



## AUG '99 - SPLISH! SPLASH!

### PACK MEETING IDEAS

#### WATER CARNIVAL

Choose several water activities, such as water balloon volleyball, water softball, water slide, paper cup (with holes) on the head water relay, wet sponge throw, fish pond, etc. Find a park with a large grassy area and a water source for pack meeting and family picnic.

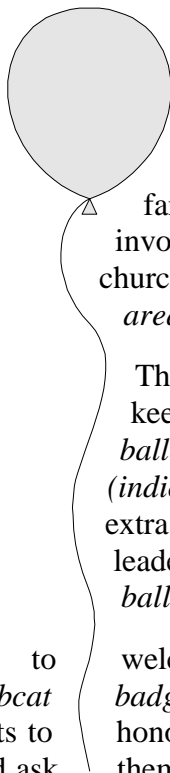
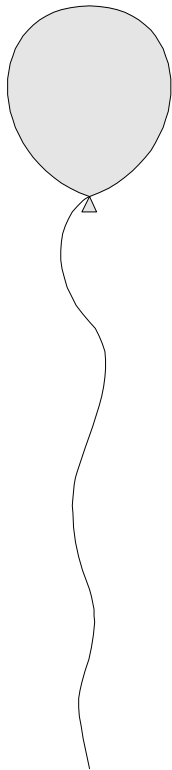
#### RAINGUTTER REGATTA

Hold a raingutter regatta. Look in the "Cub Scout Leader How To Book" for details.

### CEREMONIES

#### BALLOON WELCOME/ADVANCEMENT

*Preparation: 2 identical balloons with strings attached, 1 filled with helium and 1 blown up by mouth; awards/certificates; Cubmaster, new Cubs and parents. Cubmaster has balloons secured so that no one knows that 1 balloon is filled with helium. When he is ready to begin the ceremony, he holds the balloons by the necks.*



**CUBMASTER:** *(holding balloons)*

Would *(name)* and his parents please come forward. These balloons represent two 8-year-old boys. Both come from great families and have good friends. Both go to school, they are both involved in sports programs in the community, they both attend church. *(Add anything else that fits the lifestyle of the boys in your area.)* But there is a difference between these two boys.

This boy *(indicate the balloon without helium)* is happy and he can keep being happy just doing the things he's doing now. *(Let the balloon without helium drop to the table or floor.)* But this boy *(indicate helium filled balloon)* is *(name)* and he has found something extra. That extra something is Cub Scouting. With his parents and leaders helping, *(name)* will be able to soar to new heights *(release balloon)* just like this balloon.

We are excited to *earned his Bobcat badge* to his parents to earn this badge and ask Bobcat, which is only your first step as you soar higher and higher in Scouting. *(Give the Cub Scout handshake.)*

welcome *(name)* and his family to our pack. *(If the new Cub has badge continue.)* As is our custom, we will now present his Bobcat honor them for the work that they have done in helping their son them to award it to their son. Congratulations on earning your



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### MORE ADVANCEMENT IDEAS

- ❖ Attach awards to oars cut from cardstock. Write on the oar, "You oar fantastic!"
- ❖ Attach awards to small boats floating in a small swimming pool. Boats can be made of a cork with a toothpick sail with a penny glued on bottom for weight.
- ❖ Dress as a pirate and take awards from a treasure chest.
- ❖ Dress as a lifeguard and have awards attached to miniature life preservers or candy Lifesavers.

### WAYS TO SAY THANK YOU

ANCHOR	With you as anchorman, our pack is sure to stay afloat. Thanks!
SHIP	Once you learn to do your best, the rest is easy sailing. Thanks!
SHIP FLAG	You serve us with flying colors. Thanks!

### APPLAUSES

Water Cheer: "Wet, wet, wet, water, water, water, ah-hhh"

Leaky Faucet Cheer: Hold your index finger out, tip it up and down saying, "Drip, drip, drip!"

### RIDDLES

Why didn't the man swim on an empty stomach?  
*Because it is easier to swim in water*

Where do ships go when they are ill?  
*To the "docks"*

What part of a fish weighs the most?  
*The scales*

What fish helps musicians?  
*A tuna fish*





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## GAMES AND ACTIVITIES

### PING-PONG POOL

Start with a very small, blow up type pool. Mark the pool bottom across the center with masking tape or, if alright, paint it. It could also be marked by laying something in the bottom that will not float. Have half of the boys go to one side and the rest go to the other. Put a Ping-Pong ball in the center of the pool. Using only their bare feet dangling over their side of the pool to move the water (they may not touch the ball), the boys try to move the ball to their side. Begin playing music and stop the music at irregular intervals. The side the ball is on gets a point. At the end, the side with the most points is the winner.

### SPONGE SQUEEZE RELAY

Get 4 buckets or large containers and 6 large sponges. Divide the boys into 2 teams and form 2 single file lines. Put a bucket in front of each team and bucket at the "finish" line of each team. Put equal amounts of water in the buckets in front of the teams and put 2 or 3 sponges in the water. On signal, the boy in front of each line gets a sponge and runs to the bucket at the other end of his line, squeezing the water out of the sponge into the bucket at his finish line. He then runs back to put the sponge in the hand of the next person in line. That boy drops the sponge into the water, gets another filled sponge and repeats what the previous boy did. The first team with all of their water out of the first bucket and into the second bucket wins.

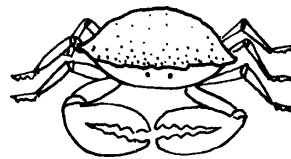
### WATER KICKBALL

The rules are the same as regular kickball, but use a small wading pool at each base and a "Slip n' Slide" from third base to home plate.

Baseball Variation: Batter uses a Nerf bat and the pitcher uses sponges dipped in a bucket of water.

### Scrambled Water

Scrambled below are the names  
of eight kinds of bodies of water.  
Can you unscramble them?



KEAL _____	NECOA _____
FULG _____	YOUBA _____
NOPD _____	EHL CANN _____
ESA _____	VERIR _____

Answers:

LAKE  
GULF  
POND  
SEA  
OCEAN  
BAYOU  
CHANNEL  
RIVER



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### MAP READING

Each team is given an old map that contains several water features. Name a body of water. First one to mark the location with a crayon wins. Other possible questions: deepest water, the city pool (if using a local map), local river, etc.

### INNER TUBE RAFT

For a cool, wet summer adventure, make this simple raft for a den project or a pack water fun day. To make one, you will need:

30' nylon rope

3 inner tubes

drill

hand saw

board slightly longer than the inner tubes when lined up in a row and wide enough to fit across the holes

This is a great way to involve your den adults! Line up the inner tubes and lay the board across the tops. With the handsaw, round the corners of the board to prevent sharp bumps if you fall off the raft. Allow no more than 6" to hang over the inner tubes at each end. Remove splinters from the board and sand rough edges. You may want to paint the board with your racing colors!

To mark where to drill the holes, lay the inner tubes on top of the board (as shown). Lace the rope through the holes, tying the ends so that the inner tubes are fastened securely to the board. Climb aboard and set sail. Several dens could make rafts and have a pack raft race.

