

Using Themes in your Pack



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Presenters:

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Today's Goals

- 📖 What offices are in the room (Den Leader, Cubmaster,...)?
- 📖 Are you currently using themes?
- 📖 What do you want to learn from class?



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My Background

- 📖 Cub Scout - '68-'70
- 📖 Boy Scout - Troop 575 '72-'77
- 📖 Tiger Den Coach - Pack 617, '97-'98
- 📖 Den Leader - Pack 411, '98-'00
- 📖 Cubmaster - Pack 411, '00-Present



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What is a Cub Scout "Career?"

- 📅 5 years (Tiger-Webelos II)
- 📅 5 Pinewood Derbies
- 📅 5 Blue & Gold Banquets
- 📅 50 Pack Meetings
- 📅 150 Den Meetings



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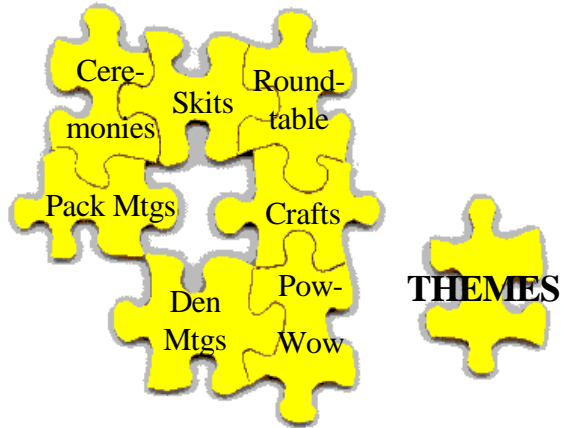
What are Themes?

- 📅 A collection of related activities of high "boy interest" for each month, encompassing den activities & the Pack meeting.
- 📅 They are described in "Program Helps", Pow-Wow and Roundtable documentation



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Themes are the key piece of the Cub Scout puzzle



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Why Use Themes?

- Add Variety to Den Meetings
- Add Variety to Pack Meetings
- Makes Den Projects More Important
- Makes planning Integrated Pack Meeting possible

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Progam Helps - Den Level


 Where do Den Crafts go?

- Refrigerator?
- Garbage can??
- Pack meeting!



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Progam Helps - Den Level

 Weekly layout of Den Activities

- Gathering Activity
- Entertainment
- Snacks
- Crafts/Advancements
- Field Trips



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Program Helps - Den Level

The image shows a document titled "Uncle Sam Depends on You: Bear Den Meetings". It contains a grid of text and checkboxes, likely a checklist or a record-keeping sheet for den meetings. The text is too small to read, but the layout consists of several columns and rows of text with small boxes next to them.

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Program Helps - Pack Level







- 📅 Den meetings form backbone of Pack Meeting
- ☑ Den displays of crafts and activities
- ☑ Decorations
- ☑ Boy awareness of theme

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Program Helps - Pack Level

 Pack adds additional elements:

-  Decorations
-  Guest Speakers
-  Ceremonies
-  Cheers
-  Songs
-  Cubmaster Minutes



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Pack Printed Program

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"Critters, Cubs and Campfires"

QuickTime™ and a GIF decompressor are needed to see this picture.

There is no pleasure that comes near to that of preparing your own meal over your little fire of wood embers on the end of the stick, and no cover like the roof of that fire. There is no view like that from your tent on the woodland hillside. And there is no sleep like that in the open with a warm blanket.

*Lord Baden-Powell I
 Founder of the Scouting Movement*

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"Blast Off"




*And the world - will be better for this
 That one man - scouted and covered with scars
 Still strove - with his last ounce of courage
 To reach - the unreachable star!*

Don Quixote De La Mancha

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"Kids Against Crime"



"All crime is a kind of disease and should be treated as such"

*Mahatma Gandhi
 Hindu religious leader, nationalist and social reformer*

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Progam Helps - Pack Level



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Introducing Themes To Pack

-  Best initiated at Pack level
-  Give Den Leaders long-term plan for the theme and their assignments
-  Go with whatever support you get, and build - recognize Dens that support theme
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Theme Resources

- Personal experiences/Talents
- Program Helps/Scouting Magazine
- Pow-Wow
- Roundtable
- Pack Members
- "Footsteps of the Founder" - quotations of Baden-Powell



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MONTH	Oct-2002	Nov-2002	Dec-2002	Jan-2003	Feb-2003	Mar-2003	Apr-2003	May-2003	Jun-2003	Jul-2003
PACK CMT MTG	10/1 7:00 PM	10/29 7:00 PM	12/3 7:00 PM	???	2/4 7:00 PM	3/4 7:00 PM	4/1 7:00 PM	4/29 7:00 PM	6/3 7:00 PM	None
PACK MTG	10/10 7:00 PM	11/14 7:00 PM	12/12 7:00 PM	1/9 7:00 PM	None - B&G	3/13 7:00 PM	4/10 7:00 PM	5/8 7:00 PM	Creek Cleanup	None
THEME	Bias Off (change!)	Kids Against Crime	Winter Wonderland	Strike Up The Band	Check Sam Depends on You!	Why Does it Do That?	Land of the Pharaohs	Lights, Camera, Action!	Fun in the Sun	A Hiking We Will Go
DEN ASSIGNMENTS	1C, 2E, 3P, 4G, 7S, 9K	1G, 2S, 3E, 4K, 8P, 9C	1K, 2C, 3G, 4E, 7P, 8S	2K, 3C, 5G, 7E, 4P, 9S	TBD	1S, 2P, 3K, 5C, 8E, 9G	1P, 4K, 5S, 7C, 8G, 9E	3E, 4S, 5K, 7G, 8C	1K, 3P, 4G, 5E, 7S, 9C	N/A
EVENT 1	Coyote Creek Cycling 105 8:00 AM 50 miles 8:30 AM others "B"	Scouting for Food	Winter Event?	Pinewood Derby Weigh-In 1/3-03 10AM-5PM "B"	Blue & Gold 2/13/03 5:45-8:15	High-Adventure USS Pampanito 3/29-30	Recruiting at Jungle (small group)		Creek Cleanup/ Rainswater Regatta Sun, 7/7 2:00 PM "B"	Family Camp 2
EVENT 2	Popcorn Sale	Popcorn Sale		Pinewood Derby 1/1/03 6:30PM-8:30PM	Scout Religious Week Scout Sunday-Bethel 2/9/03				Family Camp 1	Day Camp 1
EVENT 3		District Leader's Dinner 118 Lou's Village 6:30 PM			WEST Fair 2/8/03??					Day Camp 2
EVENT 4		Stanford Scout Day 11/9 4:00 PM			District Pinewood Derby ???					Committee Planning Mtg
ROUNDTABLE	10/8 7:30 PM	11/12 7:30 PM	12/10 7:30 PM	1/14 7:30 PM	2/11 7:30 PM	3/11 7:30 PM	4/8 7:30 PM	5/13 7:30 PM	6/10 7:30 PM	7/8 7:30 PM
TRAINING	10/12 NLE, CS 10:22 3P			POW-WOW 12SWS 1/11 NLE	02/08,02:26 NLE 2/8 CS	03/22 NLE 3/22 CS	04/24 NLE 04/26 BLO	05/17 NLE, CS 5/10 BLO	06/18 NLE 6/14 BLO	7/12 NLE, CS
SCHOOL EVENT	SLD-Staff Learning Day, JM-John Muir, CM-McAuliffe, MZ-Meyerholz	11/1 SLD	12/23-1/3 Winter Recess		2/3 SLD	2/17-21 Mid-Year Recess	4/5 JM Walkaround 4/21-25 Spring Recess	5/12 SLD	6/12 School Ends	
HOLIDAYS	10/14 Columbus Day	11/5 Elect. day 11/11 Vet. Day 11/27-29 Thanksgiving	12/25 Christmas	1/1 New Year's 1/20 MLK	2/14 Valentines 2/17 Pres. Day 2/22 Baden-Powell Bday	3/5 Ash Wednesday	4/13 Palm Sunday 4/17 Passover, 4/20 Easter	5/11 Mother's Day 5/17 Armed Forces Day 5/26 Mem. Day	6/14 Flag Day 6/15 Father's Day	7/4 Fourth
LEADER GRADUATION							Addon, Dutch, Markus, Mucchello			

Impact on Advancements

- ☞ Stress that responsibility for advancements lies with family, not den leader
- ☞ Utilize Den Doodles, advancement charts, den goal to reinforce individual responsibility, track progress
- ☞ Let families know what you do not plan to cover



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Why Use Themes?

- ☞ Gives variety and interest to program
- ☞ Gives initiative to do things that you would not consider otherwise
- ☞ Increases efficiency of planning



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My Favorite Theme Moments

- 📖 Guest Speakers - CEO, CHP Officer
- 📖 Police opening ceremony
- 📖 Blast-Off Cubmaster Minute
- 📖 Artist Frame Ceremony
- 📖 Kids Against Crime Ceremony
- 📖 Hoe-Down
- 📖 Gathering Activities
- 📖 Snacks



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2004/2005 Themes

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|-----------|------------------------|-----------|--------------------------------|
| 📖 Feb-'04 | Fiesta! | 📖 Dec-'04 | Holiday Food Fare |
| 📖 Mar-'04 | Walk In My Shoes | 📖 Jan-'05 | Spread The News |
| 📖 Apr-'04 | Cubservation | 📖 Feb-'05 | Scouting Celebration |
| 📖 May-'04 | My Home State | 📖 Mar-'05 | Invention Convention |
| 📖 Jun-'04 | Cub Rock | 📖 Apr-'05 | Waterways of the USA |
| 📖 Jul-'04 | Fin Fun | 📖 May-'05 | Cub Pet Pals |
| 📖 Aug-'04 | Scouting the Midway | 📖 Jun-'05 | Destination Parks |
| 📖 Sep-'04 | Time in a Capsule | 📖 Jul-'05 | Play Ball! |
| 📖 Oct-'04 | It's a Circus of Stars | 📖 Aug-'05 | Campfire Tales &
Traditions |
| 📖 Nov-'04 | Cub Scout Collectors | | |



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Thanks for coming!

 Questions/Issues

 Discussion



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