

'05-'06 Theme Quotations

This list of quotations is an abbreviated print version of the quotes – the complete file is available on the [Pow Wow 2005 CD](#).

Quotations contain the wisdom of the ages, and are a great source of inspiration for Cubmaster's minutes, material for an advancement ceremony or an insightful addition to a Pack Meeting program cover. In addition to conveying wisdom they send a message that the values of scouting are timeless. Using quotations is also a way to introduce boys to literature and history.

Some of the quotes contained are above the heads of Cub Scout boys, but are included as a source of inspiration to a Cubmaster or Den Leader, and can be paraphrased for best use. Sometimes a quotation may trigger you to think of the theme in a way that you had not originally envisioned.

The quotations of Lord Robert Baden-Powell are from the book "Footsteps of the Founder, which is available from the Scout store. I hope you enjoy these quotations, and find many uses for them.

"The Scout training tends to make the boys into better men – in fact, into gentlemen, which, in the terms of the definition of Bernard Shaw, is one who does not expect to take more from the world than he gives to it." – **Lord Robert Baden-Powell**

Mar-'05 Invention Convention

"Don't give up because you do not find everything you need made to order at your hand, but take what you have, use your wits, and make the most of it.." – **Lord Robert Baden-Powell**

"Genius is 1% inspiration and 99% perspiration." – **Thomas Alva Edison**

"Older people ask – 'What is it?' the boy asks 'What can I do with it?'" – **Steve Jobs**

"Throw some simple and cheap ingredients in a bag, shake it, bake it, and go to market." – **Guy Kawasaki, "Rules for Revolutionaries"**

Apr-'05 Waterways of the USA

"No Scout can consider himself a full-blown Scout until he is able to swim and to save life in the water." – **Lord Robert Baden-Powell**

"Every man ought to be able to swim... it gives him the power of helping others in." – **Lord Robert Baden-Powell**

"In rivers and bad governments, the lightest things swim at the top." - **Benjamin Franklin**

"All rivers do what they can for the sea." - **Thomas Fuller: Gnomologis, 1732**

May-'05 Cub Pet Pals

"An animal has been made by God, just as you have been. He is therefore a fellow-creature." – Lord Robert Baden-Powell

"A boy can learn a lot from a dog: obedience, loyalty, and the importance of turning around three times before lying down." Robert Benchley (1889 - 1945)

"It's funny how dogs and cats know the inside of folks better than other folks do, isn't it?"
Eleanor H. Porter (1868 - 1920), Pollyanna, 1912

"If you are a dog and your owner suggests that you wear a sweater, suggest that he wear a tail." Fran Lebowitz (1950 -)

Jun-'05 Destination Parks

"In 'Scout', there is 'out'." – Lord Robert Baden-Powell

"The open-air is the real objective of Scouting and the key to success." – Lord Robert Baden-Powell

"Take only pictures; Leave only footprints; Waste only time." - Unknown

"Don't step on anything you can step over; Don't step over anything you can step around." - Unknown

"The farther one gets into the wilderness, the greater is the attraction of its lonely freedom." - Theodore Roosevelt

"It was like lying in a great solemn cathedral, far vaster and more beautiful than any built by the hand of man." -

Theodore Roosevelt, on camping in Yosemite

Jul-'05 Play Ball!

"Play the game – don't look on." – Lord Robert Baden-Powell

"Kids are always chasing rainbows, but baseball is a world where you can catch them." - Johnny Vander Meer, Reds pitcher 1937-49

"It's just throwing and catching and hitting and running. What could be simpler than that?" - Paul Richards, Orioles manager 1955-61

"My office is Yankee stadium. Yes, dreams do come true" - Derek Jeter

"If you're not practicing, somebody else is, somewhere, and he'll be ready to take your job." - Brooks Robinson

"I don't want to play golf. When I hit a ball, I want someone else to go chase it" - Roger Hornsby

Aug-'05 Campfire Tales & Traditions

"The Cubmaster can command rapt attention at any time by telling his Cubs a story, and through it he can convey the lesson he wants to inculcate." – Lord Robert Baden-Powell

"Storytelling reveals meaning without committing the error of defining it." - Hannah Arendt

"There have been great societies that did not use the wheel, but there have been no societies that did not tell stories." - Ursula K. LeGuin

"The tale is often wiser than the teller."
- Susan Fletcher (as Marjan, in Shadow Spinner)

"'Thou shalt not' is soon forgotten, but 'Once upon a time' lasts forever." - Philip Pullman (1996 Carnegie Medal acceptance speech)

Sep-'05 Cub Scout Roundup

"Well come along boys and listen to my tale, 'll tell you of my troubles on the old Chisholm Trail." – Unknown, from the song *"The Old Chisholm Trail"*

"Like a ribbon across the prairie." - Unknown cowboy describing the Chisholm Trail

"Go west young man, go west" - Unknown cowboy

"Never approach a bull from the front, a horse from the rear, or a fool from any direction." - Unknown cowboy

"Don't squat with your spurs on." - Unknown cowboy

"When you lose, don't lose the lesson." - Unknown cowboy

Oct-'05 To The Rescue

"One of the chief duties of a scout is to help those in distress in any possible way that he can." - Lord Robert Baden-Powell

"No Scout can consider himself a full-blown Scout until he is able to swim and to save life in the water." - Lord Robert Baden-Powell

"No one is born brave; ability begets confidence; confidence begets courage."
– Lord Robert Baden-Powell

Nov-'05 My Family Tree

"Acting is just a way of making a living; the family is life." - Denzel Washington

"If you don't know [your family's] history, then you don't know anything. You are a leaf that doesn't know it is part of a tree." - Michael Chrichton

"Govern a family as you would cook a small fish - very gently." - Chinese Proverb

"Where can a person be better than in the bosom of their family?" - Marmontel Gretry

"I can get up in the morning and look myself in the mirror and my family can look at me too and that's all that matters." - Lance Armstrong

Dec-'05 Faith, Hope and Charity

"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

"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." - Xena

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

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

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

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

Jan-'06 Music Magic

"Most of us go to our grave with our music still inside of us." - **Unknown**

"Without music, life is a journey through a desert." - **Pat Conroy**

"There is always music amongst the trees in the garden, but our hearts must be very quiet to hear it." - **M. Aumonier**

"Words make you think a thought. Music makes you feel a feeling. A song makes you feel a thought." - **E.Y. Harburg (Edgar Yipsel) (1898 - 1981)**

It takes a lot of devotion and work, or maybe I should say play, because if you love it, that's what it amounts to. I

haven't found any shortcuts, and I've been looking for a long time. **Chet Atkins**

Feb-'06 Cubs in The Future

"In the Troop you will have to think for yourself and stand on your own feet. You will have to stop yourself from following a crowd if you are not sure that crowd is on a Scoutly job; you will have to stop yourself from giving up a thing because it seems dull and hard. You will need real pluck and steadiness." - **Lord Robert Baden-Powell**

"The best thing about the future is that it only comes one day at a time." - **Abraham Lincoln**

"I never think of the future. It comes soon enough." - **Albert Einstein**

"In every conceivable manner, the family is link to our past, bridge to our future." **Alex Haley**

"The future ain't what it used to be." - **Yogi Berra**