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INDIAN LEGENDS AND LORE

Legends are a great way to end a pack meeting and are extraordinarily effective at a campfire. If necessary, you can set the mood of a campfire indoors by dimming the lights and having a "fake" campfire in the middle of the room. Have all the boys gather in a circle around the campfire and ask the boys to call the great "Akela" to come to their campfire. When the boys yell "Akela", the storyteller (dressed in regalia, if possible) immerses from the darkness and begins to tell the story. When he has finished, he simply walks back into the darkness and disappears. This effect can be used with many stories other than Native American legends as long as the storyteller remains in character and knows his part - reading from a piece of paper is a poor substitute.

THE COYOTE AND THE HORNED TOAD (Traditional Navaho Story)

Coyote was hungry. He thought he would go visit his cousin Horn Toad, who always had food. Meanwhile, cousin Horn Toad was weeding his cornfield. He sang as he worked and his song was rudely interrupted. "Hello, cousin Horn Toad," said Coyote. "I have had a long and difficult journey to visit you and I am very hungry."

Horn Toad knew he had work to do but, being a nice fellow, he immediately fetched a sack of corn and fixed a meal. Coyote ate the meal and said, "That was a good appetizer. Now I am ready for the main course." Horn Toad was mad. He had worked hard for the food Coyote was eating. But, being a nice fellow, he fixed another meal. Coyote gobbled it down without even a thank you.



Horn Toad grew madder. Horn Toad scolded Coyote, "Before you can eat again, you must work in my cornfield." Coyote hated work more than anything. With great reluctance, he began weeding and watering the cornfield. Soon, he quit work, drank some water, and found a hole to lay in.

He thought how wonderful it would be if he owned the cornfield. But how to get rid of Horn Toad? Coyote had learned a lot of tricks. He decided to fake a pain in his mouth. "Help, cousin," screamed Coyote. "Ooh, ugh!" Horn Toad dropped what he was doing and came running. "What is wrong, cousin?"

"There is a piece of hard corn stuck in my teeth, way in the back. Could you climb into my mouth and wiggle it free? Save me from this terrible pain!"

Horn Toad didn't want to climb into Coyote's mouth. But, being a nice fellow, he did as asked. SNAP! Coyote's mouth closed and he swallowed his cousin Horn Toad. Horn Toad's farm was his. That afternoon, Coyote had another big meal and then took a nap. A strange, far away voice woke Coyote. Coyote thought it was a dream. He rolled over and went back to sleep. Again Coyote hear a strange voice. It said, "My cousin, my cousin."

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THE COYOTE AND THE HORNED TOAD, continued

Now, Coyote was superstitious. He was sure his cousin Horn Toad's spirit had come back to haunt him. The next time Coyote fell asleep, he was awakened by a voice, "Cousin, it is me, Horn Toad. I am in your stomach."

"But, I thought you were dead," sputtered Coyote.

"No, cousin" said Horn Toad. "I am fine. It is nice and warm here. I have all the food I need and best of all I don't need to work. But I would like to pull out those sharp things that are poking me."

"Ouch!" yelled Coyote. "Those are my ribs. Please come out."

"But I like it here." said Horn Toad.

"Come out or I will drown you" yelled Coyote. As soon as he said it, Coyote ran to the creek and had a long, long drink.

"Ah" said Horn Toad "I needed a drink. Thank you."

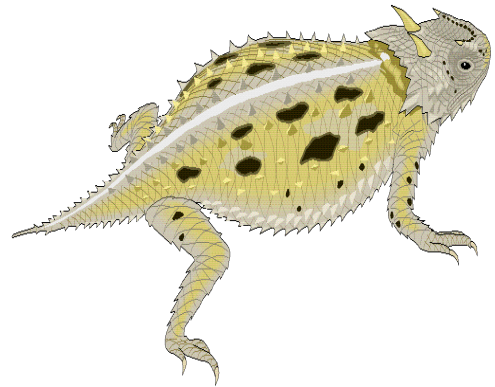
"I will burn you out," said Coyote. He ran to a fire and stood over it. The fire burned Coyote's fur, but still Horn Toad did not come out. "Come out now!" thundered Coyote, "or I will jump and crush you." Before Coyote could do this he realized he would only hurt himself. "Please come out, cousin Horn Toad. I will give you back you farm."

"I would rather explore my new home," said Horn Toad. Horn Toad proceeded to do this, but his rough skin caused Coyote to scream and beg for mercy. Coyote finally fell to the ground in a faint. Horn Toad crawled out of Coyote's open mouth.

When Coyote awoke, he ran away. And even to this day, Coyote leaves his cousin Horn Toad alone.

After the storyteller leaves, the Cubmaster could tell the boys one of the following morals or think of one of your own:

- *A greedy stomach is never filled.*
- *Don't bite off more than you can chew.*



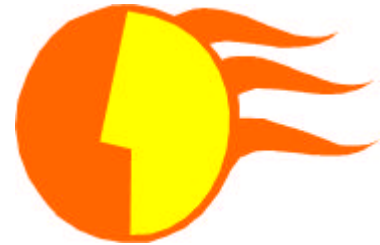


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THE LEGEND OF THE LAZY SUN

A long time ago - so long that it wasn't even measured, before everything had settled down to be what they were suppose to be, the sun was very lazy. He would jump up quickly, spread his rays of sunshine and run across the blue sky as fast as he could so he could go back to bed. This left the earth in darkness most of the time. The plants grew slowly and the animals and people had little to eat. It was a sad and cold world to live in.

The people called a great council and it was decided that their bravest and strongest warrior, Tinuka, should talk to the sun about it. That very night, Tinuka climbed to the top of the mountain and patiently waited for the sun to appear. As it did, Tinuka shouted, "Oh Sun, please walk slowly today that the earth might be warmed!" But the sun ignored Tinuka and ran across the sky.



Tinuka was disappointed, but decided to stay and try to talk to the sun the next day. The following morning he was up and waiting and when the sun appeared he shouted again, "Oh Sun, walk slowly today that the earth might be warmed." The sun didn't even notice him as he hurried across the blue heavens. This happened for three days. Tinuka didn't know what to do, so he prayed to the Great Spirit. He then fell into a deep sleep and, in his dream, a Great Chief appeared to him and told him how to catch the sun. When Tinuka awoke a golden rope lay at his feet.

The next morning, as the first rays of the sun started to peek over the edge of the earth, Tinuka began to twirl the lasso. Bigger and bigger it became with each spin and, just as the sun poked his head over the edge of the earth, Tinuka threw with all his might. The golden rope caught around the sun and held him there, even though he struggled mightily. Finally he stopped struggling and turned to see who had caught him.

Tinuka asked him why he always ran across the sky so fast. The sun said that when he was created, the only instructions he was given was that he was to cross the sky once every 24 hours and so he did it as quickly as he could so he would have more leisure time. Tinuka told him of the cold and bleak state of the people, plants and animals on the earth because of it.

The sun looked surprised. He had never even noticed the things on the earth below. It had never occurred to him that what he was doing was hurting anyone. He looked down and, for the first time, saw what a frosty place it was. The sun told Tinuka that if he would let him go, he would not hurry across the sky anymore and that he would share his energy with the world. And, to this day, the sun has kept his promise and is no longer called the lazy sun.

After the storyteller leaves, the Cubmaster could tell the boys one of the following morals or think of one of your own:

- ❑ *Remember that what you do affects others.*
- ❑ *Helping others can bring you great happiness.*



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AMERICAN LEGENDS AND LORE

CUBMASTER MINUTE

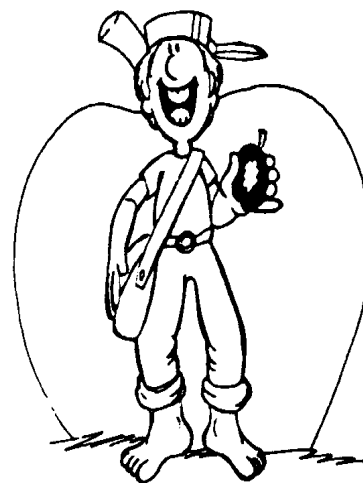
American lore is the stories, customs, songs, and sayings from our American past. Some are true, some are fiction, some lie somewhere in between. They tell of the spirit of America and of our happiness, fears, dreams, and hopes. They are the part of the world that we feel with our hearts and imagination.

GAMES

AMERICAN LEGENDS MATCH UP

Match these American legends with the reason we remember them:

Paul Bunyan	Railroad hero
Rip Van Winkle	Established apple tree nurseries
Paul Revere	Slept for twenty years
Johnny Appleseed	Very big man with a blue ox
Casey Jones	Spread the news "The British are coming!"



PECOS BILL

Have all the players except "Pecos Bill" form pairs and stand in a circle. When Pecos Bill says, "face to face," the partners face each other. When he says, "back to back" or "side to side," his directions must be followed. If he says "Pecos Bill," everyone including Pecos tries for a new partner. The one left out becomes "Pecos Bill" and the game continues.

PAUL BUNYAN'S LOG ROLLING CONTEST

*Materials needed: cardboard rug tubes or real logs
sticks approximately 3/4" x 30"*

Logs can be made by cutting cardboard rug tubes into foot long sections or cutting a large branch from a dead tree into foot long sections. Each player will need a log and a stick approximately 3/4" x 30". On "Go", each player must roll his log from the starting line to the finish line using his stick. Logs must not be touched with the hands. Players must remain behind their logs. Remind Cubs not to hit each other with sticks. First to cross the finish line wins. This game may also be played as a relay.



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SONGS

PAUL BUNYAN

Tune: Three Blind Mice

Paul Bunyan and his ox,
Paul Bunyan and his ox,
Chopped up the west.
Chopped up the west.
He carved Grand Canyon
And dug Great Lakes
He cut down redwoods
To cook pancakes.
Did you ever wonder what was his fate?
Paul Bunyan and his ox.



THEY'LL BE COMIN' FROM OUR PAST

Tune: She'll Be Comin' Round the Mountain

They'll be comin' from our past
When they come – way back.
They'll be comin' from our past,
When they come – way back.
They'll be comin' from our past,
They'll be comin' from our past,
They'll be comin' from our past,
When they come – way back.

Additional verses

There'll be Paul Bunyan and old Babe – chop, chop!
There'll be Pecos Bill and his horse – hey, hey!
There'll be Davy Crocket in his coonskin hat – go west!





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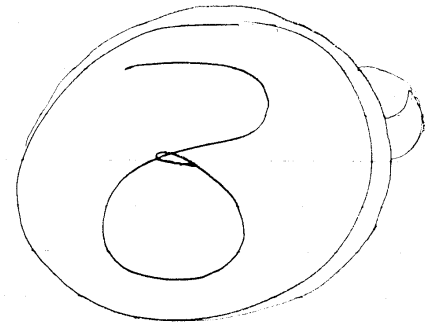
TIE SLIDES

NECKERCHIEF TIE SLIDE

Cut a 4" square of material and fold it in half diagonally. Tie it (like a neckerchief) around a 3/4" diameter piece of dowel rod. Dip dowel with the neckerchief into a small container of fabric stiffener. Let it dry overnight. Do not untie the knot. Slide it off the dowel and onto a Cub Scout neckerchief.

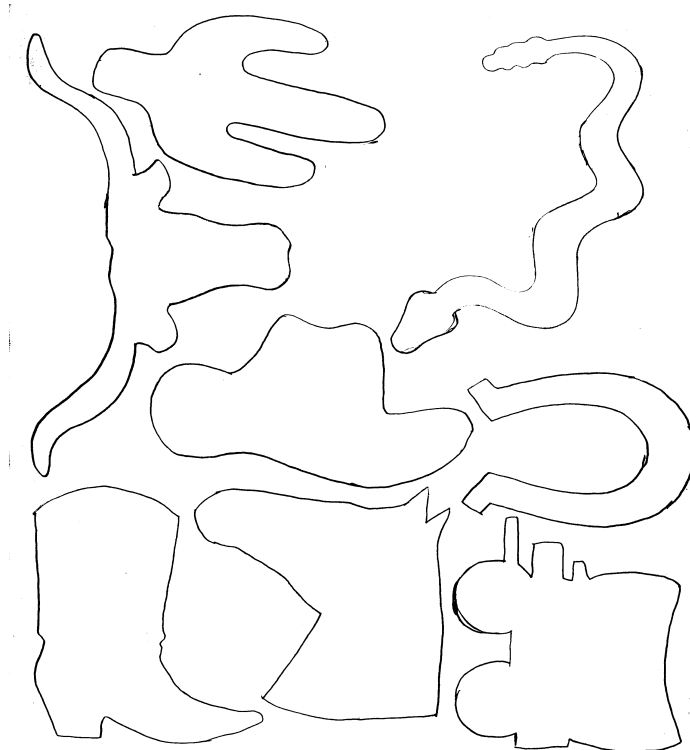
LASSO TIE SLIDE

Tie a miniature lasso out of seine twine. Glue the lasso to a slice of tree branch or leather shape. To slip the neckerchief through, glue a 1/2" PVC pipe onto the back of the wood or leather.



JOHNNY APPLESEED APPLE TIE SLIDE

There are 2 options for this slide. You could use a Ping-Pong ball, painted red. Draw in the stem and a leaf or two. Into the back, two half-moon shapes for the neckerchief to slip through. Another way is to use a precut wood shape of an apple or cut one out of balsa wood. Paint on stem and leaves, then glue on a 1/2" piece of PVC pipe for the back.



PECOS BILLS NECKERCHIEF

Start with a plain, solid color neckerchief (usually 23" square). A twin size flat sheet will make 12 neckerchiefs if you wish to cut and hem them. Let the Cubs stencil designs onto the neckerchief using fabric paint. Stencils are easily made from craft foam or sponges. Enlarge the designs shown here to desired size or create your own.



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PAUL BUNYON AND BABE TOY

Join Here

Top Handle

X

O
Man

Children in America in the early 1800s had few toys. On special days, toys were enjoyed by the whole family.

You need: Cut Outs (on the next page)
Handle Patterns
Poster Board
Crayons or Markers
Glue
Scissors
4 Brass Fasteners

1- Reproduce the cut outs from the next page onto white cardstock. Trace the handle patterns onto poster board.

2- Color the cut outs and cut them out. Then cut out both handles.

3- Glue the Logs and Pancakes in specified spots. Place the handles horizontally on a table, making sure the handle with the logs is on top, and the handle with the pancakes is on the bottom. Now match the circles on Babe with the "Ox" circles on the top and bottom handles, and the circles on Paul Bunyan with the "Man" circles on the top and bottom handles. Secure the circles with the brass fasteners.

4- When you push and pull the handles, Paul Bunyan will chop the logs while Babe eats Paul's pancakes!

*Please note that the ends of the handle patterns are on the following page, and must be joined to the main handle sections.

O
Ox

Bottom Handle

Y

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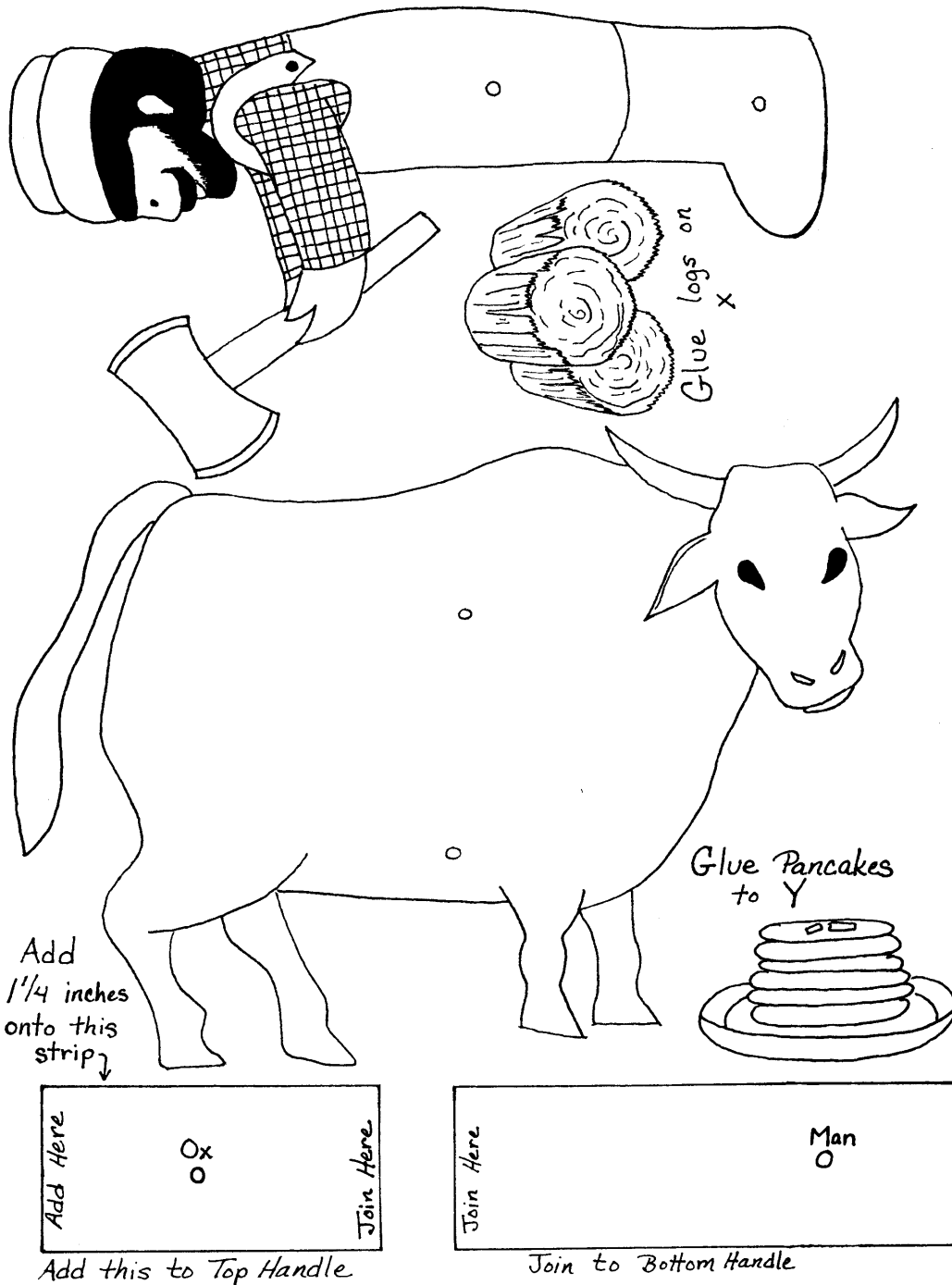
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PAUL BUNYON AND BABE TOY, continued





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AN OPENING

- CUB #1: Legends and Lore is more than just heroes, real and make believe.
- CUB #2: It teaches us how the early settlers made clothing,
- CUB #3: How they trapped for food,
- CUB #4: How they worked,
- CUB #5: How they played.
- CUB #6: Legends and Lore is about America.
- CUB #7: Let us do an American thing.
- CUB #8: Please stand and join us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

LEGENDS AND LORE ADVANCEMENT CEREMONY

Equipment neededs:

4 candles in holder, each a different length

CUBMASTER:

Our history is filled with the tall tales of American lore as well as the true deeds of some very brave men who explored, fought and, in some cases, died to extend the frontiers of our country. Men like Davey Crockett, Daniel Boone, Kit Carson, Lewis and Clark, Buffalo Bill Cody and many more.



The Scouting trail is much like the trail these famous men followed and so, at this time, we will recognize the young men in our pack who have advanced along this trail. As I call your name, please come forward with your parents. *(Calls names.)*

As you Cubs can see, the candles get taller as you advance. This represents the additional skills that you must learn as you earn each higher rank. *(Light shortest candle.)* The Bobcat is the start of the trail and the simplest to earn. *(Light the next candle.)* The Wolf is a big step forward and harder as is the Bear *(light the next candle)* until at last *(light tallest candle)* you become a Webelos Scout and earn the highest rank of Arrow of Light.

And so, with the spirit of the great explorers, legends, and frontiersman to guide you, may you continue to climb the Scouting trail. *(Present awards by den and congratulate boy and parents.)*



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NAME THAT HERO

Match the person with the sentence:

1. Called "Little Sure Shot" as a child, she grew up to star in Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show.
2. He once rode a cyclone through four states. When he leapt off, his landing formed Death Valley, California.
3. This man was not fictional. This mighty steel-driving man had a rock-drilling contest with a steam drill and won!
4. An expert hunter, horsewoman, sharpshooter and scout, this colorful wild west character risked her own life to nurse smallpox patients back to health in Deadwood, South Dakota.
5. This mighty man of steel would stir boiling pots of molten metal with his bare hands! When the steel mill he worked in became too small, he melted himself to make steel for a larger building!
6. This boy and two of his friends outfitted a raft with supplies and floated into endless Mississippi River adventures.
7. He became the most famous lumberjack of all times. He and his pet ox Babe were used as advertising for the lumber industry.
8. This true historical character killed a bear when he was only three and died at the Alamo.
9. He lived on his father's hacienda in southern California. Hiding his identity behind a mask, he would ride to protect the cruel governor's victims.
10. He was a Christian missionary who planted apple orchards in the wilderness.

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| A. Johnny Appleseed | E. Zorro | H. Davey Crockett |
| B. Paul Bunyan | F. Joe Magarac | I. Huckleberry Finn |
| C. John Henry | G. Pecos Bill | J. Martha "Calamity Jane" Canary |
| D. Annie Oakley | | |

Answers:

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| 1. Annie Oakley | 5. Joe Magarac | 8. Davey Crockett |
| 2. Pecos Bill | 6. Huckleberry Finn | 9. "Zorro" Don Diego |
| 3. John Henry | 7. Paul Bunyan | 10. Johnny Appleseed |
| 4. Martha "Calamity Jane" Canary | | |

