

September 2007 Theme -- "Cub Scout Express"

All Aboard the Cub Scout Express. Invite a buddy to join you in your journey through Cub Scouts, riding the rails to adventure. Activities can include a trip to a train or rail museum, visit a local train station or invite 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 that are used by railroads. 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.

Webelos Activity Badges for September 2007:
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PRAYERS & POEMS FOR SCOUTERS **Angel Pennies**

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I found a penny today
Just laying on the ground,
But it's not just a penny
This little coin I've found.

Found pennies come from heaven
That's what my Grandpa told me,
He said, "Angels toss them down."
Oh, how I loved that story.

He said, "When an Angel misses you
They toss a penny down,
Sometimes just to cheer you up
To make a smile out of your frown."

So don't pass by that penny
When you're feeling blue,
It may be a penny from heaven
That an Angel's tossed to you.

A True Story

Six year old Brandon decided one Saturday morning to fix his parents pancakes: He found a big bowl and spoon, pulled a chair to the counter, opened the cupboard and pulled out the heavy flour canister, spilling it on the floor. He scooped some of the flour into the bowl with his hands, mixed in most of a cup of milk and added some sugar, leaving a floury trail on the floor which by now had a few tracks left by his kitten.

Brandon was covered with flour and getting frustrated. He wanted this to be something very good for Mom and Dad, but it was getting very bad.

He didn't know what to do next, whether to put it all into the oven or on the stove, and he didn't know how the stove worked! Suddenly he saw his kitten licking from the bowl of mix and reached to push her away, knocking the egg carton to the floor.

Frantically he tried to clean up this monumental mess but slipped on the eggs, getting his pajamas white and sticky. And just then he saw Dad standing at the door. Big crocodile tears welled up in Brandon's eyes. All he'd wanted to do was something good, but he'd made a terrible mess.

He was sure a scolding was coming, maybe even a spanking. But his father just watched him. Then, walking through the mess, he picked up his crying son, hugged him and loved him, getting his own pajamas white and sticky in the process.

That's how God deals with us.

We try to do something good in life, but it turns into a mess. Our marriage gets all sticky or we insult a friend or we can't stand our job or our health goes sour. Sometimes we just stand there in tears because we can't think of anything else to do. That's when God picks us up and loves us and forgives us, even though some of our mess gets all over Him.

But just because we might mess up, we can't stop trying to "make pancakes," for God or for others. Sooner or later we'll get it right, and then they'll be glad we tried. Please pass some of this love on to others.... Author Unknown

People often say that motivation doesn't last.

Well, neither does bathing.

That's why we recommend it daily.

Zig Ziglar

**The history of the human race
is the history of ordinary people
who have overcome their fears
and accomplished extraordinary things.**

Brian Tracy

We are what we repeatedly do.

Excellence then, is not an act, but a habit.

Aristotle

PRE-OPENING ACTIVITY

States

Need: 3' x 5" cards for everyone—put abbreviation of different states on the cards, there should be several of each state used; i.e.: AL, WY, UT. The amount needed depends on your pack meeting attendance. When the leader yells "All Aboard: everyone rushes to get in a group with their state.

The Lucky Seven Shake

As one of the early numbers of a Den-family picnic, get everybody into the spirit of the occasion by conducting this game. Secretly provide one of the number with a liberal collection of candy. Explain the game and start everybody shaking hands. Ask those who have not met previously to introduce themselves. The one who shakes hands, and he hands every seventh person one of the candies. As soon as the children discover the

holder of the candies they gather around him or form a line. That's the signal for the adults to drop out of the game and watch the handshaking proceed until the candy is exhausted.

Great Trains Matching Game

Hang up numbered pictures of different famous trains and hand out a list of the train names (with clues, if necessary). Then let the folks try to match the pictures to their correct names. The Internet has many museum and railroad enthusiast sites with lots of beautiful color photos of different trains. It will take some time to pull together clues that can be matched to the trains, but most of the websites I visited have lots of information on the different photos. Also, it would help to be able to print out the pictures in color. Check out this site for other ideas... <http://www.fra.dot.gov/s/edu/school/curriculum/>

OPENING CEREMONY

Freedom Train

Personnel: 6 Cubs and Den Leader or Cubmaster.

Equipment: Large pieces of cardboard from office furniture stores, refrigerator cartons, etc., opened flat with the plain side painted with or decorated with markers to represent the appropriate train car. Cubs could simply march across stage with appropriate signs hung around necks describing cars.

Setting: Cub Scouts come on stage each holding a large cardboard picture of appropriate train car.

Engine: This is the engine that represents our Government that keeps us on the right track.

Coal Car: This is the coal car that represents the people who supply the energy to run our Government.

Gondola Car: This is the gondola car that represents the open minds of the people who supply the energy to run our Government.

Tank Car: This is the tank car that represents the energy to produce the ideas in the open minds of the people who supply the energy to run our Government.

Box Car: This is the box car that carries the food from our farmers, that helps produce the energy to supply the ideas in the open minds of the people that run our Government.

Caboose: Last but not least, this is the caboose that represents Scouting, which trains the boys with fantastic energy, who eat the food from our farmers and grow to men who produce the energy to supply the ideas in the open minds of the people that run our Government.

Cubmaster: This train is unique, in that it runs on **Freedom**, the freedom that has made this country the strong nation that it is today.

(The engine could have a small American flag posted in a proper place and the caboose could bear the Scout emblem. The other cars can be decorated appropriately.) Please stand and join me in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Opening Ceremony

Equipment needed:

Make a cardboard train with an engine, coal car, passenger car (s), and a caboose.

Ceremony:

The cubmaster comes out carrying the engine: "just as the engine on a train, leads the train and pulls it down the track, the cubmaster and den leaders lead the pack and pulls it towards success."

A committee member comes out with the coal car: "As the coal car gives our train the fuel to go, the pack committee gives the fuel or helping hand to make our pack go."

Several boys come out with the passenger car and in unison say: "We are here as passengers on this pack train, we appreciate all the work the pack leadership does for us."

A set of parents come out with the caboose and say in unison: "Although we represent the caboose, we are very important in the pack in supporting our sons and the leadership of the pack just as the caboose does for the train."

Needed: 9 scouts with picture boards of trains of various types (mine carts, steam engines, locomotives, passenger trains, electric trains etc.) (Can be modified for smaller dens.) Have the Cubmaster or Den Leader stand to the side and blow a train whistle for attention and then yell "AIII Abbbboooarrrddd!"

Scout #1: The first trains were mine carts that were pulled by men or animals filled with ore from mines.

Scout #2: In 1825, George Stephenson, a former engine mechanic, made the first locomotive called the Active, it pulled railroad cars carrying a total of 450 people at a speed of 15 miles per hour.

Scout #3: By 1829, George Stephenson had improved his steam engine and the *Rocket*, traveled at 36 miles per hour.

Scout #4: Railroad lines sprang quickly across the world and goods and people could travel further and faster than ever before.

Scout #5: In 1830, *The Best Friend of Charleston* hauled a train of cars beginning railroad transportation in the United States.

Scout #6: In 1888, Frank J. Sprague introduced the first electric trains, Many large cities such as New York and Chicago have electric train systems called Els.

Scout #7: In 1934, The diesel engine was invented and put into use for trains.

Scout #8: In 1971, Amtrak became a fast and reliable passenger service.

Scout #9: Tonight we welcome our new and returning scouts for a new year of fun in scouting! Please stand with me and be welcomed aboard with the Pledge of Allegiance.

PACK/DEN ACTIVITIES

GOOD BUY

Early this Spring I bought a mesh bag at WalMart that is filled with thistle seed. The bag is about 3 ½ inches wide and 6 or 7 inches long with a drawstring sewn into the top. The little mesh holes are kind of tiny. This little bag, which is refillable, hangs on our maple tree. I watch goldfinches cling onto the mesh and eat seed. To me, this is so fascinating. Understand though, growing up I never thought much about birds and how or what they ate. Mostly, I threw out pieces of bread for birds way back then or when I saw birds eating they were picking up their food from the ground.

Another good buy was a suet feeder for the birds. I bought a green kind of like a cage which hold a non-melting suet cake, again this is refillable. Throughout the summer I have watched blue jays hanging on this basket like cage eating. Just yesterday I bought suet cake that is berry flavored in hopes of attracting more songbirds instead of bluejays. This fall I am having a friend over to make a batch of suet cakes to feed the birds over the winter. When I do that I will be providing the recipes that I use. In turn, your den could help feed birds over the winter with suet cakes. In the meantime you could be saving those little green baskets that cherry tomatoes come in to use as a holder for suet cakes. Another item I plan on using for my homemade suet cakes is a very old 9x13 inch cake pan. If you don't have one look around at thrift stores or garage sales.

Fun Facts

Hobo's from the mid 1910's to the 1940's would carve various images into a Buffalo Nickel. The obverse was usually carved with the image of a friend, an acquaintance, a self portrait, a clown, a famous figure, etc. Occasionally the bison on the reverse would be transformed into an animal such as a donkey or an elephant. These coins would then be traded for a meal or money. Some of the hobos were extremely talented and their works are eagerly sought after today.

Now is the time to dazzle your Cubs with some useless facts

- 7-UP was created in 1929; "7" was selected because the original containers were 7 ounces. "UP" indicated the direction of the bubbles.
- Mosquito repellents don't repel. They hide you. The spray blocks the mosquito's sensors so they don't know you're there.
- Oak trees do not produce acorns until they are fifty years of age or older.
- Every day more money is printed for monopoly than the US Treasury.
- Men can read smaller print than women, women can hear better than men.
- Bullet proof vests, fire escapes, windshield wipers, and laser printers were all invented by women.
- A 'jiffy' is an actual unit of time for 1/100th of a second.
- A sneeze zooms out of your mouth at over 600 m.p.h.
- Every time you lick a stamp, you're consuming 1/10 of a calorie.
- Ants stretch when they wake up in the morning!
- Like fingerprints, everyone's tongue print is different
- Chewing gum while peeling onions will keep you from crying
- Human thigh bones are stronger than concrete
- The first product to have a bar code was Wrigleys gum
- State with the highest percentage of people who walk to work: Alaska
- A duck's quack doesn't echo, and no one knows why.
- Cats have over one hundred vocal sounds, while dogs have only about ten.
- The average ear of corn has eight hundred kernels arranged in sixteen rows.
- The volume of the earth's moon is the same as the volume of the Pacific Ocean.

- Americans on average eat 18 acres of pizza everyday.
- 1961 was the most recent year that could be written upside-down and right side-up and appear the same. The next year that this will be possible will be 6009!
- Rubber bands last longer when refrigerated.
- There are 293 ways to make change for a dollar.
- Twelve new moons of Saturn have been discovered. . The new discovery brings the planet's total to 30, the most in the Solar System. All of the new moons are small -- between 6 and 30 kilometers in diameter -- and all are moving in irregular, tilted orbits.

Bath Tissue (aka toilet paper) trivia

Other than its intended use, consumers report using bath tissue for a myriad of tasks:

- nose care 60%
- wiping small spills 17%
- removing make-up 8%
- cleaning mirrors 7%
- cleaning child's hands/face 3%

All Aboard!

Following is an idea from Mike Hicks that he put in his council's powwow book.

How about a trip on a plane, train, or boat? September is a great season for traveling. How many of the boys have ever been on a train ride? I checked the Amtrak website (www.amtrak.com) and they have half-price tickets for children under 15 and additional group rates for 20 or more people. With our proximity to Baltimore, DC, and Philadelphia, it would be pretty easy to arrange for a Saturday or Sunday train excursion. Also, check out this website for some charter boat points of contact (http://thechesapeakebay.com/cheapeake_bay_charters_upper_shtml).

I'm never one to shy away from cold calls to see if someone would help out the Cub Scouts. It's worked wonders for our group. Give it a try. Call someone and ask if they have a spare hour or two to give a tour on their boat and maybe a trip around the dock for the Cub Scouts. As for planes, have you been to the Observation Gallery at BWI?

Here's an extract from the BWI website (www.bwiairport.com):

A Gallery Worth Observing

While you're in the Terminal, you really owe it to yourself (and to anyone traveling with you) to visit the BWI Observation Gallery. It's an awesome 12,300 square feet of aeronautical curiosities and educational exhibits. Check out the cockpit of a real Boeing 737 or learn something about the many systems in use in a state-of-the-art international airfield. You can even eavesdrop on conversations between the tower and pilots as aircraft come and go. Kids will find much to do (and learn) and everyone from 4 to 104 will love the massive windows overlooking the field. There is even a children's play area on the lower level of the Gallery. Best of all, it's free.

Coal Garden

Place a small piece of coal in a bowl. Sprinkle one tablespoon of salt over the coal and then carefully pour two tablespoons of water over the salt. Now add two tablespoons of laundering "bluing", three drops of mercurochrome, and three or four drops of food coloring. Take this concoction home carefully. After several days, there should appear a colorful, moss-like growth covering the coal.

Make A Recycled Train!!

Materials:

- Cereal boxes and other small boxes like Jello boxes
- ½ gallon milk or juice cartons
- Oatmeal round boxes
- Old thread spools
- Small paper plates (dessert size) (also can use frozen juice can lids)
- Cotton balls or polyester stuffing
- Construction paper
- Glue
- Tape
- Markers
- Buttons
- Twine or yarn
- Scissors

- Straws
- Tongue depressors or craft sticks

If you have enough stuff, each boy can make his own train or get a large piece of cardboard and have each boy make a 'car' for the train. Lay out the "track" with tongue depressors/craft sticks and straws.

The Oatmeal round boxes make wonderful "engines". Use the used thread spool as the smoke stack, with a small box for the engineer's cab with the wheels of juice can lids or paper plates. Have the boys use construction paper to cover the boxes and make the front apron. Then use the yarn or twine for the bars on the wheels. Gluing some polyester stuffing or stretched cotton balls on top of the thread spool gives the look like a working steam engine.

The rest of the cars can be made out of the cereal boxes. Cut one in half and make an ore car. Using the juice/milk cartons just flatten the top down and tape it down for another type of car. Follow the same procedure with construction paper and plates/lids for the wheels.

Have the boys decorate each car with the markers.

Connect the cars with the twine or yarn and place it on your track. Be sure to take one on Pack Night and show the rest of the pack.

Train Car Activity

Materials – Large Cardboard boxes, paint, string, glue, wide ribbon (or rope), box cutters, paper plates, markers, construction paper, buttons and any other decorations.

Have each Den Leader be the "conductor". Use one large cardboard box per child. Cut top and bottom off. Make shoulder straps from heavy ribbon or string. Let them paint or decorate their own train cars. Use small painted paper plates for the wheels. Give each family about 20 minutes to decorate their boxes (this can be done at a den meeting and then brought in).

Each den then "hooks" up and then proceeds to parade around the track singing "I've been working on the Railroad" at least 2 or 3 times. The "judge" then gives out awards for the best looking, best decorated, best design, etc. certificates to the dens.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Divide group into 5 teams, each one taking one of the following parts.

GIRL: (In high pitched voice) Help me! Help me!

VILLIAN; (Loud and deep) Hiss! Boo!

TRAIN: Chuga, chug a, choo choo

HERO: YEAH!!

DOG: Arf, Arf

Every time one of these words are said by the narrator, the team in the audience that has that part will shout their words.

Narrator. Back in the Rockies, a **Train**, filled with gold nuggets was slowly coming down the mountain, across the bridge, down the valleys, and over the ridges.

There was a **Villain**, who had heard about the **Train**. The **Villain**, went to a nearby town and saw a beautiful **Girl** and her **Dog**.

The **Villain** stole the **Girl**. The **Dog** followed the **Girl** and the **Villain**. The **Villain** put the **Girl** on his horse.

The **Dog** followed the horse and the **Villain** to the **Train** track.

The **Villain** tied up the **Girl**. The **Dog** barked and barked.

The **Villain** growled at the **Dog**. The **Girl** screamed when the **Villain** put her on the **Train** tracks.

The **Train** was coming down the track. The **Girl** saw it and screamed. The engineer called the law and asked for a **Hero**. The **Hero** got on his horse and rode to the **Train** track.

The **Train** was coming, the **Girl** was screaming, the **Dog** was barking, and the **Villain** was hiding.

The **Hero** rushed up to the **Girl** and took her off the track. The **Train** went by. The **Villain** was angry and ran up to the **Girl** and the **Hero**

The **Dog** bit the **Villain** in the pants and he ran away. The **Hero** took the **Girl** and her **Dog** back home.

Join The Cub Scouts

Cub Scout: Do Your Best

School: Yuck

Notice: Hear Ye

Mother: Turn the TV down!

Johnny came home from **School** very excited one afternoon. In his hand was a **Cub Scout Notice**. It was an invitation to go to a meeting at the **School** that evening.

Now Johnny's **Mother** was very tired; so when Johnny asked her to go, she said, "We'll see". About that time the doorbell rang. It was Sammy, Johnny's best friend. "Hey," said Sammy. "Look what I got at **School** today - a **Notice** to join **Cub Scouts**."

At that, Johnny's **Mother** said she guessed she would go, too.

When Johnny and his **Mother** arrived at the **School**, there were several **Cub Scout** leaders present in uniform. There were also several tables of displays - crafts and pictures. When the program began, the leaders showed slides of **Cub Scout** activities - Good Turn Day, the Scout show, and the Water Carnival. "Wow", said Johnny to his **Mother**. "You mean we get to do all of that in **Cub Scouts**? Wow! I sure am glad that I brought that **Notice** home from **School**."

The Cubmaster explained that the Pack met at the **School** and had passed out the **Notices** to the second and third grade students and the pack planned to form a few new dens. When he asked for volunteers to become den leaders, no one raised their hands. Dead silence prevailed. Finally, Johnny's **Mother** said, "Well, those pictures make **Cub Scouts** look like a lot of fun. How can I refuse? I'll be a den leader."

So that is how Johnny became a **Cub Scout**. And don't we wish that Den Leaders were that easy to recruit?

ADVANCEMENT CEREMONIES

This month decorate your meeting place for your den meetings or your monthly pack meeting. Have a den make a big Sign for front door: "Pack _____" Station, Track #--- ALL ABOARD!

Plan approximately where the boys and their parents will stand during the Pack's advancement ceremony. Draw or make tracks with Chalk or with paper up to the area.

Den Ceremony for New Bobcat

The den leader introduces the new Bobcat to the other Cub Scouts of the den.

The denner and assistant denner step forward with U.S. flag and den flag. All salute the flag.

1st Cub Scout: Lights a candle (flashlight) and recites the Cub Scout Promise.

2nd Cub Scout: Lights a candle (flashlight) and recites the Law of the Pack.

3rd Cub Scout: Steps forward and informs the Bobcat that he is part of the den and it is his turn to light a candle (flashlight) to show that the den will be much brighter now that he is part of it. All den members then sing the "Cub Scout Welcome Song" found in the Cub Scout Songbook.

3rd Cub Scout: Steps forward and informs the Bobcat that he is part of the den and it is his turn to light a candle (flashlight) to show that the den will be much brighter now that he is part of it. All den members then sing the "Cub Scout Welcome Song" found in

Materials: Bobcat badge and card

Participants: Cubmaster, New Bobcat and parents

Cubmaster: A young boy stood in front of a group of people. It was his first Cub Scout Pack Meeting over 66 years ago. He lifted his right arm and held 2 fingers in the air to give the Cub Scout Sign and said...

I, promise to do my best,
To do my Duty to God
and my country,
to be square and
to obey the Law of the Pack

Since that night, hundreds of thousands of boys have repeated the same procedure as they became Cub Scouts. Tonight, we are welcoming (name of the boy), to our pack and invite his family to come forward as we present his Bobcat Badge. Will the parents and new Bobcat recipient please come forward.

(Name of the boy), you have indicated that you wish to become a part of the Cub Scout program. Therefore join the ranks of many young men, who began their adventure in Scouting as a Cub Scout in years ago. In doing so, you have learned, as they have, the symbols of the Cub Scouts: The Cub Scout Sign, Handshake, Salute and Motto. You are able to repeat the Cub Scout Promise and the Law of the Pack.

As your Cubmaster, I now ask if you are ready to become a Bobcat in our Pack, and accept the obligation of the Cub Scout Promise?

New Bobcat: Yes, I am.

Cubmaster: Will all the Cub Scout present please stand and join (name of the boy), and myself in repeating the Cub Scout Promise, just as the Cub Scout of years ago have. (Raise your arm in the Cub Scout Sign.)

I promise to Do my Best
to do my Duty to God
And my Country.
To help other people and
To Obey the Law of the Pack.

(Name of the boy), you have promised, as many thousands of Cub Scouts before you to do your best as a Cub Scout. On the behalf of all the boys who have worn the uniform of a Cub Scout in years past, to remember your Promise and to wear your Cub Scout uniform with pride and honor.

Welcome to our Pack. I am giving your parents your Bobcat Badge, they will sew it on your uniform when you have done a Good Turn as a Cub Scout. (Hand the badge to the parents. Shake hand with the new Cub Scout, using the Cub Scout handshake).

Immediate Recognition

As a Cub Scout completes achievements for Wolf or Bear, the den leader should make sure that a simple recognition ceremony is held in the den meeting. Use the Cub Scout Immediate Recognition Kit, which contains enough materials for a den of Cub Scouts for 2 years. This is a motivation device used to encourage each boy to complete the rank for his age.

Use a brief ceremony related to the monthly theme or the one below:

Den Leader: Let me tell you the story behind these wonderful beads. The custom of awarding beads started in the ancient tribe of the Webelos. They were given to braves who did their best to help the tribe and others.

Den Chief: Many moons ago, when the animal world was ruled by wolves and bears, the braves of the Webelos tribe feared these strong beasts.

Den Leader: But some braves named [names of boys being recognized], still untried, decided that the best way to live without fear was to learn to understand the creatures of the forest.

Den Chief: So they went, disguised as animals, to live with the wolves and bears. The animals accepted them and all their brothers and called them cubs, just as if the braves were their own. This was according to the Law of the Pack.

Den Leader: For their bravery and friendliness to the beasts, they were given a leather thong with colored beads on it. It signified that the Cub Scout knew the ways of the tribe and did his best at everything without worrying if someone else did better. This is the law that the tribe borrowed from the animals and had the cubs learn.

(Ask the den to form a living circle and repeat the Law of the Pack.)

Den Chief: For doing your best in completing three achievements toward your [Wolf/Bear] badge, I award you. [name], this thong and this bead. May you always obey the Law of the Pack.

Denner Installation

This ceremony should be held at a den meeting, as soon as the denner is elected.

Cub Scout [name], do you accept this as your responsibility?

(Cub Scout answers:) I do.

Then we present to you this cord as your key to open the doorway for our next adventures.

Assistant Denner Ceremony

As above, select an assistant denner. The den leader den chief can then read the following ceremony.

Cub Scout [name] has been chosen to be our assistant denner. His duty will be to help [denner's name] as we all take part in our meeting adventure.

Cub Scout [name], do you accept this as your responsibility?

(Cub Scout answers) I do.

Then we present to you this cord as your key to help open the doorway for our next adventures.

Advancement Ceremony

Have a cardboard train set up with each of the ranks listed on the boxes for advancement (example shown below). Have leaders put the advancements in each box for each den.

As each den is called up, blow the train whistle

Blue & Gold Shining Light

The following awards ceremony is very simple but can be very effective. Try it at your Family Campout by having a campfire meeting to give recognition for the advancements and awards earned by the boys during the past month.

Personnel: Cubmaster and two den leaders.

Equipment: Two flashlights, one with blue cellophane over the end and the other one with gold cellophane over the end. Plastic or tissue paper could be used also. A third flashlight with a red lens is also required.

Arrangement: Cubmaster in middle and a den leader on either side. The one on the Cubmaster's right has the blue flashlight and the one on his left has the gold one.

Cubmaster: Here we have the blue light of Cub Scouting on my right (**turn on the blue flashlight**) and the gold light of Cub Scouting on my left (**Turn on the gold flashlight**). These two lights symbolize the light of Cub Scouting which can shine brightly in the lives of our boys but only with the help of parents to make them shine. There have been some Cub Scouts in our Pack this month who have had those Cub Scouting lights shining in their lives and they've worked hard to earn some Achievements and Electives. (**Cubmaster needs to say appropriate words for awards being given.**) Would the following boys and their parents come forward and stand in the Cub Scouting's Blue and Gold limelight together as we recognize them for the fine work they have done. (**Call forth appropriate boys and parents and make presentation, telling about the award received.**)

(**After all presentations have been made, leaders turn off the blue and gold flashlights and Cubmaster turns on the red light.**)

Cubmaster: We all know that red means stop so let's all stop for a minute every once in awhile and ask ourselves if we are really doing the best we can whether as a Cub Scout, a parent, a leader or a family member. Parents ask yourself if you've really helped your boy so that Cub Scouting can be a shining light to him. Let's all do our best to keep those Blue and Gold lights shining.

(**Turns off the red light and leaders turn on the blue and gold ones**). Then we can all see our son step up and receive some of the Blue and Gold limelight for his accomplishments.

Note: The last part of the ceremony could be worked in as the closing ceremony for the Pack meeting by putting announcements, and audience participation, etc. before the awards and move right from awards into the closing which could indeed be the last part of the above ceremony. It leaves the audience with a challenge and a thought for the day.

GAMES

Homemade Games

Cub Scout games are simple games. Played with things which can be easily found about any house. Here is a sample list. Many like possibilities will suggest themselves to you.

Wooden counters snapped with fingers to diagram chalked on table.

Bounce ball into wastebasket which is stood on chair.

Roll, one at a time, three different sized balls into a barrel hoop placed on the floor. Each ball that stays in the hoop scores 25 points.

Slide metal washers (2 inches in diameter) onto a diagram divided into small squares and numbered, chalked on the floor. If the squares are made large enough, fruit jar rings can be used instead of washers.

Ring toss on legs of chair, which has been turned upside down. Score 25 points each ringer.

Punch holes in paper carton and insert five clothespins, one in center, and one in each corner. Ring toss, using four fruit jar rubber rings. 25 points each.

Water and pie pan - - five washers and 1 pie pan. Bounce washers in pan. 3 points per washer. 5 throws per person from distance of 6 feet.

Polo pan -six 1-inch wooden cubes with numbers on each of the 6 sides (0-1-2-3-4-5). Get a 6-hole muffin pan. Each person throws the 6 cubes, one at a time, into muffin pan from distance of 6 feet. Add number on top in all six holes. Highest score wins.

Ball in bucket - three buckets (or #10 tin cans), all same size fastened to blat board and leaned against wall. Toss 3 tennis balls from a distance of 8 feet. Five points per ball.

Pin the number on the Engine

Draw the front of an old steam engine. on a large piece of paper and then make circles, each with a different number, one per scout. Use the Old Shelby Brown as a template from Good Old Missouri-my useta be home :)

See who gets the closest to center of your drawing.(the front of the train)

<http://www.rosecity.net/trains/engine9.jpg>

Whale Ahoy!

Equipment: 1 paper or sock ball or beanbag

Formation: Scatter

One boy is selected to be the 'whale', he may run freely about the room. The rest of the Cubs each choose a position and since they are 'rocks in the sea', they may not move. The aim is to 'harpoon' the 'whale' by hitting him with the ball. Whoever hits him takes his place as the next 'whale'.

The skill of the game lies in passing the 'harpoon' from 'rock to rock' in an endeavor to corner the 'whale', rather than the Cubs taking random shots. This is good training in playing for the game rather than for the individual.

SONGS

She'll be Commin' 'Round the Mountain

Sing each stanza making appropriate motions and sounds. Then at the end of each stanza, repeat all previous sounds and motions.

She'll be commin' 'round the mountain when she comes, "Whoo, Whoo!"
She'll be commin' 'round the mountain when she comes, "Whoo, whoo!"
She'll be commin' 'round the mountain
She'll be commin' 'round the mountain
She'll be commin' 'round the mountain when she comes, "Whoo, whoo!"

She'll be drivin' six white horses when she comes, "Whoa back!"
She'll be drivin' six white horses when she comes, "Whoa back!"
She'll be drivin' six white horses
She'll be drivin' six white horses
She'll be drivin' six white horses
When she comes, "Whoa back!, Whoo, Whoo!"

We will all go out to meet her when she comes, Hi, Babe!"
We will all go out to meet her when she comes, "Hi, Babe!"
We will all go out to meet her we
will all go out to meet her
We will all go out to meet her
When she comes, "Hi, Babe!, Whoa back!, Whoo, Whoo!"

We will kill the old red rooster when she comes, Hack, Hack!"
We will kill the old red rooster when she comes, "Hack, Hack!"
We will kill the old red rooster
We will kill the old red rooster
We will kill the old red rooster
When she comes, "Hack, Hack!, Hi Babe!, Whoa back!, Whoo, whoo!"

We will all have chicken an' dumplings when she comes, "Yum, Yum!"
We will all have chicken an' dumplings when she comes, "Yum, Yum!"
We will all have chicken an' dumplings we will all have chicken an' dumplings we will all have chicken an' dumplings
When she comes,
"Yum, Yum!, Hack Hack!, Hi Babe!, Whoa back!, Whoo, whoo!"

I've Been Working On The Railroad

I've been working on the railroad
All the livelong day,
I've been working on the railroad
Just to past the time away
Can't ya hear the whistle blowing
Rise up so early in the morn
Can't ya hear the captain shouting
"Dinah, blow your horn!"

Dinah, won't ya blow
Dinah, won't ya blow,
Dinah won't ya blow your horn!

Dinah, won't ya blow,
Dinah, won't ya blow,
Dinah, won't ya blow your horn

Someone's in the kitchen with Dinah,
Someone's in the kitchen I know,
Someone's in the kitchen with Dinah
Strumming on the old banjo singing:

Fee Fie Fiddlio,
fee fie fiddlio
Fee fie Fiddlio
Strumming on the old banjo

Cub Grub & Fun Foods

Train Cake Ideas

Make a train using a firm (pound cake type) 9x13 cake cut up into 9 even rectangles. Each piece will be one car of the train. Take two for the engine. On one, cut a triangle shape on the narrow end, to resemble a cow catcher. Place 1/2 of the other piece on the top near one edge, secured with frosting. Use a round snack cake like a ho ho or Twinkie for the boiler, set this in front of the top cake. Frost each piece with your chosen colors. Decorate with mini cookies for wheels, candies for decorations, etc.

Hot Dog Filet

Ingredients:

Hot Dog	Small slice of cheese
Strip of Bacon	2 toothpicks

Cut hotdog lengthwise; but not all the way through. Stuff sliced cheese into the slit. Wrap with bacon slice, securing ends of bacon with a toothpick. Cook on stick or in cardboard box oven, 10-15 minutes.

Hobo's Heaven

Ingredients:

2 lbs ground beef	4 potatoes, peeled and sliced
1 onion sliced	Seasoning to taste
1 Cup Carrots, sliced	

Directions:

1. Preheat outdoor grill for medium high heat and lightly oil grate.
2. Form ground beef into individual patties and place each patty on a piece of foil large enough to hold the patty and some vegetables. Layer patty with onion, carrots, potatoes and seasoning to tast. Wrap with foil to seal each packet well.
3. Grill over medium high heat for 30 minutes. Be careful when opening foil packets as the steam that escapes will be VERY hot.

Cinnamon Flop

- 2 Cups Flour
- 1 Cup Sugar
- 1 1/4 Cup Milk
- 3 Teaspoons Baking Soda
- 1 Stick Butter or Margarine (melted)
- Dash of Salt

Mix all ingredients together, except melted butter. Pour in ungreased 13x9x2 inch pan. Generously spread dark brown sugar and cinnamon on top. Add chopped nuts if desired. Drizzle melted butter on top.

Bake at 350 degrees for 20-25 minutes.

STUNTS & APPLAUSES

Freight Train

To simulate a freight train approaching from a distance and then fade off again, use a 4 beat hand clap with the first beat of each grouping of 4 loud and then the following 3 softer beats. The train can speed up, slow down, stop, and start with varying tempo. Throw in a few train whistles for effect.

Racers

Move hand like a racer and go “ZZZRRrrroooooommmmm” three times

Trucker

Pretend you are driving a big rig. Reach above your head for the horn cord and as you make a pulling motion say loudly “Honk, Honk!”

Knock, knocks

Knock, Knock

Who's there?

Sarah.

Sarah who?

Sa-rah phone I could use?

Knock knock

Who's there?

Radio.

Radio who?

Radi-o not, here I come.

Cub 1: Could you give me a ticket for the next trip to the moon?

Cub 2: I'm sorry, but the moon is full now.

Cub 1: Son, here are the keys to my magic car.

Cub 2: Is it really magic?

Cub 1: Yes, one speeding ticket and it will disappear.

Riddles

What kind of shot do you give a sick car?

A fuel injection.

What does a train do with food?

Chew, chew.

What did the grape do when the elephant sat on it?

It let out a little wine.

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Rickety, rickey, riff-raff!

Chickety, chickeyty, chiff-chaff!

Riff-raff, chiff-chaff!

Let's give 'em a horse-laff

Haw! Haw! Haw!

Conductor's Yell: Pull whistle Cord and then Yell Whoo Whoo! (then) ALL ABBBBBOARRDD!!

Locomotive: Begin on the heel of your hand, slowly. With one hand gradually increase speed, walking you fingers towards the finger tip, go over the ends of the fingers and walk up your arm. The last part is to raise your hand over your eyes as a gesture of looking in the distance.

Train: divide the audience into groups to make different train sounds, getting faster and faster until a bell rings.

Run-ons –

2 scouts walking – 1 is carrying a train and a patch and the other holding a trained patch.

1st scout: Hey, what's the train and patch for?

2nd scout: 'Cause I heard our leader needs a train and patch

1st scout: No, no, that's a TRAINED PATCH! (shows a trained patch)

2 scouts walking – 1 carrying an airplane, the other carrying a wood plane

1st scout: Say, that's a nice airplane, what's it for?

2nd scout: Our leader said to bring a Plane for today's meeting

1st scout: No, No, we're learning to use a WOOD PLANE today (shows a wood plane)

2 scouts walking

1st scout: Why are trains better than planes?

2nd scout: I dunno, why?

1st scout: Cause they stay on track!

SKITS

Is a Train Passing Today?

Cast: Grandma, Grandpa

Setting: Train Station

Grandma: (In old voice) Grandpa, is a train passing from the south today?

Grandpa: (Hobbles over to station, checks the schedule, looks to the south, returns, and in an old voice,) No, Grandma.

Grandma: Grandpa, is a train passing from the north today?

Grandpa: (Hobbles over to station, checks the schedule, looks to the north, returns.) No, Grandma.

Grandma: Grandpa, is a train passing from the east today?

Grandpa: (Hobbles over to station, checks the schedule, looks to the east, returns.) No, Grandma.

Grandma: Grandpa, is a train passing from the west today?

Grandpa: (Hobbles over to station, checks the schedule, looks to the west, returns.) No, Grandma.

Grandma: Good. We can cross the tracks now.

Boss, The Train!

Cast: 2 Boys tracking animals, Rest of den acts as Train.

Props: 3 flashlights, Other props as desired.

Setting: 2 boys are walking across the stage shining their flashlights on ground as if they're looking for something.

Boy #1: Look! Bear tracks!

Boy #2: (sarcastically) There ain't no bears around here. These are raccoon tracks.

Boy #1: Those are bear tracks.

Boy #2: They can't be!

Boy #1: I know what bear tracks look like and those are bear tracks.

Boy #2: Raccoon tracks!

Boy #1: Bear tracks!

Boy #2: Raccoon tracks!

(Boys grab each other and start to wrestle. As they are rolling around on the ground, the other boys enter making train noises the first one carrying a flashlight to simulate the headlight of the train. Boys stop wrestling)

Boy #1 and #2 (Look at each other and say in unison.) Train tracks!

(They jump up and start running as the train chases them offstage.)
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CLOSING CEREMONY

Joined Together

Personnel: 6 Cubs and Den Chief or Leader

Setting: Cubs hold large cardboard cutouts as they read their lines off the back of the cutouts or, large posters with the lines printed on the back.

Cub 1: (Holding train engine) When engineering a project, keep on the right track, This way you never will be caught slack.

Cub 2: (holding canoe) As the wise old Indian would say to you, learn to paddle your own canoe.

Cub 3: (holding covered wagon) The covered wagon served folks well in its day, But don't get in a rut -you won't go far that way.

Cub 4: (holding plane cutout) To guide your life, like a good pilot you'll find It's important to keep an open mind.

Cub 5: (holding car) If spinning your wheels causes a terrible rumbling, You may not be moving, but just sitting there grumbling.

Cub 6: (holding space ship) Just as an astronaut flies into space, With a lot of determination, you can go anyplace.

(Cub Scouts prop cutouts against back wall and join hands in the Living Circle while the Den Chief reads the following:)

Den Chief: Just like the cars in a train, we're joined together as one; We do our best to help the pack go, while having Cub Scout fun And when it's time to part and each take a separate trail, We'll do our best for God and Country -in that we will not fail. We remember our Cub Scout Promise in everything we do, Won't you all please join us as we pledge ourselves anew.

(Leads all in Cub Scout Promise)

Means of Transportation

Personnel: 7 Cubs

Equipment: Cardboard props of different modes of transportation, have you boys make these at den meetings - a horse, wagon, car, train, plane, boat and spaceship.

Setting: Have each boy hold his prop and talk about it. Keep them in order of appearance in history.

Horse: The horse was the only means of transportation for many centuries. It was also used as a farm machine for plowing and harvesting.

Wagon: Wagons enabled people to travel farther and longer. They helped Americans move across the country and settle in new lands.

Boat: Boats have been used for centuries. Probably early man used a raft to travel across rivers and streams. The native Americans used canoes to travel to hunting grounds and to fish for their families.

Train: With the invention of the steam engine, Western America was opened up to more settlers and businesses. We were moving even faster than the house could ever carry us.

Car: The "horseless carriage" helped Americans move even faster. Some people thought they wouldn't last - boy were they wrong!

Plane: Thank goodness for the Wright Brothers! People said, if man was meant to fly, God would have given us wings. Instead, he gave the world two guys from Dayton who wouldn't give up. Now Americans could soar with the Eagles!

Spaceship: Who could ever imagine that we would someday walk on the moon? We travel through space and learn more about our own planet!

All Boys: Who knows what the next century will bring!