

Using Themes in your Pack



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?



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



What is a Cub Scout "Career?"

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

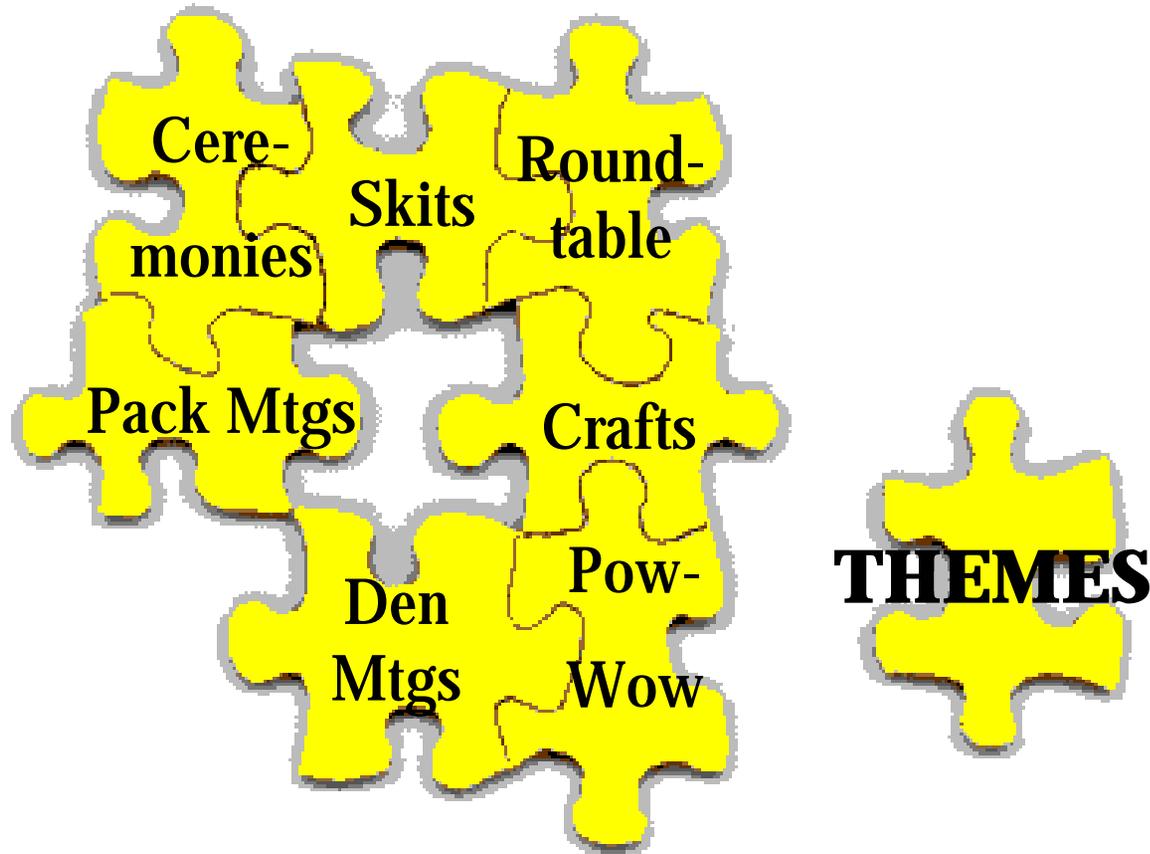


What are Themes?

- ✌ 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



Themes are the key piece of the Cub Scout puzzle



Why Use Themes?

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



Progam Helps - Den Level

✌ Where do Den Crafts go?

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



Program Helps - Den Level

- ✌ Weekly layout of Den Activities
 - Gathering Activity
 - Entertainment
 - Snacks
 - Crafts/Advancements
 - Field Trips



Progam Helps - Den Level

Uncle Sam Depends on You: Bear Den Meetings				
Dens may meet after school, in the evenings, or on weekends. Review the theme pages before planning den meetings.				
WHEN	FIRST WEEK	SECOND WEEK	THIRD WEEK	FOURTH WEEK
SCORE THE BETTER PARTS	Have supplies for I Love America Paper Chain (10 PER), Red, White, and Blue Pom-poms (10 PER), U.S. Flag Project Patriotic Patch Cards (10 PER).	Have U.S. and state maps for coloring activity, supplies for I Love America Paper Chain, Washable Face Paints (10 PER), U.S. Flag.	Have markers and construction paper for boys to create additional chain lengths for the I Love America Paper Chain.	Have supplies for I Love America Paper Chain and Flag Bands (10 PER), star-shaped cookies for boys to decorate with sprinkles or frosting.
WEEK CLUB COUSIN MATHER	Den chief leads the group in Patriotic Patch Cards.	Add to the I Love America Paper Chain started last week. Boys review the U.S. map and find their state (Electric 2A).	Add more loops to the I Love America Paper Chain.	Make more loops for the I Love America Paper Chain. Write to the president of the United States, The White House, 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, D.C. 20503.
SPRING	Den chief leads the U.S. flag boys in a circle around it and sing "The Star-Spangled Banner."	Boys gather around the flag and repeat the Pledge of Allegiance.	Den leader leads the President Opening Thought (10 PER).	Den chief leads the boys in the Cub Scout Promise.
Den leader checks boys' books for completed assignments and checks and awards them on the Advancement Charts. Boys record own advancement on den boards. <i>F den has two.</i>				
BOYS' TIME	Den chief asks "Who's here Depends on You" theme. Ask two volunteers to make a short report and walk on an American hero of their choice (Advancement 9). Each boy writes down ideas and starts the I Love America Paper Chain.	Boys who are scheduled to give their reports share with the den. Boys share the information they have discovered about the chosen man (Advancement 9).	Practice the flag ceremony for blue and gold sash. One boy bears a drum steady while others line up and bring the flag forward and place it in the stand.	Den leader groups boys by their preferred choice of items to add to the I Love America Paper Chain. Discuss final plans for the den contribution to the Blue and gold sash.
ACTIVITY	Make Red, White, and Blue pom-poms for the Blue and gold sash (Advancement 10). Play Flag Relay.	Play Coloring the Unknown, Make Patriotic Flag Bands.	Prepare flag cards for the sash by folding red, white, and blue construction paper (4 1/2 by 6 1/2 inches) in half and writing down each person's name. Put a white star and tape or glue into the corner of each paper card.	Lead a Character Connection discussion related to the I Love America Paper Chain. Make Flag Bands. Boys decorate star-shaped cookies with colored frosting and then eat them.
CLUBS	Den chief leads the Law of the Pack.	Boys observe a moment of reverence for all patients who have given their lives for their country. Share with quiet.	Boys form a Living Circle and tell what Whitebe means. Den chief and denner get the Cub Scout handbook with each boy as they leave.	Boys join together and give their den roll.
Denner supervises putting away equipment. Den leader, den chief, and denner review the meeting and check denner for the next meeting.				
AFTER THE MEETING			Den leader files out den advancement report for the pack leader's meeting.	
CAREX WITH YOUR PACK LEADER OR CHAIRMAN FOR SCOUTABLE IDEAS AND OTHER TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES.				



Program Helps - Pack Level

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



Progam Helps - Pack Level

✌ Pack adds additional elements:

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



Pack Printed Program

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"Critters, Cubs and Campfires"

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There is no pleasure that comes near to that of preparing your own meal over your little fire of wood embers at the end of the day, and no scent like the smell of that fire. There is no view like that from your lair on the woodland hill-side. And there is no sleep like that in the open with a warm blanket.

*Lord Baden-Powell
 Founder of the Scouting Movement*

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"Blast Off"



*"And the world - will be better for this
 That one man - scorned 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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Program Helps - Pack Level

February

UNCLE SAM DEPENDS ON YOU

WEBelos ACTIVITY BADGES: SCHOLAR, ENGINEER

The anniversary week of Scouting is a great time for Cub Scouts to set the example of good citizenship. Check with your school or chartered organization about opportunities for uniformed days to raise and lower the flag. Boys can discover the responsibility and adventure associated with commitment to United States military service as they tour the nearest military installation to see first-hand what goes on there. Encourage den members to write letters to service people stationed in other countries. Den activities will also center on making place mats, centerpieces, and other decorations to honor our country at the blue and gold banquet. After learning flag etiquette and how to say the Pledge of Allegiance, Cub Scouts will begin the banquet with a flag ceremony led by Uncle Sam.

PACK PLANNING

The February pack meeting will feature the blue and gold banquet, a birthday celebration for Scouting. Most of the essential plans and preparations are made months ahead of time. Responsibilities should be assigned to parents and leaders of the pack, not just to the leaders. Some suggestions:

- Program Committee: Help plan the program components—opening, closing, and recognition/achievement ceremonies—and extending invitations to chartered organization representatives, former pack leaders, district and council committee members, and other distinguished leaders.
- Food Committee: Decide the type of meal (covered dish, potluck, finger foods), provide families with details of the plan; coordinate the safe storage and arrangement of food items. A birthday cake is an appropriate touch.
- Decorations Committee: Obtain appropriate decorations for the red, white, and blue theme of the banquet (den could make them, or have local businesses donate them); provide music to set the atmosphere.
- Physical Arrangements Committee: Help select and arrange for the location according to the size of the expected group; determine logistics for the banquet (seating plan, room setup, special needs for conveniences); determine parking needs and assign helpers to park cars if needed; secure volunteers to help with the cleanup.

Some of the purposes of Cub Scouting developed through this month's theme include:

- Good citizenship: Boys will learn information about the role of a good citizen.
- Preparation for flag events: Citizenship knowledge is a giant step forward on the road to Eagle Scout, and it all begins in Cub Scouting.

This theme is designed to promote character development by emphasizing these core values:

- Citizenship: What does it mean to be a citizen? Boys will explore the many aspects of citizenship this month.
- Respect: Respect for our flag, for our country, and for each other starts at an early age.

P A C K M E E T I N G

BEFORE THE MEETING

The physical arrangements, decorations, and program committees should arrive early, and perhaps do the basic setup the night before. Boys also should have an area to decorate with the items they made at their meetings. Mark off an area for a stage if a stage is not available. Refer to the Cub Scout Leader How-To book for other ideas.

THE GATHERING PERIOD

Play patriotic music to set the atmosphere. The room should look neat in the theme with lots of red, white, and blue streamers and balloons, place mats, posters of Uncle Sam, and pictures of national monuments. Suspend

an American flag in an appropriate place and show a spotlight on it.

Committee members should greet guests at the door. They, or an assigned den, hand out the program for the banquet, distribute the Flag Quiz (3 FEB), direct families to their designated tables, tell families where to put their food items, and hand out name tags. They should also point out display tables on which boys can show off their projects of the month.

MAIN PART OF THE MEETING

OPENING

To begin the program, play a patriotic march and have Uncle Sam lead the group through the aisles so everyone can see the table decorations.

A den of older boys performs the First Freedom Opening Ceremony (3 FEB), or choose another ceremony from Cub Scout Ceremonies for Den and Packs.

The assigned Cub Scout leader forward to give the Citizenship Prayer (3 FEB) or leads another appropriate moment of reverence.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

The Cubmaster, wearing an Uncle Sam Hat (3 FEB), welcomes everyone to the banquet. Introduce the chartered organization representative and other guests.

SONS

The song leader leads "Bless This Food" (Cub Scout Songbook) before the banquet begins, or have a clergy member preside at dinner invocation.

2003 POW WOW SCCC

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
- ✌ K I S M I F



Theme Resources

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



Last Revised 09/28/02	PACK MTG Pack 411 monthly Mtg. all 411 boys & families-Bethel Lutheran Church 10181 Finch Av.	Assignmnts: S-Snack C-Ceremony E-Entertain P-Prep K-Cleanup G-Gathering	Uniform: Class "A" unless "B" noted for messy events	Pack CMT Meeting - leaders & parents of Pack 411 - Bethel, Room 25	Roundtable - District Ldr. Mtg. 2nd Tues. - Sunnyvale Presbyterian Fremont & Hollenbeck	Event Planned by Activities Committee	Pack events not Activities Committee	District/ Council Events	Training Codes NLE-New Ldr CS-Cub Scout BLO-Outdoor YP-Youth Prtct	Pow-Wow Herman Intermediate School, 5955 Blossom Ave., San Jose
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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	Blast Off (chngd!)	Kids Against Crime	Winter Wonderland	Strike Up The Band	Uncle 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 10/5 8:00 AM 50 milers 8:30 AM others "B"	Scouting for Food	Winter Event?	Pinewood Derby Weigh-In 1/5/03 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/ Raing utter Regatta Sun, ??? 2:00 PM "B"	Family Camp 2
EVENT 2	Popcom Sale	Popcom Sale		Pinewood Derby 1/11/03 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 11/8 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 YP			POW-WOW 1/25/03 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 EVENTS (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 Walkaround4/2 1-25 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
LEADERS GRADUATING							Addison, Daniels, Markus, Macchello			

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



Why Use Themes?

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



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



2003/2004 Themes

- ✎ Feb-'03 Uncle Sam Depends on You!
- ✎ Mar-'03 Why Does it Do That?
- ✎ Apr-'03 Land of the Pharaohs
- ✎ May-'03 Lights, Camera, Action!
- ✎ Jun-'03 Fun in the Sun
- ✎ Jul-'03 A Hiking We Will Go
- ✎ Aug-'03 Circle the Wagons!
- ✎ Sep-'03 Soaring to New Heights
- ✎ Oct-'03 Once Upon a Time
- ✎ Nov-'03 Pilgrims of Plymouth Rock
- ✎ Dec-'03 A Cub Scout Gives Goodwill
- ✎ Jan-'04 Home Alone
- ✎ Feb-'04 Fiesta
- ✎ Mar-'04 Walk in My Shoes
- ✎ Apr-'04 Cubservation
- ✎ May-'04 My Home State
- ✎ Jun-'04 Cub Rock
- ✎ Jul-'04 Fin Fun
- ✎ Aug-'04 Scouting the Midway



Thanks for coming!

✌ Questions/Issues

✌ Discussion

