for a minimal price. (They may offer to donate the pieces.) You can also find sheets of acrylic in many home improvement stores. You will need fairly thin acrylic (1/8" thickness is plenty) for these projects. You can use clear or colored sheets, depending on the project you choose.

It is important that you plan ahead. You will have to do some of the work yourself. For example, an adult should oversee the use of ovens or appliances. For simple thermoforming, a kitchen oven, electric hot plate, heat gun, hair dryer or strip heater can be used. There are many variables involved in heating and forming plastics, so experiment in advance with scrap pieces so you'll know what to expect at the meeting.

As a general rule, the plastic should be heated as quickly and uniformly as possible. The plastic should be very pliable or rubbery for good forming, when heated. When heating in an oven, set the temperature at 350 degrees.

General Procedures:

1. Before you heat any plastic, be sure to remove all masking paper and foreign matter from it.
2. For simple bends, first cut to shape the pieces to be formed.
3. Finish the edges the way you want them to appear in the final project.
4. Wear soft cotton flannel gloves when handling the heated plastic.
5. Form all pieces as quickly as possible, as the plastic cools quickly.

Working with Leather

Leather crafting is a fun hobby that many boys may carry into adulthood with them. It is best to start with simple projects like key chains and coasters. Then let the boys work their way up to more difficult items such as wallets or belts.

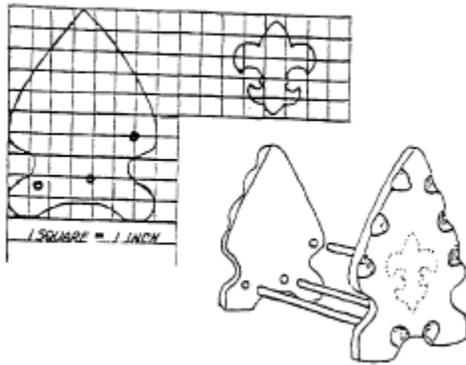
Leather Tooling Tips

- Dampen leather for ease of tooling, but don't leave it dripping wet.
- Hve the boys draw a design on paper before starting. Then they can trace the design onto their piece of leather with an awl.
- Let the boys practice with their tools on scarp leather first.
- Lather stains or acrylic paints can give your projects an added dimension.
- Put a scrap of wood under each boy's project.

Projects

Book Rack:

BOOK RACK



Keeping your Scouting books, and other books that you are reading, in this rack will help you find just the book you want quickly.

It also helps to keep your room in order. Making this book rack is not difficult and is a good woodworking project. The end boards of the rack are cut out in the shape of a huge Indian arrowhead. See template for pattern. These are cut from one-half inch hardwood.

Sandpaper the edges off smooth and "chip" the edges with a hall-round file. The chip grooves are made on the outside of the end boards only. The inside surface is left smooth. Three, one-half inch dowels are used for the spreaders. They are 12 inches long, and the ends are glued into holes made in the end boards. These holes must stop short of going through. The proper location of these holes can be determined from the pattern. When boring the holes, be sure to make the ends right hand and left hand. Otherwise, you will be in trouble.

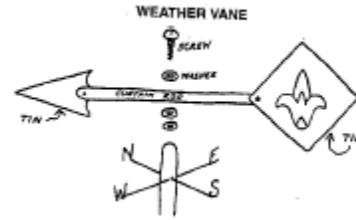
A thin piece of plywood about 1/8 inch thick is used for the Scout emblem. Make one for each end and glue them in place as indicated in the illustration. The rack can be finished any way you desire. It can be stained and lacquered, or finished natural. If you like bright colors, it can be painted with enamel. The emblem should be a contrasting color.

Weather Vane:

Materials:

- 20" Curtain Rod
- Coathanger Wire
- Tin or Aluminum
- Broomstick or dowel
- Bolts, washers, screws

- Glue
- Enamel Paint



Construction:

1. Using patterns enlarged from the above illustrations, cut arrowhead, Webelos insignia and compass point initials from tin. Roll edges so they will not be sharp and dangerous.
2. Paint with enamel.
3. Bolt arrowhead and Webelos insignia ends to curtain rod.
4. Drill small holes in 4 sides of broomstick.
5. Solder initials to wire. Glue ends of wire in holes of broomstick.
6. Punch hole in middle of curtain rod.
7. Screw curtain rod to top of broomstick, using washers, so arrow will swing freely when the wind blows.
8. When installing vane, be sure that the stationery compass directional initials point correctly, i.e. N is due North, etc.

Drafting Word Search:

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| Graphics | Inks | Linear |
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| Plan | Render | rule |
| Sheet | Stand | Stylus |
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SCIENTIST TECHNOLOGY GROUP

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A scientist studies things to learn how they behave and why. Scientists try to find out the laws of nature about the things they study. People can use these rules or laws in making things. While working on this activity badge, you will learn a few of the main ideas in physics. Physics is a science with several branches. One of these branches will be weather. You can learn a little about weather in these activity badge requirements. Another branch of physics is called optics. You will have a chance to learn something about sight and find out how your eyes work. Scientists learn a lot by experimenting or trying things out. Try things for yourself. Scientists take nothing for granted. They may be sure an idea is true, but they always test it, if possible, to make certain they are right.

Speakers:

Lab Technician	Researcher	Zoologist
Optometrist	Ophthalmologist	Nuclear Physicist
Weather Forecaster	Nurse	X-Ray Technician
	Science Teacher	

Pack Meeting

- ✓ Honor your Pack leaders by making up some "Scientific Awards." Cut them out of poster board. For example:
 - Gravity is a heavy subject. (Shape of the Earth)
 - Stars are night lights that don't run up bills. (Stars)
 - Astronomers are far-sighted. (Glasses with big eyeballs)
 - Chemists really, stir things up! (Beaker with bubbling mix.)
- ✓ Science Fair: Set up and hold a science fair during your Pack meeting. Show some of the simple experiments you have been doing in your Den meetings.
- ✓ Display items that you have made.

Den Activities

- ✓ Talk about the various branches of science and how they differ.
- ✓ Do the atmospheric pressure tests or balance tests in the Webelos Book.
- ✓ Make Fog.
- ✓ Make Crystals.
- ✓ Do the inertia experiments in the Webelos Book.
- ✓ Visit an eye specialist and learn how the eyes converge and find out what the various eye tests measure
- ✓ Invite a local weatherman to your Den meeting to talk about the climate during the year. How is weather different in
 - ✓ the Southern Hemisphere?
 - ✓ Have a slow-motion bicycle riding contest to illustrate balancing skills.
 - ✓ Plan a scientific experiment to be demonstrated at the Pack meeting.

Field Trips

- ✓ Visit an eye specialist and learn how the eyes work.
- ✓ Visit the control tower of the Metropolitan Airport or visit a Municipal Airport.

- ✓ Learn about the principles of flight for an airplane and look at all the control dials.

INERTIA

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Inertia is the tendency of a thing at rest to remain at rest and a thing in motion to continue in the same straight line. Get a small stick about 10-inches in length and the diameter of a pencil. Fold a newspaper and place it near the edge of a table. Place the stick under the newspaper on the table and let about half the stick extend over the edge of the table. Strike the stick sharply with another stick. Inertia should cause the stick on the table to break into two parts.

PASCAL'S LAW

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Materials:

Rubber balloon
Several pins with large heads
Roll of plastic tape

Inflate the balloon and affix little squares of plastic tape to it. Stick each pin through the center of the tape and to their amazement, the balloon will not burst. When you remove the pins, the balloon still will not burst.

What happens: The adhesive substance on the tape acts like a self healing automobile tire, adhering to the pin as it is pressed inward. When the pin is removed, the adhesive is forced outward by the air pressure from within the balloon, atomically sealing the tiny pinholes.

MYSTIC MATCHES

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Put several matches in a bowl almost full of water, making a shape like a star.

Stick a pin into a small piece of soap.

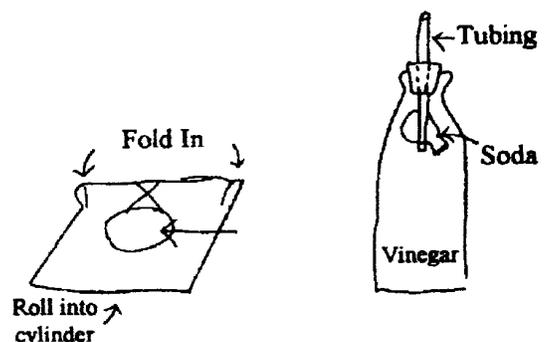
Gently dip the soap into the water at the center of the star of matches, taking care not to disturb them. The matches will all move away from the soap.

What happens: When you dip the soap in the water a little of the soap dissolves. The surface tension of the clean water is stronger than that of soapy water, so the clean water around them pulls the matches outward.

MAKE A FIRE EXTINGUISHER

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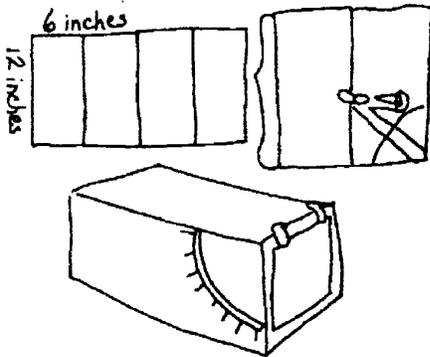
Materials: 1 or 2 quart bottle with stopper to fit
3" of ½ " glass, metal or plastic tubing (Tube from an old Windex bottle can be used)
Baking soda, Vinegar, Facial tissue



1. Drill hole in stopper and insert tubing
2. Wrap soda in tissue and attach tissue to tube with rubber band
3. Fill bottle one half full of 1 part vinegar and 1 part water
4. Insert stopper in bottle with soda inside bottle, but not touching vinegar solution
5. To operate, tip bottle upside down, soaking the tissue paper with vinegar

RECORD WIND SPEED

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To see how fast or slow the wind blows, make an anemometer (a wind speed measurer)

You will need - stiff cardboard 24" x 12"

1. Measure four 6" widths with a ruler, and draw pencil lines with scissors.
2. Set a compass to 4" and draw an arc on the cardboard as shown.
3. Cut out a narrow slot along the arc.
4. Mark numbers at equal intervals along the slot.
5. Fold the cardboard inward along the scored lines.
6. Put cellophane tape along the two edges and along all the folded edges.
7. Cut a piece of paper 4 3/4" square and tape it to the end of the box as shown. Take the anemometer outside and point the flap toward the wind. Each night and morning, record the level that the flap reaches

BOILING ICE

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In a heatproof jar with lid, boil a half-inch of water with the lid on loosely so some of the steam can escape. Then tighten the lid and turn jar over. Put an ice cube or two on the jar bottom. In a moment the water will boil again.

What happens? The air pressure has been reduced in the jar by the ice condensing the water vapor inside. The boiling point of a liquid depends on atmospheric pressure.

BALLOON AND CAN RACE

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Each team will need a balloon for every Webelos and a fruit can for each team. Each team will have a chair on each end of the room. Each team is divided with half of the team behind each of that teams chairs. The can is placed on a chair.

One boy holds the balloon in the can and blows it up enough to make the can stick on around the balloon. He then carries the balloon, with the can hanging on, to the other chair. He then deflates his balloon and the next boy inflates his own balloon and carries it and the can back to the original chair. The first team to switch locates wins.

EXPERIMENTS IN AIR PRESSURE

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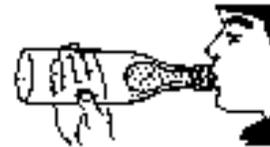
Shooting Back



Place an empty soda bottle on its side. Put a wad of paper in the neck and try to blow it in. It comes back out.

Why? When you blow into an enclosed space like a bottle, you increase the air pressure inside. Since pressure will equalize when it can, the air rushes out of the bottle, taking the wad of paper with it.

Balloon in Bottle -



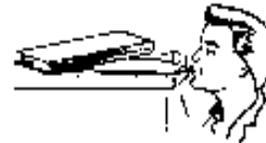
Place a deflated balloon inside a two-liter bottle, with the lip of the balloon over the top of the bottle. "Cry to blow up the balloon.

What happens? Air pressure inside the bottle increases as the balloon takes up space, so air pressure is fighting against you. To inflate the balloon, you would need to compress the air trapped between the balloon and the bottle. To compress air requires force. The human lungs are not strong enough to inflate the balloon and to compress the trapped air.

Making Air Work for Us

Use a balloon to pick up a glass -- Place a deflated balloon in a glass. Blow up the balloon until it is tight around the edge of the glass. Hold the end of the balloon shut and pick up the glass.

Use a balloon to lift books -- Place a deflated balloon under



a stack of books. As you blow the balloon up, the books will rise. A hydraulic lift is based on this principle.

EXPERIMENTS IN ATMOSPHERIC PRESSURE

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We live under a blanket of air called the earth's atmosphere. The air in the atmosphere exerts pressure of almost fifteen pounds per inch on every surface on earth.

Diving Bell



Place a piece of crumpled paper in the bottom of a glass or tin can. Turn the glass upside down and submerge it in a bucket of water. The paper will remain dry. Why? The air, which filled the "empty" space in the glass, stopped the water from entering.

Hanging Water

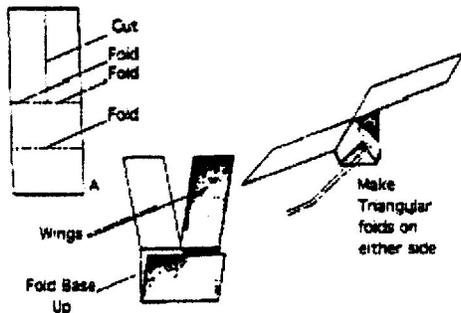


Fill a glass to overflowing and lay a piece of cardboard atop it. Support the card with one hand, turn the glass upside down, and remove your hand from the card. The card does not fall. It remains on the glass and allows no water to escape. Why? The air pressure from below the cardboard is greater than the pressure of the water above and presses the card tightly against the glass.

Wedged Glasses

Place two glasses together with a piece of wet construction paper between them. Burn a candle in the bottom glass. The glasses become "welded" together. Why? The flame uses up the oxygen in the bottom glass, so the pressure is now lower in this glass.

Auto Gyro
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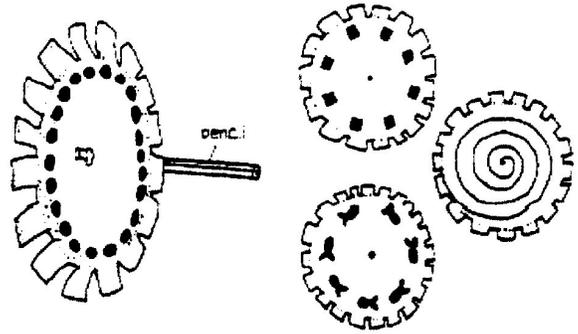
Materials: Paper 3 1/2" wide by 8 1/4" long
The principle of the Auto Gyro can be easily demonstrated by making one as shown in the sketch.

1. Using a piece of paper 3 1/2" wide by 8 1/4" long, cut down the center of the paper 4" and then fold the cut sections to opposite sides as shown, to form the two wings.
2. Fold the balance in half: and then make two triangular folds to the midline and your Auto Gyro is ready.
3. Make two other Auto Gyros basically the same as the first one, but shorten the wing length from

four inches to three inches on the second one and to two inches on the third one.

Try flying from the same height and observe how each model reacts. Does anything seem to slow their descent? What actually makes it spin? Note the order in which the three models reached the ground. Are wing size, air resistance, and rate of descent related?

Spinner Scope
Baltimore Area Council



Materials: Paper plates, scissors, watercolor markers, pushpin, unsharpened pencil with eraser top

1. Cut out notches around edge of plates as shown.
2. Draw a design on each plate with markers. Draw a spiral, small circles close to each other, or a simple object, such as a fish.
3. Poke a pushpin through center of plate, then into eraser end of pencil.
4. Stand in front of mirror. Spin pencil between hands as you peer through the notches. Each design will produce a different optical illusion as the spinning elements appear to merge.

**POW WOW
EXTRAVAGANZAS**

Let me know as soon as your date is set. I will post whatever I receive. I am hoping to retire in 2007 and visit lots of Pow Wows!!! CD

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<http://www.longbeachbsa.org/><http://www.sgvcbbsa.org/><http://www.vhcbbsa.org/>***I have my registration form!!! CD*****ONE LAST THING****Drug Problem***From my friend from the Philmont Pow Wow Seminar,
Keri of Indian Waters Council in South Carolina*

I had a drug problem when I was young.
 I was drug to church on Sunday morning,
 I was drug to church for weddings and funerals.
 I was drug to family reunions no matter the weather.
 I was drug to the bus stop to go to school every weekday.
 I was drug by my ears when I was disrespectful to adults and teachers.
 I was drug to the woodshed when I disobeyed my parents.
 Those drugs are still in my veins; and they affect my behavior in everything I do, say, and think.
 They are stronger than cocaine, crack, or heroin, and if today's children had this kind of drug problem, America would certainly be a better place.

Christmas Sayings and Songs Puzzle**Answers:**

1. *Oh Come All Ye Faithful*
2. *Hark the Herald, Angels Sing*
3. *Silent Night*
4. *Joy To The World*
5. *Deck the Halls*
6. *Angels We Have Heard On High*
7. *It Came Upon A Midnight Clear*
8. *The First Noel*
9. *Oh Little Town of Bethlehem*
10. *Little Drummer Boy*
11. *God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen*
12. *Peace On Earth*
13. *Frosty The Snowman*
14. *Santa Claus Is Coming To Town*
15. *I'm Dreaming Of A White Christmas*
16. *Oh Holy Night*
17. *Winter Wonderland*
18. *We Three Kings Of Orient Are*
19. *Jingle Bells*
20. *Away In The Manger*
21. *Go Tell It On The Mountain*
22. *We Wish You A Merry Christmas*