

Our National Treasures



JULY 1999

PACK AND DEN ACTIVITIES

PACK PICNIC

Have a summer pack picnic. You don't have to go far; the valley is full of wonderful neighborhood parks. Check with your city to see if you can reserve an area for the pack. If you can't, make your program flexible--do you have to have that basketball court? How about an access to a grill? Also choose a park with shade trees.

Combine the picnic with a sports day. Plan activities that will help boys qualify for Sports loops in the Cub Scout Sports Program or physical fitness activities in Wolf, Bear and Webelos books. It's much more fun to do these activities with family members and friends. For most packs, boys have just moved up to new dens. It would be exciting to the boys to have some of the requirements for achievements, electives or activity badges signed off already.

See Cub Scout Leader How-to Book, pp. 9-4 to 9-12 for Pack Picnic suggestions. and pp. 9-3 to 9-4 for The Cub Scout sports and Academics Program.

FIELD TRIPS (details in the Field Trip section)

Summertime is a great time to visit places outside the Bay area or take a tour of a place that is open only weekdays. California is celebrating its sesquicentennial now. A lot of places have special programs, especially those in the gold country. "California Gold Rush" is the theme for the month of October, but don't wait till then. Visit places in Sacramento and the gold country now. Here's some suggestions:

- + Coloma and vicinity: Coloma celebrated its sesquicentennial last year but will have special program for visitors through the State's 150 year celebration. See where "it all started" at Marshall Gold Discovery State Historic Park. Camp in the vicinity and visit Sacramento too. On your way you may want to stop by the Historic Folsom Powerhouse or new Folsom Dam.
- + Sacramento area: Capitol, Sutter's Fort, California State Railroad Museum.
- + Columbia Area: Columbia State Historic Park, Railtown 1897 State Historic Park. Stop by the Hershey Chocolate factory in Oakdale. Camp near Columbia.
- + San Francisco and vicinity: Exploratorium, California Academy of Science, Cable Car Museum, Chinatown, Angel Island, Muir Woods. How many of the boys in your den/pack have walked the Golden Gate Bridge? How about overnight on the USS Pampanito or a tall ship at Hyde Street Pier (reserve for next summer!).
- + Monterey and vicinity: Monterey Bay Aquarium, Monterey State Historic Park, Carmel Mission.

FIELD TRIP SOUVENIR RUBBING

If you are going to a historical monument that is likely to have brass plates, make a crayon rubbing. All you need to take are large sheets of paper, crayon and masking tape on your field trip. Make a rubbing together and display it at the next pack meeting. (Please make sure the boys do not mark anything else with crayons.)



FLAG ETIQUETTE

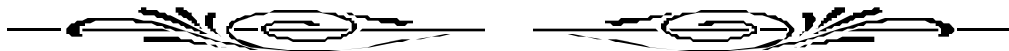
Have you ever been confused about flag etiquette at the pack or den meeting? Flag Etiquette is included in Staging Den and Pack Ceremonies (Chapter 3). If you want to have a good book on the flag history and etiquette, Your Flag is a comprehensive book that is easy to use. It is published by the BSA and is available at the Scout Shop for about \$7.00.

BALD EAGLE

The national symbol of the United States is a most impressive predator. The Bald Eagle is amazingly muscular and strong, yet light and agile. It can soar thousands of feet in the air on powerful, efficient wings, swoop down upon its prey at incredible speed, and lift a victim even heavier than itself into the air. It has wonderful eyesight--scientists think it can see a small animal from two miles away--and a bold, confident temperament.

The Bald Eagle is a member of the Fish Eagle group, which lives near lakes, streams, or the seacoast. Bald Eagles mate for life, renewing their bonds each year with a spectacular display of courtship during which the birds lock their talons together and somersault in midair, plunging hundreds of feet! The eagle pair build large permanent nests, which they add to year after year. After a while, they can grow to 8' across and 11' deep!

Bald Eagles are top predators. Their only natural enemy is man. The population of this fine bird has declined alarmingly due to development of their coastal habitat, hunting, and toxic pollution. The species is slowly recovering with strong government protection, but they breed so slowly that it will be many years before their future survival is assured.



Last night my son confessed to me
Some childish wrong
And kneeling at my knee
He prayed with tears:
“Dear God, make me a man
Like Daddy – wise and strong,
I know you can.”

Then while he slept
I knelt beside his bed,
And prayed with low-bowed head:
“O, God, make me a child
Like my child here,
Trusting Thee with faith sincere.”
-Author Unknown

MISS LIBERTY MAZE**GIVE THEM BACK THE USA**

The words below need the letters U, S, and A to give them meaning. Can you put these important letters in the right places?

1. P _ _ _ _ E
2. _ M _ _ _ E
3. C _ B M _ _ _ T E R
4. _ _ _ _ G E
5. Q _ _ _ R T _
6. C _ _ _ _ E

7. _ Q _ _ _ D
8. _ _ _ G _ R
9. _ _ _ U _ L
10. G _ _ _ R D _
11. S Q _ _ _ H
12. _ _ _ _ C Y

13. E N T H _ _ _ I _ _ S
- M
14. L _ _ _ G H _
15. _ _ _ L _ _ T E

Answers: 1. pause: 2. amuse: 3. cubmaster: 4. usage: 5. quarts: 6. cause: 7. squad: 8. sugar: 9. usual: 10. guards: 11. squash: 12. saucy: 13. enthusiasm: 14. laughs: 15. salute

AMERICA, WHY I LOVE HER - OPENING

Arrangement: Play "America the Beautiful" softly in the background. This ceremony is read by one adult.

"American America, God shed His grace on thee--"
 You ask me why I love her? Well, give me time and I'll explain.
 Have you seen a Kansas sunset or an Arizona rain?
 Have you drifted on a bayou down Louisiana way?
 Have you watched the cold fog drifting over San Francisco Bay?
 Have you heard a bobwhite calling in the Carolina Pines,
 Or heard the bellow of a diesel at the Appalachia mines?
 Does the call of the Niagara thrill you when you hear her waters roar?
 Do you look with awe and wonder at her Massachusetts shore--
 Where men, who braved a hard new world, first stepped on Plymouth's rock?
 And do you think of them when you stroll along a New York City dock?
 Have you seen a snowflake drifting in the Rockies--way up high?
 Have you seen the sun come blazing down from a bright Nevada sky?
 Do you hail to the Columbia as she rushes to the sea--
 Or bow your head at Gettysburg--at our struggle to be free?
 Have you seen the mighty Tetons?...Have you watched an Eagle soar?
 Have you seen the Mississippi roll along the Missouri shore?
 Have you felt a chill at Michigan, when on a winter's day,
 Her waters rage along the shore in thunderous display?
 Does the word "Aloha" make you warm? Does it take your breath away--
 When you see the surf come roaring in at Waimea Bay?
 From Alaska's cold to the Everglades...From the Rio Grande to Maine...
 My heart cries out--my pulse runs fast at the might of her domain.
 You ask me WHY I love her?...I've a million reasons why.
 My beautiful America--beneath God's wide, wide sky.
 "And crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea."

AMERICA IS

Arrangement: 6 Cub Scouts stand behind a table which holds 6 unlit candles (2 red, 2 white, 2 blue) and one lit candle. Each boy stands behind an unlit candle. After reciting his line, he lights his candle with the one already lit and passes that main candle to the next boy.

- C.S. #1: America is the sound of firecrackers on the Fourth of July.
- C.S. #2: America is the smell of freshly mowed lawns on a cool summer day.
- C.S. #3: America is the red-orange hue of a desert sunset.
- C.S. #4: America is the sound of school children at recess.
- C.S. #5: America is the crunch of snow under a child's sled.
- C.S. #6: America is the peal of church bells on a quiet Sunday morning.
- All: America is!

ALL ACROSS OUR NATION - OPENING

Equipment: A treasure chest; A small US flag; Following pictures--Statue of Liberty, Hawaiian Scene, California Scene, Alaskan Scene, Steel Mills or Factory, Map or picture of U.S.A.
Arrangement: Have the Cub Scouts take their pictures out of the Treasure Chest and say the short verse.

- C.S. #1: (*Statue of Liberty*) New York is a lovely state
Where we see this lady stand.
- C.S. #2: (*Hawaii*) Hawaii is an island state
Our rainbow and Aloha land.
- C.S. #3: (*California*) California is our own home state
We're proud in many ways.
- C.S. #4: (*Alaska*) Alaska is the northernmost state
With tall mountains and majestic bays.
- C.S. #5: (*Factory or Industry*) Michigan is a very great state
Manufacturing many things including cars.
- C.S. #6: (*Map or picture of U.S.*) But all of the states together
Make a nation of beautiful stars.
- C.S. #7: (*Flag*) Please join me in singing "God Bless America."

EAGLE OPENING

This ceremony can be read by the boys in a Webelos den or by one adult.

My wings extend from the sun kissed shores of the Pacific Golden Gate to the rock bound coast of the Atlantic.
My head and beak kiss the northern shores of the Great Lakes and the Canadian border.
I sharpen my beak on the Rocky Mountains, and trim my talons on the glaciers of Alaska.
My shadow falls on the Gulf of Mexico while flying high above the land and sea and my keen eyes survey all below.
I have spread my wings around the world as I defended our shores against our common enemies. I am victorious, both on the earth and in the sky.
In one talon I carry arrows, symbolizing my strength in battle, in the other the olive branch of peace. I am the symbol of America.
I stand for Peace and Democracy and for Human Rights and the Freedom of all men. I sit atop many of our country's standards and appear on the Seal of the United States.
I am the American Bald Eagle.

4TH OF JULY PICNIC OPENING

The word PICNIC is spelled in blue and red markers on 6 white paper plates.

P Picnics are fun for everyone
I Including food and games and lots of fun
C Celebrating our nation's birthday, we're glad to be here
N Never ceasing to be thankful for our country dear
I In our hearts ever loyal we'll be
C Constantly pledging to keep our nation a land of the free

I BELIEVE IN AMERICA - CLOSING

Arrangement: 6 Cub Scouts around flag stand or holding small flags

C.S. #1: I believe in America!
C.S. #2: I believe in this great land where freedom and opportunity are more than just words.
C.S. #3: I believe that we, as a nation, place our basic trust and hope in God.
C.S. #4: I believe that, despite all difficulties, we as Americans, will continue to be a strong, God-fearing country.
C.S. #5: I believe that as a nation we have our faults, but I also believe that we are trying to overcome them.
C.S. #6: I believe in America!
Please join us in singing "America."

FREEDOM CLOSING

Freedom is a breath of air,
Pine-scented, or salty like the sea.
Freedom is a field newly-plowed,
With furrows of democracy.

Freedom is a forest,
Trees tall and straight as men.
Freedom is a printing press,
The power of the pen.

Freedom is a country church,
A cathedral's stately spire.
Freedom is a spirit,
That can set the heart on fire!

EAGLE CLOSING

Equipment: Picture or statue of an eagle

Don't stay in the nest like all of the rest,
When you soar with the Eagles you'll be the best.

Set your goals now. Continue to work in Cub Scouting and earn your Arrow of Light--But don't stop there. Continue in Scouting until you reach the top of the Eagle mountain.

PRAYER FOR OUR COUNTRY

Our God and God of our ancestors, we ask Your blessing upon our country, on the leaders of our nation, and on all who exercise rightful authority in our community.

Unite the inhabitants of our country, whatever their origin and creed, into a bond of true friendship, to banish hatred and bigotry, and to safeguard our ideals and institutions of freedom.

May this land under Your Providence be an instrument for peace throughout the world.
Amen

--from Eagles Flying High, Philmont Scout Ranch

"A PART OF AMERICA" ADVANCEMENT CEREMONY

Equipment: US jigsaw puzzle. For each boy receiving an award, take a piece (state) out and write his name on the back of it. Tape his award to the hole where his piece belongs. Make sure you secure the pieces you do not use for the ceremony so that they do not all tumble out. After each boy receives his award, he will put his piece back into the puzzle. Prop or post the map so the audience can see it.

(You can make the puzzle from wood or cardboard--see Craft section for this month--or ask parents--some parents may have a store-bought one already.)

The Cubmaster calls boys forward who will receive the Wolf badge and Arrow Points, and their parents. After speaking briefly about their accomplishments, the Cubmaster invites each boy in turn to take his badge from the map and replace it with his puzzle piece.

Bear awards are then given in the same manner. If desired, Webelos and activity badges also may be given in this ceremony.

When all boys have received their awards, the Cubmaster says:
"Congratulations, boys. Just as you have added something to America in our puzzle, so have you added something to America, and to yourselves, by learning about the country this month.

"Now we ask all members of the pack to join us in the Cub Scout Promise, remembering that in the Promise, we pledge to do our duty to our country." (*Lead Promise*)

TREASURES ADVANCEMENT

Arrangement: Place awards on posters that depict grain fields, forests, rocky mountains and sunshine.

Our country has a great many treasures and so does our pack.

Bobcats are like the raindrops that keep our crops growing. They are fresh and new and bring with them a clean excitement. Their enthusiasm helps keep us alive. Congratulations, _____, on earning your Bobcat rank. You are as welcome as rain.

_____ has earned his Wolf rank and we see that he continues to grow. Just like trees in the nation's abundant forests, he has matured and branched out to reach new heights. Stronger than he once was, he can more easily withstand the winds of danger. His roots are becoming more firmly embedded in the healthy soil of Cub Scouting.

The Bear is like our rocky mountains. _____ has earned his Bear rank. He is now solid and immovable in his commitment to the promises he makes in Cub Scouting. Just as the rocky mountains that stood for million of years, Bear is unchanging through bad weather, as well as good.

The brightness of the Webelos is like that of the sun that shines over our great nation. His knowledge of Scouting ideals is warm and welcome. By earning his Webelos rank, _____ has continued to shine day after day and has helped others to grow. Congratulations _____ and "Shine on"!!



MOUNT RUSHMORE: Shout "Washington, Jefferson, Lincoln, Roosevelt!"

CONSTITUTION: (shout) "We, the people, APPROVE!"

FIREWORKS CHEER: "Way up high it goes...Boom! Boom! Boom! Ahhhh!"

U.S.A. CHEER: Shout "U.S.A." and thrust right hand with doubled fist skyward, then shout, "Hooray, onward and upward!"

AMERICA APPLAUSE: Clap three times, yell, "America, America;" clap three times, yell, "You are the greatest;" clap three times. Repeat three times.

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA CHEER: A-M-E-R-I-C-A, Boy Scouts, Boy Scouts, U-S-A!

FOREFATHERS ADVANCEMENT

Equipment: Tall clear container; Red lamp oil; Blue water (food coloring); Clear vegetable oil colored with fine powdered non-dairy coffee creamer. Colored liquids should be in clear containers for the audience to see.

Note: At the end of the ceremony you will have a container with three layers of liquid. This really works but the liquids need to be poured gently.

Cubmaster:

White represents the foresight our forefathers had to create this nation. Tonight _____ has progressed on the Cub Scouting trail by earning his Wolf Badge. (*The Wolf recipient pours in the white liquid*). Along with your badge is your parent's pin. Please present it to your parent. Congratulations.

Blue represents the loyalty our forefathers showed. We have tonight _____ who has demonstrated loyalty to our Pack and we are pleased to announce he has completed the requirements for his Bear badge. (*The Bear recipient pours in the blue liquid*). Here is your badge and your parent's pin. Please pin it on your parent. Congratulations.

Red represents the courage it took for our forefathers to give us our freedom. Tonight we honor _____ who has earned his Webelos badge. (*The Webelos recipient pours in the red liquid*). Here is your badge and your parent's pin. Please pin it on your parent. Congratulations.

When we see these colors on our flag, let them remind us of the efforts of our forefathers in building the country we now live in.

Let's now give a "round of applause" for these Scouts who have advanced this month.

FUN WAYS TO SAY THANK YOU

(Ice Cream) Cone: For the person who can really lick any job.

Firecracker: For someone who did a bang up job.

Star: "You are the star of our pack."

"You are one in a million."

"You really shine at what you do for the pack!"

Top Hat: "We tip our hat to you!"

See <u>Staging Den and Pack Ceremonies</u> for: "Use of the United States Flag" (Chapter 3) "Patriotic Ceremonies" (Chapter 4)

MISS LIBERTY

America, American: "Freedom"
France, French: "Friendship"
Statue: "Miss Liberty"

Years ago, the people of FRANCE wanted to show that they were friends with the AMERICAN people. It was decided a STATUE would be built and put on Bedloe Island in New York. Mr. Bartholdi, a FRENCH sculptor, was asked to design and help with the STATUE. The school children and people of FRANCE gave hundreds of centimes and francs (like our pennies and dollars) to help pay for the STATUE. It was finally started. The STATUE was finished in FRANCE in May 1884. The STATUE was packed in 214 crates and set aboard the SS Iserre sailing toward AMERICA from FRANCE. But her home was not ready for her. The people in AMERICA did not understand that the STATUE was a gift to all the AMERICAN people. There was nothing for the STATUE to stand on. Mr. Pulitzer, a newspaper editor, wrote in the newspapers and asked for donations. This time, the school children and people of AMERICA sent in their dimes, nickels and pennies. After what seemed a long time, there was enough money to build a pedestal for the STATUE to stand on. Mr. Richard Morris Hunt designed the pedestal. On October 28, 1886, the last rivet was driven and the STATUE was seen in New York harbor, shining like a copper penny through rain and mist. She was finished!

During the 1970s, a campaign was started by the AMERICAN people to raise funds to restore the STATUE. With the money given by the children, teens, parents, and senior citizens, the restoration work started in 1984 and it took two years to finish, but completed before the STATUE'S centennial celebration on July 4, 1986. The ceremony was followed by others on October 28, 1986, the STATUE'S 100th birthday.

Still fastened on the pedestal's inside wall is a small bronze plaque; it has on it a poem written by Emma Lazarus and telling how the AMERICAN people truly feel; the love they have for freedom and liberty. Part of the poem reads:

Give me your tired, your poor,
Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free,
The wretched refuse of your teeming shore,
Send these, the homeless, tempest-tost to me,
I lift my lamp beside the golden door!

Note: 'tempest-tost' is the actual spelling on the plaque.

Life's greatest treasures come from the heart!

THE CUB SCOUT PICNIC

Lightning: "Snap, Crackle, Pop"
 Thunder: "Ka-Boom!"
 Wind: "Whoooooooo"
 Picnic: All sing "The Ants Go Marching One by One"
 Rain: All clap one finger on palm of other hand

The Cub Scouts decided that they would like to go on a PICNIC. They hoped that it would not RAIN. The day of the PICNIC finally came. It was a beautiful day, with no WIND or RAIN or LIGHTNING or THUNDER. The den leader drove to the park and found a table in the far corner where they could have their PICNIC.

They ran and played and said how smart they were to plan a PICNIC for today, because there was no WIND or RAIN or LIGHTNING or THUNDER. When they were all tired and thought it would be good to eat their PICNIC, the WIND started to blow, the LIGHTNING flashed and the THUNDER roared, and the RAIN started to fall. The Cub Scouts all ran to get into the car.

They ran through the RAIN and the WIND while the LIGHTNING flashed and the THUNDER roared. Then the Den Leader asked, "Who brought the PICNIC lunch?" Oh, no. They forgot the PICNIC lunch. So they got out of the car and ran through the WIND and the RAIN while the LIGHTNING flashed and the THUNDER roared, to get the PICNIC lunch. Then they ran back to the car, through the WIND and the RAIN while the LIGHTNING flashed, and the THUNDER roared.

The moral of this story is that the next time you go on a PICNIC and the WIND blows, and the RAIN pours, and the LIGHTNING flashes, and the THUNDER roars, DON'T TAKE A VOLKSWAGEN!!!



RUN-ONS

Where did you get those pants?

Pants-sylvania!

Where did you get the coat?

North Da-coat-ta!

Where did you get the vest?

Vest-Virginia!

Where did you get the collar?

Collar-ado!

Do you know the four American sisters?

Mary Land

Ida Ho

Louise Anna

Minne Sota

AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL

Cast: 7 Cub Scouts, dressed like artists carrying palettes and brushes, and a Narrator.

Narrator: We are honored to have as our guests a group of artists who are going to combine their efforts and talents to paint us a great masterpiece. As they are introduced, they will tell you what their contributions will be.

Artist 1: I will paint for you the tradition and charm of New England, showing you the fishing and boating industries of its rugged coast and its historic heritage. *(Steps behind curtain)*

Artist 2: I will portray through my brush the tremendous harbors of New York City; the hodgepodge of peoples from many lands that make up its teeming population. *(Steps behind curtain)*

Artist 3: My artistry will show you the charm of our Southland, the beauty of its magnolias and azaleas, the strength of its struggle through and after the Civil War years; and the contrast of the serenity of Kentucky Blue Grass gentility with New Orleans at Mardi Gras time. *(Steps behind curtain)*

Artist 4: May I add to our canvas just a little of the beauty of our great Mid-West; cosmopolitan Chicago; the waving grain; the rolling plains; the deep blue of the lakes of Minnesota; and the fantastic land of the geysers of Yellowstone Park. *(Steps behind curtain)*

Artist 5: Our great Southwest will be a task to portray. No mere picture can convey the majesty of the Grand Canyon, the beauty of the Painted Desert, the expansiveness of Texas and the splendor of the Colorado Rockies, or the Great Salt Lake in Utah. *(Steps behind curtain)*

Artist 6: Our beautiful West Coast reaches from the hot Mexican border to the colder snows of Alaska. In between we find Hollywood's glamour, the Golden Gate of San Francisco, the majestic redwood and sequoia trees and Washington's tremendous Mr. Rainier. Where once rough and tough gold prospectors were found in Alaska, now tourists spend happy summers seeing among other things, the Ice Age that still grips much of its coast. *(Steps behind curtain)*

Artist 7: I will complete our picture with famous Waikiki Beach and Diamond Head, whose base is now ringed tight by the exotic metropolis of Honolulu in our island state, Hawaii. *(Steps behind curtain)*

Narrator: And now for the unveiling. May I present our greatest masterpiece: *(As the curtains are slowly parted and "America the Beautiful" is played, the flag is solemnly shown.)*

IN THE ROCKY MOUNTAINS

Arrangement: Background of mountains; Reporter Mike Phone with a microphone; 5 vacationers in appropriate clothes, with cameras and binoculars.

Mike Phone: This is Mike Phone, your action news reporter. Today we are in the Rockies interviewing the vacationers. Here is a typical traveling man. How do you do, sir? Can you tell me something about these mountains?

Man #1: High!

Mike Phone: Hi, yourself. Now tell me about these mountains.

Man #1: I said, "high."

Mike Phone: Hi, again. Now could you please tell me about the mountains?

Man #1: *(As he walks away in disgust)* I said they were high!

(Man #2 enters)

Mike Phone: How do you do, sir? Tell me how do you feel about these mountains?

Man #2: I usually feel them with my hands. *(Exits)*

(Boy #1 enters)

Mike Phone: Here is a young boy. Hello. Tell me, have you ever gone over the top of these mountains?

Boy #1: Yes, lots of times.

Mike Phone: Really? That must have been difficult for someone so young.

Boy #1: No, it was easy. I went over the top in an airplane. *(Exits)*

(Man #3 enters)

Mike Phone: Tell me sir, what is your impression of life in these mountains?

Man #3: Well...it's a lot like an umbrella.

Mike Phone: An umbrella???

Man #3: Yep...life in the mountains is either up or down. *(Exits)*

(Boy #2 enters)

Mike Phone: Hi, there. What is your impression of the Rockies?

Boy #2: The wind is so bad here, that it turns buildings to stone.

Mike Phone: You're kidding!

Boy #2: No, it's true. Last night the wind blew so hard that it made my house rock!

Mike Phone: And there you have it, folks. Another man-in-the-street interview from Mike Phone in the Rockies.



RUN-ONS

How many i's in Mississippi?)

many)

I can spell Mississippi with one i.

How.

(Covers one eye and spells.)

1: I shot the rapids on the Colorado river.

2: Did they stop?

1: No. I only used a water pistol!

RING THE LIBERTY BELL

You will need a bell, a wire coat hanger, some heavy cord or rope, and a small rubber ball. Bend the coat hanger into a hoop, with the hook at the top. Hang the bell in the middle of the hoop with the rope and then tie the hoop from a low tree branch.

This game may be played by individuals or teams. The players take turns trying to throw the ball through the hoop. Have a person stand on the other side of the hoop to catch the ball. Keep score as points are made: Each time the bell is rung, the player scores three points; two points if the ball goes through the hoop but doesn't touch the bell; one point if the ball hits the outside of the coat hanger.

Each player throws the ball only once per turn and gets five turns. After everyone is finished, add up the number of points scored by individuals or by teams. The player or team with the highest score wins the game.

UNCLE SAM

You will need a flag (piece of cloth) for each boy, 4-5 different colors. Boys wear the flags tucked into their belts. One player is "Uncle Sam" and stands in the middle. All other players are at one end of the playing area. They chant "Uncle Sam, Uncle Sam, may we cross to your great land?" Uncle Sam answers, "Yes, if you're wearing (color of flag)." Players wearing that color flag get a free pass to the other side. Then on the signal "go" from Uncle Sam, the rest of the players try to run to the other side without getting their flags pulled. Tagged players become Uncle Sam's helpers. This time Uncle Sam calls out another color. Keep going until all the players are caught but one. This player becomes the new "Uncle Sam" for the next game.

Variation: Vary the criteria for a free pass to something other than the color of the flags.

STATE LANDINGS

Cut cardboard circles of different sizes to represent the states. Suspend them from the ceiling or low branches, if played in the backyard. Make paper airplanes and let each player have 3 chances at flying a plane and hitting a state. Have the player stand about 6 feet away. Set a point value on each state, the smallest being worth the most points.

BALLOON POP

You will need balloons (red, white and blue ones would be nice) and slips of paper. Write on slips of paper stunts such as "Sing 'America the Beautiful,'" or "March around in a circle, backwards, with eyes closed." You can write these or boys can write them (if they do, mix them up). Roll up the papers and insert one into each balloon. Blow up and tie the balloons. Put all the balloons on the floor. Have the boys sit on the balloons and try to pop as many as they can, collecting the slips of paper as they go. The player with the most slips of paper wins but has to do all the stunts on his slips.

Variation: Have all the boys do one or two stunts. If the group is large, repeat the stunts on the slips and all the players who have the same stunt slips must act it out at the same time.

CROSSING THE MISSISSIPPI

You will need two 10-ft pieces of string or rope, a tape player and music. Use the string to make up the winding banks of a river about three feet wide. Tell the boys that when the music starts they are to cross the river back and forth until it stops. When the music stops, they are to freeze in place. Any that are standing in the river must leave the game. Continue until there is only one player left.

Variation: When the music stops, any that are in the river must sit out for two turns. They must also mark down each time they get "dunked." The boy with the least "dunks" is the winner.

ADVANCING STATUES

All players stand in a line except one. He stands some distance ahead of the line and covers his eyes as he counts to 10. The players try to get from one side of the room to the other while "it" is counting. As soon as "it" reaches 10, he looks up suddenly. Any player caught in motion must go back to the starting point. The others hold whatever position they happen to be in at the time, statue-like. The first player to cross the room becomes the next "it."

STAR MAKERS

Any number of players can participate. You will need one person for a timekeeper and judge. Give everyone a piece of paper, about 5" square. At the signal to go, each player rips the paper, trying to make a five-pointed star. (They are not allowed to fold the paper and rip.) When 30 seconds are up, the judge calls "time" and everyone has to stop whether he's finished or not. The judge then inspects the stars, giving a prize to the person with the best star.

TRAVELERS

The leader tells the Cub Scouts that they are going on an imaginary trip. Each player can go anywhere he wishes and describes what he is going to do there, but he must use only words beginning with the first letter of the name of the place he is going. The leader starts the game by asking one of the players where he is going. The reply might be "San Diego." "What are you going to do there?" asks the leader. "Sing silly songs" or "slurp sundaes" would be a correct answer. A player going to Paris might "paint palaces," or one going to Canada could "chase cars." Answers may be two or three words and players should be given a reasonable time to think of them. (With younger boys, you may want to start with one-word answers.)

WHERE IS IT?

Divide den into two teams and give each team a pencil and paper. Each team huddles and writes questions about the location of an American city, historic site, or major tourist attraction.

(Examples: "What state is Chicago in?" "Where is Disney World?" "What part of the country has the Grand Canyon?" Have each boy on the team contribute one question.)

When the teams have finished writing their questions, the den leader checks them. Then Team A asks its first question, which Team B tries to answer. Then Team B asks a question, and so on until all questions have been asked. Score one point for a correct answer.

BEAUTIFUL AMERICA

(Tune: Home on the Range)

Our America's grand,
 With such beautiful land.
 From the redwoods
 To the far eastern coast,
 With spectacular views
 In so many bright hues,
 About America, we really can boast!

CHORUS:

Land, beautiful land;
 With beautiful sights everywhere.
 For the grandest on earth,
 Is the land of our birth.
 For beauty, she's beyond compare.

Let's always be proud,
 Let's all stand and sing loud,
 About the sights
 That we see all around.
 In no other land
 Can we find scenes so grand,
 It's the loveliest land we've found.
CHORUS

AMERICA MY HOMELAND

(Tune: You Are My Sunshine)

You are my homeland; you are a great
 land.
 You make me happy; you make me free.
 Your flag I'll honor; I'll pledge allegiance.
 The U.S.A. is good to me.

I LOVE AMERICA

(Tune: The Battle Hymn of the Republic)

I love this great America,
 The land that God has blessed,
 Where the hope that stirs the hearts of
 men
 Will never be suppressed.

Through the flame of faith came forth a
 nation
 Choice above the rest.
 This great American!

CHORUS:

Glory to the land of freedom
 Glory to the land of freedom
 Glory to the land of freedom
 I love America!

I love this great America,
 The land of liberty.
 For I know the price of freedom
 Countless others paid for me.
 Do we hear their call to carry on
 And serve as valiantly?
 This great America!
CHORUS

May all men be united,
 By the bonds of brotherhood.
 May we learn to love each other,
 For in every man is good.
 Let us live in peace upon the land
 Where men of valor stood,
 This great America!
CHORUS

I love God's great America,
 All equal in His sight.
 May we be as one in spirit
 As we reach up for the right.
 And may we have humility
 To match our power and might.
 This great America!
CHORUS

THE USA FOREVER

(Tune: Dixie)

Come all who live in the USA
 Join in our song and sing today
 Work away, work away,
 for the land of the free.
 To make a nation good and great
 Work away, work away,
 for the land of the free.

CHORUS:

The USA forever, hooray, hooray,
 The Stars and Stripes shall wave above
 The USA forever!
 Hooray, hooray, the USA forever!

Hooray, hooray, the Stars and Stripes
forever!

The North and South, the East and West,
We love them all, for all the best,
Work away, work away,
for the land of the free.
United States, and hearts and hands
Will make the greatest of all the lands.
Works away, work away,
for the land of the free.

CHORUS

See Cub Scout Songbook
for:

"Dixie"
"America"
"The Star-Spangled Banner"
"God Bless America"
"America, the Beautiful"
"Battle Hymn of the
Republic"
"Make America Proud of
You"
"This Land is Your Land"
"The State Song"

AMERICA STANDS FOR FREEDOM

(Tune: Battle Hymn of the Republic)

As we see a parade come down the
street,
We see red, white and blue.
We stand up tall and face the flag,
To honor it so true.
We know it stands for freedom,
It means so much to me.
Old Glory is her name.

CHORUS:

America stands for freedom
America stands for freedom
America stands for freedom
Freedom for us all.

America stands for freedom
And America stands for good.
We know as we live in this great land
We love her as we should.
Our eyes do tear of battles fought,
For freedom for us all.
We love the flag and this great land.

CHORUS

USA JIGSAW PUZZLE

Make one puzzle together in the den and keep it in the den game box.

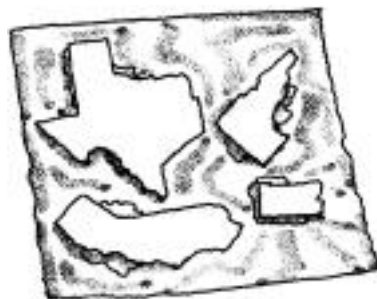
You will need: US map (you can get one free with membership in automobile clubs); White glue; Wax paper; Water.



1. Cut out each state. You may want to keep some of the smaller New England states together.
2. Make a mixture of white glue and water, using about four times as much glue as water. All together about a cup will do.



3. Stir the mixture in a large bowl for a minute, until it is nice and syrupy.
4. Alongside the bowl, put a few sheets of wax paper--they must be flat and smooth.
5. Dip each of the puzzle parts in the glue mixture, making sure the pieces are completely covered. (Be careful wet paper can tear easily.) Dip one piece at a time.
6. Let the excess glue drip off, and lay the piece down flat on the wax paper, right side up.
7. After the pieces have had a chance to dry a bit, about an hour, lay another piece of wax paper over the puzzle parts and weight them down with a few books. The weight will keep the puzzle pieces flat while the glue dries hard overnight. The glue looks white while it's wet but will dry clear.
8. After the pieces dry, the paper puzzle pieces will have a smooth, shiny plastic-like coating that's flexible and strong. Keep them together in a container like a large manila envelope with a clasp.

**CARDBOARD OR WOOD US PUZZLE (for Webelos):**

1. Trace U.S.A. outline from a map onto heavy cardboard.
2. Trace the outlines of the states, making them as simple as possible.
3. Cut out states with scissors if you use cardboard.
4. For wood puzzle, use 1/8" plywood, and cut out with a coping saw or jig saw.

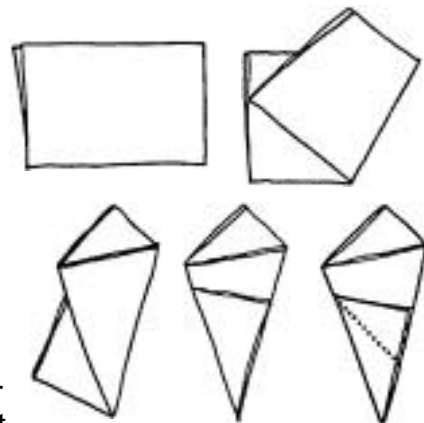


FIVE-POINTED STAR

Now you can make star templates of your own.

Use lightweight 8 1/2" x 11" paper.

1. Fold the paper in half crosswise.
2. With the fold at the bottom, bring the lower right-hand corner up to the halfway point on the left side. Crease well.
3. Fold the right-hand edge over to the left and crease.
4. Fold the remaining section on the left over to the right and crease.
5. Cut along the line shown as a dotted line here. The smaller portion is the star. Unfold and see. Try cutting at a different angle--do you have a pentagon instead of a star?

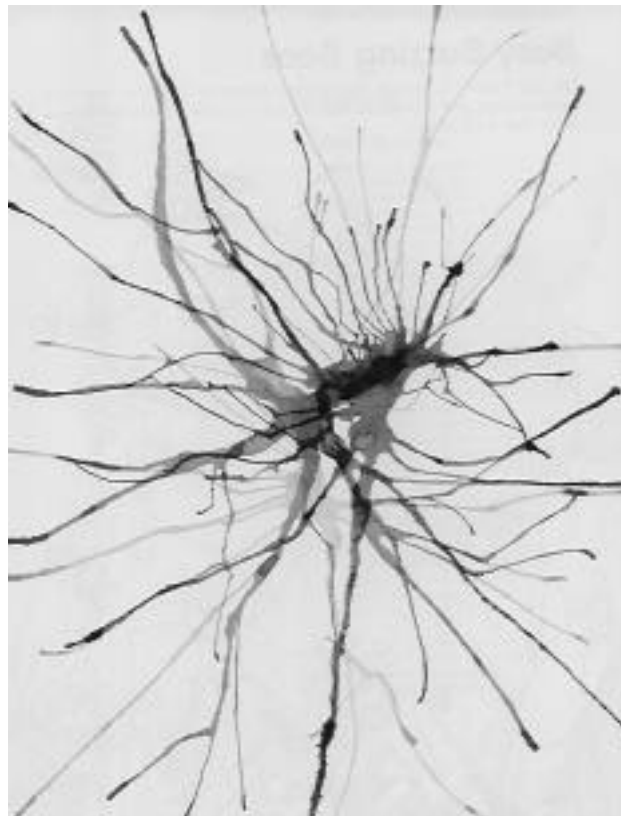


Tip: If you want, before unfolding the star snip little bits out with the scissors. Your star will have an intricate lacy pattern just like snowflakes cut from paper.

FOOD-COLORING FIREWORKS

You will need: White paper or white construction paper; Food coloring; Plastic drinking straw; Newspaper.

1. Cover the work surface with newspapers.
2. Place white paper on the newspapers.
3. Put a large drop of food coloring in the center of the white paper.
4. Holding one end of the straw above the drop of coloring, blow through the other end of the straw. How hard you blow determines how far and how fast the drop of coloring moves.
5. After you've blown the first drop of coloring as far as you want, do the same with more drops of color.

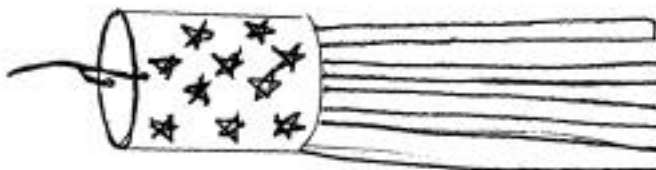


PATRIOTIC WINDSOCK

You will need: Blue construction paper; Red

and white crepe paper streamers; White tempera paint; Star stamp (can use potato stamp, sponge cut in star shape, fun-foam cut in star shape and glued on wood.) OR star-shaped paper; String.

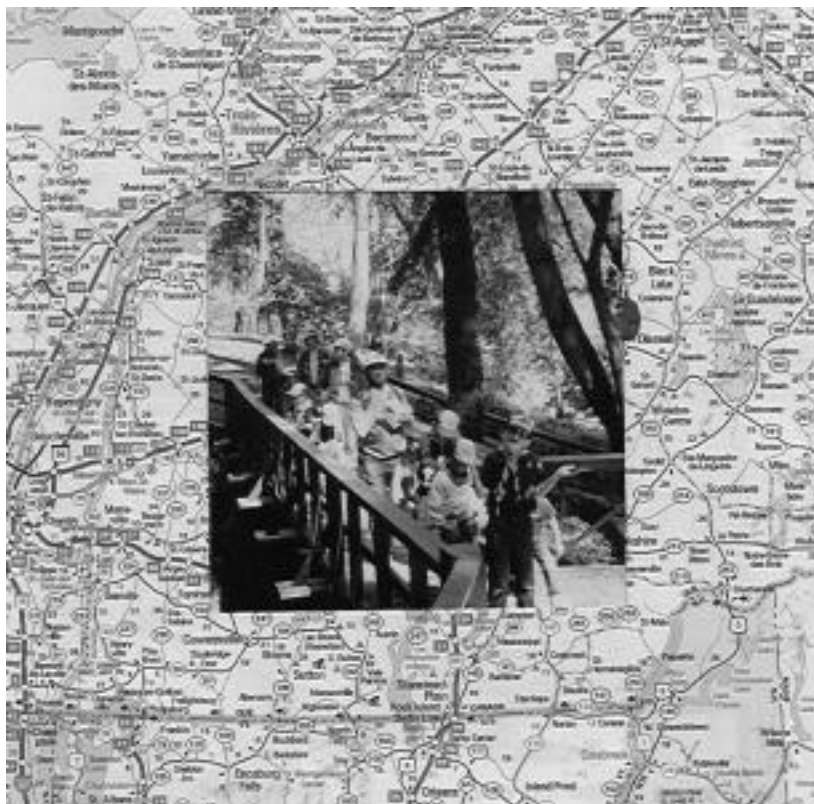
1. Stamp white stars on the construction paper. Use the paint sparingly so it will dry quickly.
2. When the paint is dry, glue red and white streamers on a long edge on the back side of the paper.
3. Roll the paper and staple the edges together.
4. Punch holes and attach string.



VACATION MAP PICTURE FRAME

Save the maps you used for your field trip and use them for photo frames. Together with the photos taken on the field trip, it makes a nice souvenir of the summer.

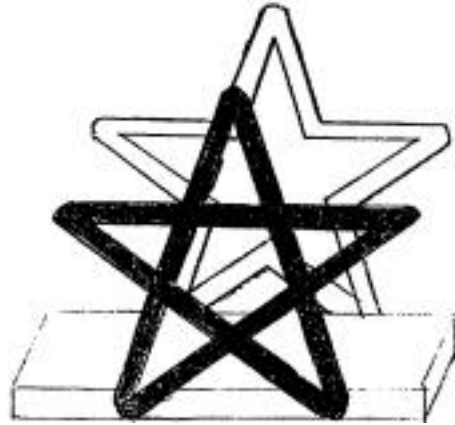
You will need: Map;
Thin cardboard;
Overhead projector transparency sheet.



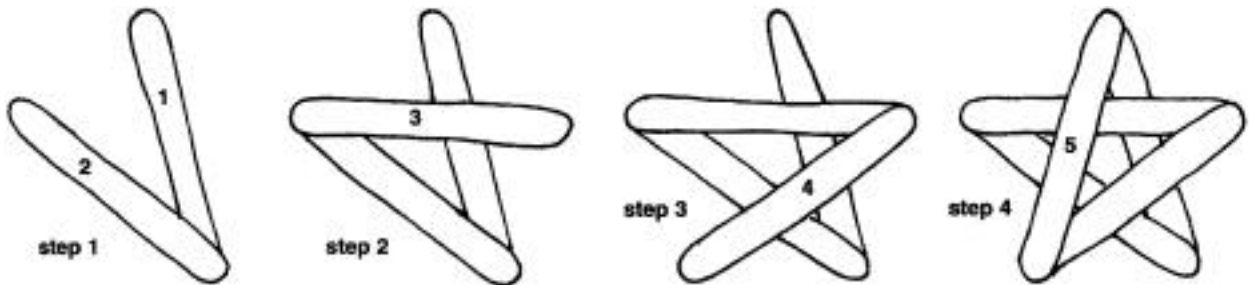
RED, WHITE AND BLUE NAPKIN HOLDER

You will need: 10 popsicle sticks; A piece of soft wood about 5" x 2" x 1/2"; Red, white and blue paint; Four #6 round-head wood screws; White glue; Low temp glue gun (optional); Drill and bits.

1. Arrange 5 popsicle sticks into a star shape. Glue each tip. (Low temp glue gun works well)
2. Make two stars. Paint one star red and the other blue. Make sure you paint both sides and don't forget the edges.
3. Paint the flat piece of wood white on top and 4 sides.
4. When dry, pre-drill two points of each star with a 1/8 or 5/32 drill bit.
5. Apply white glue to the two points with holes. Now screw them on to the base.



You could use popsicle stars as photo frames too.



STAR PIN/NECKERCHIEF SLIDES

You will need: Star-shaped wood piece; Acrylic paint (red, white, blue); pinback or 1/2" PVC pipe.

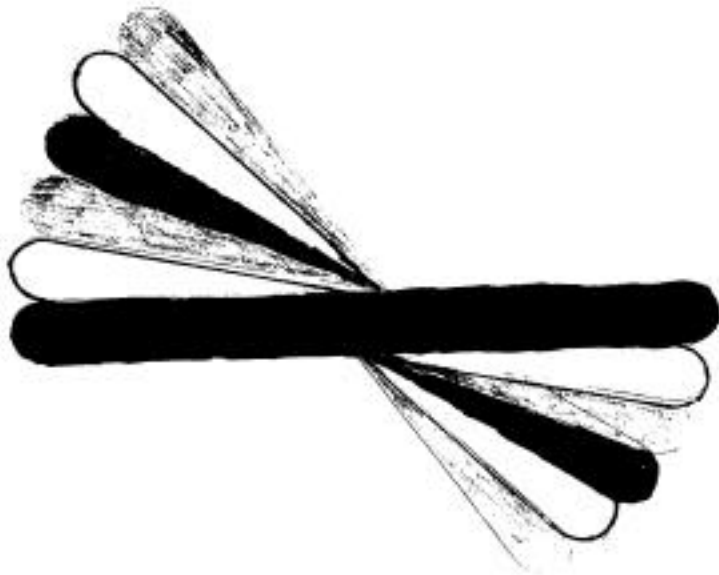
1. Divide the star into 2 sections. Paint one red and the other blue.
2. When paint is dry, draw stripes and stars (or dots) with white paint with small brush.
3. Spray with clear varnish.
4. Glue to pin back or PVC pipe section.



PATRIOTIC WIND TWIRLER

You will need: 24 popsicle sticks; 24" piece of blue yarn; Glue; Red, white and blue paint; One small screw eye.

1. Paint eight popsicle sticks red, eight blue and eight white. Allow them to dry completely.
2. Place a white stick on top of a red one in a narrow X shape, allowing tips to slightly overlap. Glue in place.
3. Glue a blue stick on top of the white stick in the same manner.
4. Continue alternating colors and overlapping sticks.
5. Attach the screw eye at the center of the sticks.
6. Tie one end of yarn through the screw eye.
7. Hang in a breezy place and enjoy!



POSTAGE STAMP NECKERCHIEF SLIDE

Choose a canceled postage stamp that suggests patriotism or scenery of America.

1. To remove stamp from envelope, soak stamp corner of envelope in a bowl of water until stamp floats off. (This doesn't work with self-sticking stamps.)
2. Dry stamp face down on paper towel.
3. Cut a piece of paneling or very thin plywood about 1/2" larger than the stamp. Sand it smooth. Paint the paneling or plywood a color that will show the stamp well, or use wood stain.
4. Glue the stamp on the front of the paneling.
5. Coat with glossy finish.
6. Attach a section of 1/2" PVC pipe on the back.



To make miniature stamp wall hanging as shown here, attach a screw eye at the top of the frame.

FLAG PIN NECKERCHIEF SLIDE

Make pins for parents and neckerchief slide for yourself.

You will need: 9 safety pins (1 1/2"); Red, white and blue beads (4mm diameter).

1. String a pin with 4 red and 4 white beads. Start with white and alternate colors. You will end with a red bead. Make 3 more pins in the same way.
2. String a pin with 4 blue beads, then, with a white, red, white and red bead. Make three more in the same way.
3. Use a butter knife or pliers to bend open the non-fastening side of the pin. String the eight pins on this non-fastening side. Put the four red and white pins on first. Then put on the four red, white and blue pins.
4. Pinch the pin closed.



NECKERCHIEF SLIDE

1. Cut 1/2" PVC pipe as shown.
2. Cut a slit with a coping saw.
3. Sand and spray-paint with a desired color. Blue or gold would be effective.
4. Press the top pin firmly into the slit.



NOTE: You can make smaller pins (not slide) with 7/8" safety pins and seed beads.

RED, WHITE AND BLUE SUNDAES

Vanilla frozen yogurt or ice cream
Blueberries
Strawberries

Scoop the frozen yogurt or ice cream into bowls and top with the blueberries and strawberries.

BAKED ALASKA

This is a spectacular dessert to serve on a spectacular holiday like the Fourth of July.
This is a two-den meeting project.

1 pint vanilla frozen yogurt
1 pint strawberry frozen yogurt
1 prepared pound cake (can buy frozen)
3 large egg whites, room temperature
3/4 cup confectioner's sugar, plus 2 tsp to sprinkle over the meringue

1. Remove the frozen yogurt from the freezer to soften slightly.
2. Cut the pound cake into 1/2" slices.
3. Line the inside of a large mixing bowl with the cake slices, cutting some of the slices to fill in the gaps.
4. Scoop the vanilla frozen yogurt into the bowl and spread it smooth. Scoop the strawberry frozen yogurt over the vanilla and spread it smooth.
5. Arrange the remaining cake slices over the frozen yogurt. Cover the bowl with plastic wrap and freeze at least 1 hour or till the next den meeting.
6. About 15 minutes before serving, place an oven rack in the center of the oven. Preheat to 450.
7. Just before serving, put the egg whites in the mixer bowl. Using the electric mixer, beat on medium speed until the whites are frothy. Increase the speed to high and add 1 1/4 cups confectioner's sugar, 1 tablespoon at a time. Continue to beat until shiny and very stiff. When the beaters are lifted, the peak should not fall.
8. Remove the bowl from the freezer and take off the plastic. Turn the bowl upside down on the ovenproof platter and let the mold fall out.
9. Using a spatula, spread the egg whites in a thick layer over the mold. Sprinkle with the remaining 2 teaspoons of confectioner's sugar.
10. Put the platter in the oven. Bake until the meringue turns golden, about 3 minutes.
11. Serve the baked Alaska immediately.