

Pow Wow 2007 Cub Scout Investigations



Unraveling the Secrets of Cub Scouting



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Welcome to the Cub PowWow!

Thank you for taking your valuable time to be with us today. Whether we realize it or not, we issue a promise to every boy involved in Cubs of the wonders of adventure and an exciting program.

Your commitment to developing a better program in your pack will translate into boys' memories and a set of core values they will keep with them throughout their life that will pay dividends way into the future.

Please also join me in a commitment to reach out to boys not presently involved in Cub Scouts. What a community we could have if every boy lives by the Cub Oath and Promise.

Have fun today, making the most of the 2006 PowWow and the exciting theme "*CSI - Cub Scouts Investigations Unraveling the Secrets of Cub Scouting*". Your Cub Scouts will be the beneficiaries of your time, talent and dedication.

Greetings Fellow Scouters:

Welcome to "C.S.I." Cub Scout Investigations unraveling the Secrets of Cub Scouting. As you go thru the day, you will find many things awaiting you at every turn. Just have fun and learn to unravel the secrets of Cub Scouting.

This Year I would like to thank many people who helped get us to this day. There are so many because there is more to put on a Pow Wow than one realizes.

First I must and need to thank my husband Russell for putting up with phone calls, meetings and questions. He and our son Sean helped my keep most of my sanity during this time. Russell is also the one with chore of feeding of all you, so be sure to tell the lunch staff that you enjoyed your meal.

I need to thank Duke for becoming my book editor at the last minute. That is never an easy job. Patty Kerr and Stacey Valentine for helping with the staffing and keeping my on the right path. My thanks also goes out to Joseph Curtis my staff advisor, who has been a big supporter during all of this. Dave Moore thanks you so much for helping with getting the facility for the day.

Thank-you also goes out to Bart & Brenda Bartholomew for an awesome job with registration. Grey Rhyons with facilities and just support in general. This thank you also includes the packs that helped with the midway, the scout shop and you the scouters for coming out to have fun today.

As we are having fun learning and playing games today, I want all of us to keep all the young men and women who are serving in the armed forces keeping us all safe so we can continue to have Pow Wows and the many other activites that we do in scouting

Yours in Scouting

Karen Matthews

2006 GCC Pow Wow Chairman

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Monthly Themes 2007 - 2008

January 2007 - Poles Apart

Learn about the North and South Poles this month. Imagine life in a place where there is cold and ice 365 days a year! Learn about the brave explorers who traveled to the ends of our earth. Practice with a compass and map; give directions to your home and school. Experiment with magnets and polarity. Discover the plants and animals that make the icy poles of the Artic and Antarctic their home –including everyone’s flightless bird, the penguin! Earn the Map & Compass belt loop and pin.



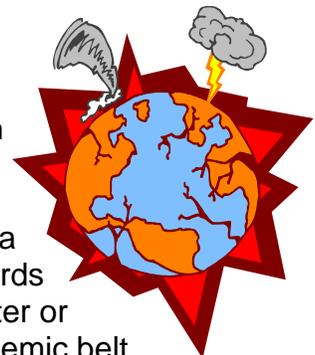
February 2007 - Aloha, Cub Scouts



Let’s take a trip to our 50th state this month! Cub Scouts will learn about the culture, customs, language, food, and games of Hawaii. Did you know that the first Hawaiians came to our islands over 1500 years ago? That surfing was invented here? That Hawaii was a separate country with its own kings and queens until 1893? Learn to say hello, thank you and the Cub Scout Promise in the native Hawaiian language. Try a Hawaiian treat like “shave ice” for a den snack. Make a flower lei to give to a family member. Play a Hawaiian game like Koname (Hawaiian checkers) or ulumaika (a game similar to lawn bowling). How about a luau theme for your pack meeting or Blue & Gold banquet?

March 2007 - Baloo Skies

This month Cub Scouts will learn how weather impacts their daily lives. Visit a local weather station and find out what meteorologists are doing to make better weather predictions or watch the weather on radar via the Internet or on TV. Learn about temperature, barometric pressure, and what makes clouds and rain. Make a rain gauge. See how the wind affects the land and oceans. Build and fly a kite with yo ur den or pack. Build a tornado in a bottle. Learn what birds do to “weather” the storms. Invite a science teacher, weather forecaster or meteorologist to come to your pack meeting. Earn the Weather Academic belt loop and pin.



April 2007 - Cub Cafe



This month our Cub Scouts can experience the varied tasks associated with running a café. From planning a budget and menu, to food selection and preparation, to consumption, Cub Scouts can do it all. Visit a supermarket and learn about where food comes from as well as the benefits of comparison-shopping. Learn about table etiquette for both the waiter and consumer. Make a pack meeting a “Food Fair” where each den runs their own “Cub Café” and everyone enjoys a taste.

May 2007 - Cubs and Bugs Galore

This month explore creepy crawly critters and discover the giant world of insects. Take a walk or hike and see how many insects – or their signs – you can spot. Learn the stages of an insect’s life and how some insects change inside a cocoon or chrysalis. Make a model of an insect home or build an ant farm. How does an insect survive the winter? Learn to treat bug bites and stings. Visit a beekeeper and taste fresh honey. Talk to a farmer, county extension agent or school biologist about the harmful and helpful things that insects do.



June 2007 - Wheel Into Summer

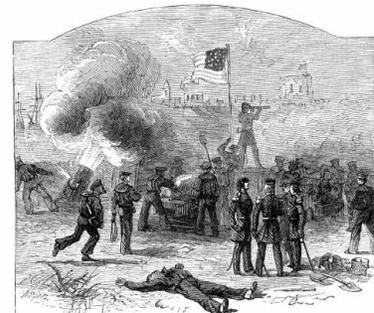


Wheels help us have a “wheely” good time. Our bicycles, skateboards, roller blades, and scooters are fun provided we use them correctly. Learn about how bikes are used in other countries and in various types of competitions. How about having a pack “Wheel Fun Party” where you can demonstrate your skills and learn safety rules while having lots of fun? Remember to wear the correct protective gear such as helmets and pads.

Conduct a pack Cubmobile race. Adult family members can be judges and help with a cookout or picnic. Don’t forget to look into electives that could be completed during the meeting as well as earning the Bicycling and Skating belt loops and pins.

July 2007 - The Rockets Red Glare

Learn to sing “The Star Spangled Banner.” Find out how and why Francis Scott Key wrote our national anthem. Make water rockets and have fun getting everyone wet. Conduct a pack water rocket launch. Take the pack to see the local fireworks on the Fourth of July. Build a model of the kind of rocket that took people or a satellite into space. Earn the Citizenship belt loop and pin.



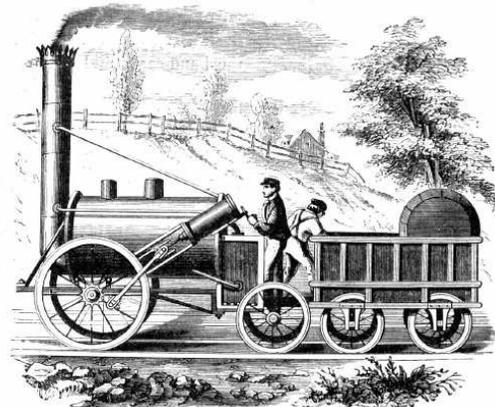
August 2007- A Century of Scouting



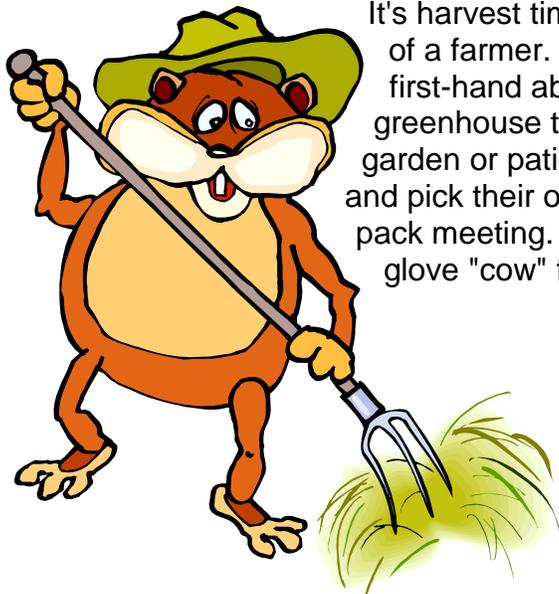
Celebrate the 100th anniversary of Scouting by learning about Lord Baden-Powell, founder of the Scouting movement. Take an imaginary trip to the very first Scout camp on Brownsea Island. Learn how Scouting came to the US and about the beginnings of Cub Scouting here. What famous Americans "present and part" were in Scouting? Find people in your town or family who were Scouts and make a pack scrapbook of their memories. Learn how Scouts in other parts of the world are celebrating the 100th anniversary. Make a time capsule for the Cub Scouts in your town to open on Scouting's 200th birthday.

September 2007 - Cub Scout Express

All Aboard the Cub Scout Express! Invite a buddy to join you in your journey through Cub Scouting, riding the rails to adventure. Activities can include a trip to a train or rail museum, visiting a local train station, or inviting a model railroader to your pack meeting. Look up the history of trains at the library or on the Internet. Read about the different train cars and engines. Use a large cardboard facade of a train for an induction ceremony for new families or presentation of awards. Play train relay games with your den or pack.



October 2007--Down On the Farm



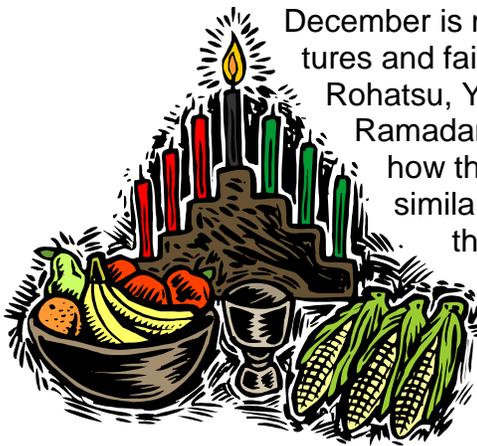
It's harvest time! Cub Scouts learn about growing crops and the life of a farmer. Dens might visit a farm, dairy, or petting zoo to learn first-hand about farm animals. Boys can build a miniature greenhouse to start their own vegetables for planting in the family garden or patio pots. Dens could take a field trip to a pumpkin patch and pick their own pumpkin for the pumpkin decorating contest at the pack meeting. Fair activities might include contest booths, a rubber-glove "cow" for milking, and an old-fashioned hayride.

November 2007-Indian Nations

Dens will learn about the American Indian tribe or nation currently living in their part of the country or those that previously lived there. Invite a local tribe to help the pack learn how Native Americans show their respect for Mother Earth and how "we are all related." The boys will learn about native foods and discover how good these foods taste. They will learn about traditional oral history as a way of teaching lessons and history. They can work on their Communicating belt loops and pins, play a native American game, and learn the meaning and history behind the skills required to play the game. Boys can then share their new knowledge at a pack meeting or special event.



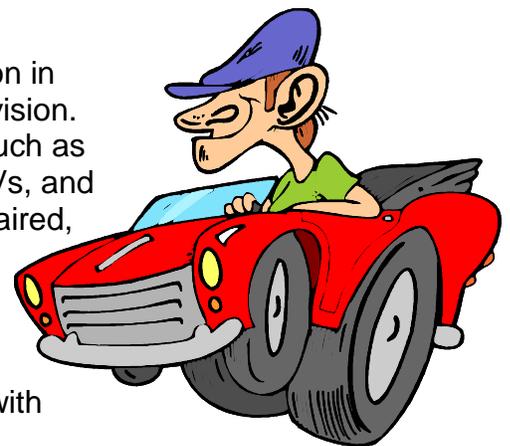
December 2007-Celebrations around the World



December is marked by days of celebration and observance for many cultures and faiths around the world. Christmas, Chanukah, Ramadan, Rohatsu, Yule, and Kwanzaa can all occur this month. (But note that Ramadan is from mid-September to mid-October this year.) Find out how the celebrations for the same holiday in another country are similar and different than those in the U.S.A. Boys can compare their own family's customs and traditions with others in your community. Invite an adult who came here from another country to come to your pack meeting to tell what and how their family celebrates. Why not start a new tradition of service in your pack as a way to honor the holidays this month? Boys will work on the Heritages belt loop and pin.

January 2008-Cub Scout Car Show

Cars have fascinated every generation since their invention in 1769. They've been featured in many movies and on television. Boys will discover the different kinds of cars and trucks, such as sports cars, sedans, limousines, taxis, vans, pickups, SUVs, and racecars. They will learn how these vehicles are built, repaired, modified, and sold. The den can visit a car dealership, auto mechanic shop, or auto parts dealer. Boys can build car or truck models or create a model of a showroom or a garage, with miniature die-cast cars. They can participate in a slot car race or pinewood derby race with the den or pack.



February 2008-Chinese New Year

Happy Chinese New Year! Or more Choy! (That's the traditional This month we welcome the year welcome the New Year lanterns, fortune abundant joy. banquet with Chinese lots of red, the future. The boys Culture belt loop and



appropriately, Gung Hay Fat Chinese New Year greeting.) 4705. Let's celebrate and with dragon dances, paper cookies, and oranges for Decorate your blue and gold banners inscribed with characters for luck and with symbol of a bright and sunny can earn the Language and pin.

MARCH 2008-LITTER TO GLITTER - Conservation

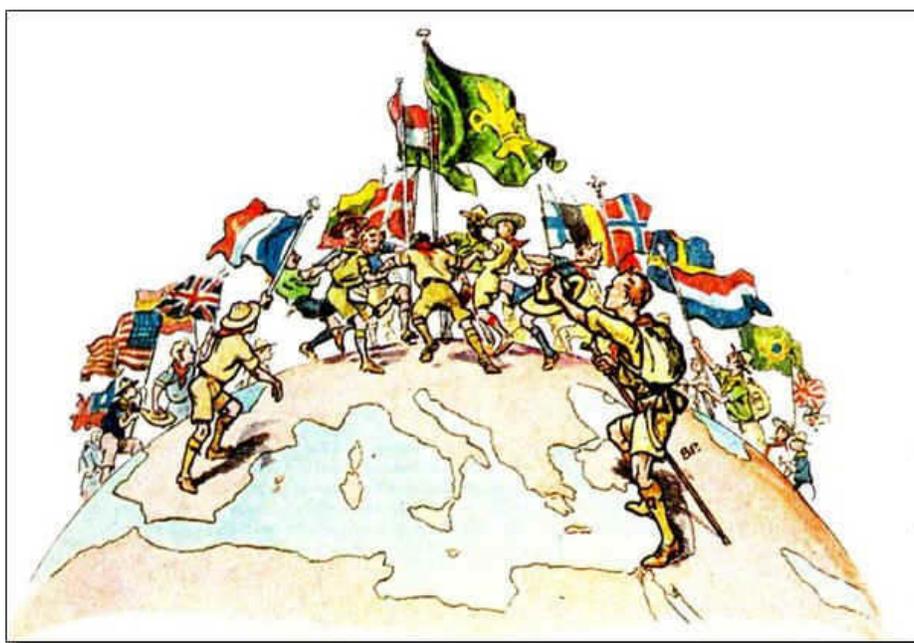
APRIL 2008-ABRACADABRA - Magic

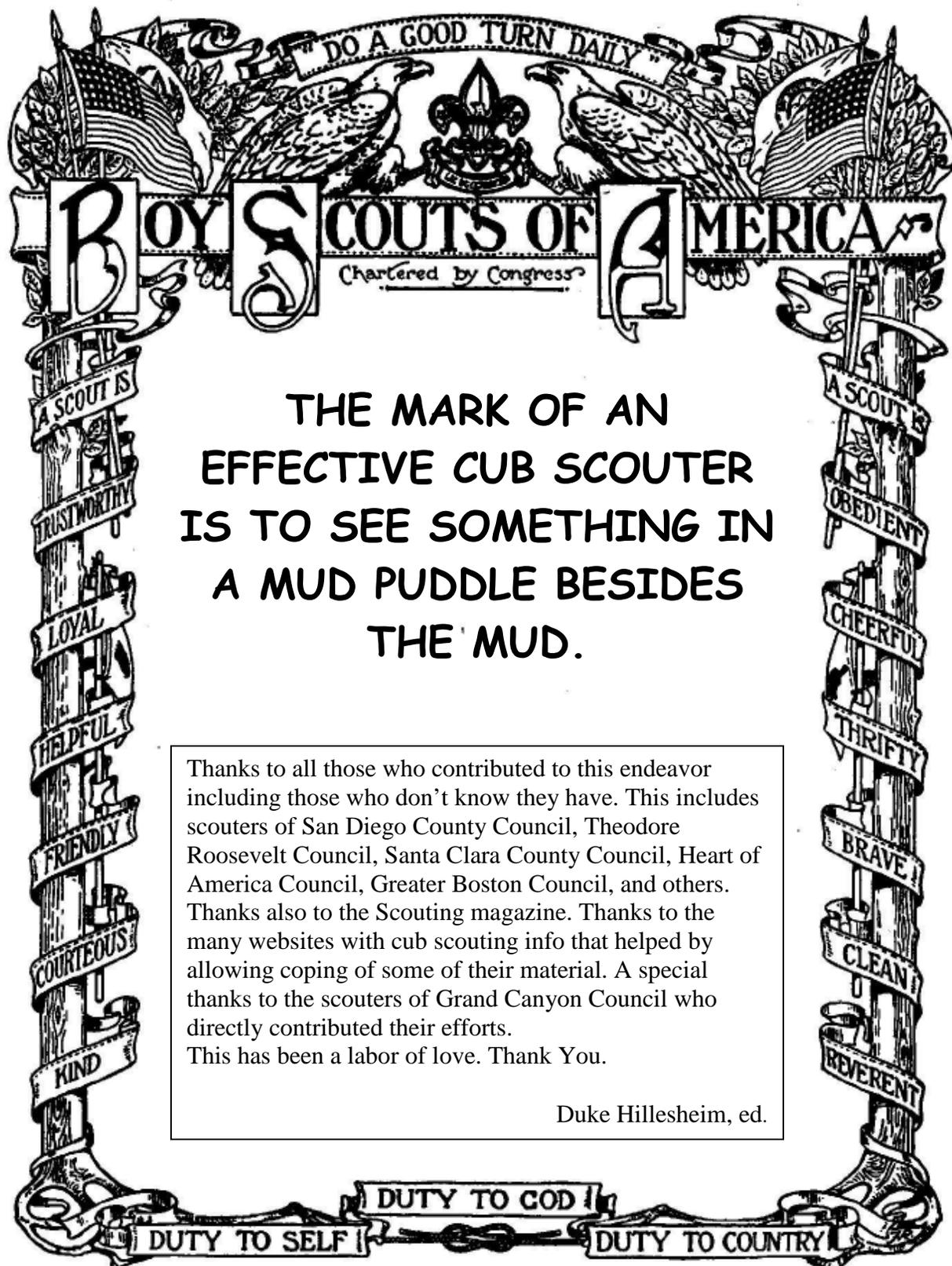
MAY 2008-LEAF IT TO CUBS - Plants

JUNE 2008-GO FOR THE GOLD - Athletics

JULY 2008-H2Ohhh! - Water Activities

AUGUST 2008-S'MORE SUMMER FUN - The Outing in Scouting





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