

## December 2009 Monthly Theme: "Works of Art"

December is a time of celebration and giving. This is a perfect month for involving friends in doing good deeds and creating holiday magic through art. Cub Scouts use their artistic abilities to create holiday decorations, gifts, or cards. This artwork might be put on display in nursing homes, in churches, schools, or homes, and at the pack meeting or at a meeting of the chartered organization. Boys can make cards and ornaments and share them with residents of a local nursing or retirement home, children's hospital, or community center and do a "Good Turn for America." Boys can discover different forms of art, write poems, attend a musical or performing art show, or visit a local art museum. Works of art can become gifts for family members. The Academic belt loop or pin in Art or Music could be worked on in conjunction with these projects.

Webelos Activity Badges: First year, Complete Craftsman; Second year, Start Scientist

### PRAYERS & POEMS FOR SCOUTERS

"I will hold Christmas in my heart, and try to keep it all the year." - Charles Dickens.

#### Now Hear this Lord

Before I lay me down to sleep  
And fall into a slumber deep  
Hear this little prayer of mine  
Hope it gets to you in time  
Bless those on land and sea and air  
Who fight for freedom here and there  
Send special blessings from above  
Protect them with your shield of love  
Return them safely, we humbly pray  
To the Land of the Free  
And the Home of the Brave

#### What Is A Leader?

L Learn, Listen, Laugh  
E Encourage, Educate, Enthuse  
A Assure, Accomplish, Accept  
D Direct, Devise, Develop  
E Explain, Envision, Evaluate  
R Recognize, Reach, Re-create

## A Prayer

Dear Father,

Be with us today as the little boys burst in for their important meeting. Be with each Cub, the one who jostles., the one who disappears with a book, the one who works so carefully. The one whose face is always smudged. I love them all and thank Thee for the privilege of knowing them in these years when each is so completely his honest self. Help me engage their wonderful enthusiasm in worthwhile projects which catch their imagination, for then all trouble ceases and we move ahead like a canoe in swift waters. I ask Thy blessing on their rumpled heads and pray that in some measure these meetings may help them grow to be their own best selves. Amen.

- Josephine Robertson

## A Fathers Prayer

Build me a son, O Lord, who will be strong enough to know when he is weak, and brave enough to face himself when he is afraid; one who will be proud and unbending in honest defeat, and humble and gentle in victory.

Build me a son whose wishbone will not be where his backbone should be; a son who will know Thee and know that to know himself is the foundation stone of knowledge.

Lead him, I pray, not in the paths of ease and comfort, but 'under the stress and spur of difficulties and challenges. Here let him learn to stand up in the storm; here let him learn compassion for those who fail.

Build me a son whose heart will be clear, whose goal will be high; a son who will master himself before he seeks to master other men; one who will learn to laugh, yet never forget how to weep; one who will reach into the future, yet never forget the past.

And after all these things are his, add, I pray, enough of a sense of humor so that he may always be serious, yet never take himself too seriously. Give him humility, so that he may always remember the simplicity of true greatness; the open mind of true wisdom; the meekness of true strength.

Then, I, his father, will dare to whisper, "I have not lived in vain".

Douglas MacArthur

## Don't Forget He's Just A Boy!

Get to understand the lad -  
He's not eager to be bad.  
If the night he always knew  
He would be as old as you  
Were he now exceeding wise,  
He'd be just about your size.  
When he does things that annoy  
Don't forget he's just a boy.  
Could he know and understand,  
He would not need a guiding hand.  
But he's not you and hasn't learned  
How life's corners' must be turned.  
Doesn't know from day to day  
There is more to life than play.  
More to face than selfish joy.  
Don't forget - he's just a boy.

Being just a boy he'll do  
Much you will not want him to.

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He'll be careless of his ways,  
Have his disobedient days.  
Willful, wild and headstrong too,  
Things of value, he'll destroy,  
But reflect, he's just a boy.  
Just a boy who needs a friend -  
Patient, kindly, to the end.  
Needs a father who will show  
Him the things he wants to know.  
Take him with you when you walk  
Listen when he wants to talk.  
His companionship enjoy.  
Don't forget he's just a boy.  
-- Author Unknown

**"YOU CAN 'T NO MORE TEACH WHAT YOU AIN'T LEARNED THAN YOU CAN GO BACK TO WHERE YOU AIN'T BEEN".**

### **POSITION: Parent**

**Job Description:** Long term team players needed for challenging permanent work in an often chaotic environment. Candidates must possess excellent communication and organizational skills and be willing to work various hours, which will include evenings and weekends and frequent 24 hour shifts on call. Some overnight travel required, including trips to primitive camping sites on rainy weekends and endless sports tournaments in faraway cities. Travel expenses not reimbursed.

**Responsibilities:** This is for the rest of your life. Must be willing to be hated at least temporarily, until someone needs \$5 to go skating. Must be willing to bite tongue repeatedly. Also, must possess the physical stamina of a pack mule and be able to go from zero to 60 mph in three seconds flat in case, this time, the screams from the backyard are not someone just crying wolf. Must be willing to face stimulating technical challenges, such as small gadget repair, mysteriously sluggish toilets and stuck zippers. Must screen phone calls, maintain calendars and coordinate production of multiple homework and den projects. Must have ability to plan and organize social gatherings for clients of all ages and mental outlooks. Must be willing to be indispensable one minute, an embarrassment the next. Must handle assembly and product safety testing of a half million cheap, plastic toys and battery operated devices.

Must always hope for the best but be prepared for the worst. Must assume final, complete accountability for the quality of the end product.

Responsibilities also include floor maintenance and janitorial work throughout the facility.

#### **Possibility For Advancement And Promotion:**

Virtually none. Your job is to remain in the same position for years, without complaining, constantly retraining and updating your skills, so that those in your charge can ultimately surpass you.

**Previous Experience:** None required, unfortunately. On-the-job training offered on a continually exhausting basis.

**Wages And Compensation:** You pay them, offering frequent raises and bonuses. A balloon payment is due when they turn 18 because of the assumption that college will help them become financially independent. When you die, you give them whatever is left. The oddest thing about this reverse-salary scheme is that you actually enjoy it and wish you could only do more.

**Benefits:** While no health or dental insurance, no pension, no tuition reimbursement, no paid holidays and no stock options are offered, job supplies limitless opportunities for personal growth and free hugs for life if you play your cards right.

## The Key

The key to getting along with others is when you are wrong be easy to change and when you are right be easy to live with.

The key to the Cub Scout Program is FUN.

A key to teamwork. is remembering that Greater is he who gets ten men to work than he who does the work of ten men.

The key to success is to climb the ladder instead of sitting and waiting for the elevator.

The key to involvement is TRY IT - YOU'LL LIKE IT!

A key to Good Leadership is consideration.

A key to a smooth running pack is teamwork.

A key to the success of not becoming completely wrapped up in ones self is to remember that when that happens you are a very small package.

The key to character is to be yourself for character is what you do when no one is looking.

A key to being helpful to others is to remember that the important person is the other fellow, not yourself.  
(Balboa District Pow Wow)

**THE KEY TO A GOOD CUB SCOUT PROGRAM IS A TRAINED LEADER.**

## Survival Hints For Den Leaders

You can be a den leader and enjoy it. You've taken care of your own son for eight years and you're still fairly normal, so adding seven or eight more boys to the roost isn't all that hard. The first rule is - clothe yourself with optimism- grin a lot. And be prepared at least an hour before they're due to arrive, with everything you need in your meeting room. One enthusiast in the group always comes early.

Don't feel you're copping out if you use the Cub Scout Program Helps for games to play and projects to make. Scout headquarters has a lot of experience with this sort of thing, and you need all the help you can get.

As soon as the meeting opens, collect the dues, make announcements, and explain the day's project. You're not likely to get their undivided attention again.

Cub Scouts have little enthusiasm for the more worthless things in life and may refuse to waste their time on such stuff as table decorations that can't be played with later, on artificial flowers or on crepe paper things.

Good den leaders know where to look for supplies - they scour their basements, attics and trash barrels. Keep your projects simple. If you don't, you know who will be putting the finishing touches on 10 projects the night before your pack meeting.

Learn enough carpentry so that you know how to build a bird feeder or a wooden bank, Cub Scouts love to hammer, but your Den Dad should do most of the sawing in advance. Remember to be patient; keep 1-inch bandages on hand; decide what you'll do about unsavory words that might follow after the boys bang their fingers with a hammer a few times. Even if it's a birdhouse they have to paint, have them use a washable paint. And never leave the room full of Cub Scouts all alone with paint buckets.

If you've made something out of plaster of paris, check the crafts section on how to paint.

Cub Scouts love to wait their turn to use supplies or tools, it gives them time to explore your closets, to test each other's endurance to punches and pokes and leaves time for races and shouting contests. There are two ways to avoid this; get together with the other mothers and make up a den box. It should contain all those things nobody cares to own ten of, and use back dues to purchase other items, or better still get the boys to make all those toys the Cub Scout Literature gives patterns for.

Remember how the kindergarten teacher pinned notes on your son's shirt? He's too old for that now, so put the notes for home inside each Cub's pocket. Let a corner show so his, mother finds it before his shirt goes in the washer.

Always make it clear that everyone left in your house after the meeting must take a hot bath and then clean out your garage. This inspires the Cubs to have their mothers pick them up right after the meetings and saves you driving them home.

Den Leaders gain some very useful knowledge. They learn that their son is quite typical and normal. He even behaves better than some other boys. These Cubs you've gotten to know when you were a den leader will be around your house for years as your son grows up. Believe it or not, some of your dearest memories will be of them in their Cub Scout days.

## TIGER CUBS

### **Achievement 5 Let's Go Outdoors**

There is so much to do and learn outdoors! You can have fun exploring nature and looking at trees, flowers, and animals. You can walk, run, play games, and ride a bike. It's even fun to sit outside!

### **Achievement 5 Family activity**

You can listen to a weather report on the radio or television. But it's more fun to tell what the weather is like by going outside and using your five senses to observe what the weather for yourself. Your five senses are seeing, hearing, smelling, tasting, and touching. Some people can't use all five senses fully, such as people who are sight impaired or hearing impaired. Often, people who can't use one of their senses have learned to use their other four senses very well.

5F Go outside and observe the weather. Use your senses to help you describe what the weather is like.

What do you see? Is it sunny? Is it dark? Do you see stars, clouds, sunshine, rain, or a rainbow? What do you hear? Do you hear thunder, rain, or the blowing wind? Maybe you hear traffic noise, children playing, or birds singing. How does the weather affect noises like these? What do you smell? Do you smell flowers or freshly cut grass? Maybe you smell the aroma of someone cooking or the odor of farm animals. The air and wind bring these smells to your nose.

What do you taste? If the wind is blowing across a dusty place, you may get dust in your mouth. Does the air taste like dirt? Does it taste like salt? What can you feel? Is it cold or warm? Do you feel the wind blowing? Do you feel rain or snow?

### **Achievement 5 Den Activity**

Many trees and bushes have leaves that turn colors and fall to the ground in autumn. Some trees have needles that stay on all year long. You may live in a place where cacti grow. Cacti have spines or scales instead of leaves. Go outdoors with your adult partner and collect some leaves or needles to take to your den meeting for this activity. Be sure to collect only fallen leavers, or get the permission of an adult before removing a live part of a tree or bush.

5D With a crayon or colored pencil and a piece of paper, make a leaf rubbing.

Materials: writing paper, leaves, crayons

Place a leaf, vein side up, on a smooth surface, and cover it with a piece of thin writing paper. Hold the paper firmly in position and gently rub the crayon over it. The crayon strokes should all be in the same direction and with just enough pressure to bring out the details of the leaf.

The finished design can be displayed in your home, decorated and framed. Your leaf rubbings can also be made into greeting cards or given as a gift.

### **Achievement 5 Go and See It**

Walking is great exercise, and it's fun to be outdoors. When you walk, you see more things in the outdoors than you would if you went by fast on a bicycle, or in a car or bus.

### **5G Take a hike.**

Your den may go to a special outdoor place for a hike, or you may take a simple walk in your neighborhood. Wherever you go, it's fun to be outdoors!

## Electives

### 1- How do you celebrate?

Celebrating is a way of making an event or occasion special. Families celebrate different kinds of things in different ways. Many families celebrate religious holidays, cultural holidays, national holidays, birthdays, anniversaries, and special events. Families can also celebrate things like good news, successful days at work or school, the arrival of a new pet, the first snow, the change of season, moving to a new home, or a visit from someone they have not seen in a long time.

Have each boy in the den think of one time when his family celebrated, and tell the den about it, and how it made him feel. Tiger Cubs can draw or bring a picture or some other items to show. See how many different kinds of celebrations your den can think of!

### 2- Making decorations

Every day is special, but some days are extra-special! We see decorations at holiday times. Sometimes we decorate for a change of season or when something special happens. It's fun to make decorations for ourselves and for others.

Make a decoration with your family or your den and display it or give it to someone as a gift.

#### Snowflakes

It's fun to make snowflakes in the wintertime, even if you don't have any snow where you live. Your snowflakes will be different from the ones the other Tiger Cubs make. In nature, no two snowflakes are alike. Each one is different—just like yours are all different!

Fold a paper coffee filter in half 3 times. Cut shapes in the sides, being careful not to cut all the way to the other side. Open the filter up and you have a snowflake!

## Tiger Track Induction Ceremony

Before the meeting, the new Tiger Cub instant recognition kits are prepared.

At the appropriate time, the Cubmaster asks all the new Tiger Cubs and their adult partners to line up with the boys in front.

**Cubmaster:** When a boy becomes a Tiger Cub, he is just beginning a trail that will lead him through Cub Scouting and into Boy Scouting. This Tiger Cub Belt Totem (hold up) is a symbol of the first part of that trail, the Tiger Cub trail, one that you will walk with your adult partner during the coming year as you search, discover, and share the world around you. Tonight I would like to present to each of you this totem to wear on your belt. It is to remind you of all the fun you will have while working on the Tiger Badge this year with your partner.

Please present the Cub Scout sign and repeat the Tiger Cub motto with me:

"Search, Discover, Share"

Tigers, "Cub Scout Salute."

I welcome all of you to the adventure of Tiger Cubs!

Cubmaster may now lead the pack in a Tiger "spelldown".

Give me a T----(audience yells T!)

Give me an I----(I!)

Give me a G----(G!)

Give me an E---(E!)

Give me an R---(R!)

What's that spell?----- (Tigers!)

What's that spell?----- (Tigers!)

What do they say?----(R-o-a-r!)



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I just started using these at Roundtable to recognize attendance and other activities. I picked up the ingredients Michael's here in Toledo. I understand that it's a national chain, so you can probably find the same items.

You need: large buttons in a variety of colors, one per person they're about 1 1/4" with 4 holes for sewing at Michaels, they come in two varieties one pack has bright colors (blue, red, etc.) the other has more muted colors (tan, brown, etc.) lots of shiny pony beads (instead of the usual pony beads) the shiny ones also come in heart and star shapes a spool of leather thong

The thong is better than the usual plastic craft strip because of the size of the holes on the buttons. Craft strip doesn't stay in place as well on my buttons, but if you find buttons with smaller holes, it would probably be fine.

Thread leather thong through the top two holes from the back. Leave some loose at the back; the loop can be small to use as a neckerchief slide or larger to slide over a belt. Then thread the left end through the lower right hole to the back and thread the right one through the lower left. Slide beads on the thongs and knot the ends to hold them in place.

For Roundtable, I also found the square beads with letters on them. I have the adults put their initials or a short version of their name on one side and their "awards" on the other side. They get the round beads for attendance and stars for bringing new attendees to Roundtable. I have the hearts, too, but haven't decided on award criteria yet.

For Tigers, you could use all three shapes, too. Perhaps a heart for Family, star for Den and round for Go See It? That would be easier than buying packs with lots of colors and having to sort out only the colors you need.

I used orange Fun Foam and cut out a paw shape in orange. I added black paw pads. On the back, you can add a belt loop with a strap of fun foam: (either use the small grommets that are available at a stamping place or staple in place) I put a few small holes with a small hole punch in the bottom of the pad. I strung black plastic lace through for the beads. I used pony beads in orange, black and white. Each Tiger gets a paw (and their are cheaper). Lasts the whole year.

## Pack Meeting Gathering Activities

### Kim's Christmas Game

Make up a tray of about 15 - 25 different Christmas items. Let each family look at the tray for about 2 minutes. Give them a sheet on which to write down their answers. Give the winners Candy Canes.

## OPENING CEREMONIES

### Opening

Five to mime uniformed Cub Scouts line up at the front of the room and hold up cards spelling out the word CHRISTMAS. Each boy shows his card as he speaks:

- C** - was the child in the manger asleep
- H** - was the herder that guarded the sheep
- R** - was the room in the stable that day
- I** - was the Innkeeper letting them stay
- S** - was the star that led three by its light
- T** - was the tiding of joy brought that night

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**M** - was the mother, whom Joseph stood near

**A** - was the angel, whose message was clear

**S** - was the song that the angels sang then, of peace on earth and good will toward men.

Please join together in singing "Silent Night."

### Opening

Light Christmas tree. Cubmaster says: "Cub Scouts, isn't that a beautiful tree? It's bright and colorful, like the joyous seasons of Christmas and Hanukkah. And we all had a part in making it so beautiful. When all Cub Scouts work together and do their best, the result is always something fine like this tree. Let's remember that as we repeat the Cub Scout promise." (lead promise)

### Follow, Helps, Gives

**Cub 1:** A Cub Scout Follows Akela

He always does his best

To be helpful, kind and giving

And as a citizen pass the test.

**Cub 2:** A Cub tries to Help others

In some way every day

At home, at school, anytime

And in any helpful way.

**Cub 3:** A Cub Scout Gives to others

His talents, time and goodwill

He shares, he cares, he is happy

And makes others happier still.

**Cub 4:** A Cub Scout is a special person

Who Follow, Helps, and Gives

He sets a good example

As he touches many lives.

**Cub 5:** He is growing, learning, trying

To be the best he can

As he follows, helps and gives

He learns to be a special man.

**Cub 6:** He is and always will be

A Super Leader

When he follows, helps and gives.

Please follow me in the Pledge of Allegiance.

## AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

### Why Santa Has A Beard

**Santa,** (Holds hands on stomach while saying HO-HO-HO)

**North Pole:** (Fold arms, holding self while saying "BRR-R-R')

**Sleigh:** (Wave right arm once while saying 'SWOOSH-H-H)

**Workshop:** (Cover ears while saying "BANG, BANG, CLATTER,CLATTER)



You've all heard many stories about **Santa** and his **Workshop** at the **North Pole**. You have also heard stories about his **Sleigh** and reindeer. But there is a story about **Santa** that very few people know, so if you listen very closely, I'll tell you about how **Santa** decided to grow a beard.

Everyone knows the weather is very, very cold at the **North Pole** where **Santa** has his **Workshop**. He works very hard throughout the year with his little elves, making toys for his Christmas Eve visit. Like everyone else, **Santa** needs relaxation, and a chance to get away from it all. His way to relax is to take a leisurely ride in his **Sleigh**.

With such cold weather at the **North Pole**, **Santa** always had to bundle up tightly before taking a **Sleigh** ride. Once he forgot to wrap his heavy wool scarf around his face while he went **Sleigh** riding. When **Santa** returned from his **Sleigh** ride and walked into the **Workshop** where Mrs. Claus and the elves were happily working, he had icicles hanging down the sides of his face and chin, just like a beard.

When Mrs. Claus looked up and saw him, she squealed with delight, "Why **Santa** you look absolutely marvelous with your sparkling white icicle beard." Well, when **Santa** saw how much this please Mrs. Claus, he was very flattered and decided right then and there to grow a long, flowing white beard and mustache. And that is what he did.

By doing this **Santa** caused two things to happen. He made himself so handsome that whenever Mrs. Claus passed him by at the **North Pole Workshop**, she gave him a big smile. This made **Santa** blush so much, that to this day, he is still blushing. That's why his cheeks always look rosy. And now he doesn't have to wrap a scarf around his face when he goes **Sleigh** riding at the **North Pole**. Mrs. Claus has even started going on **Sleigh** rides with **Santa** because she is so very happy that he grew his beard.

### Audience Participation

Leader reads and audience acts accordingly

Santa Claus stood up, stretching his arms out wide;

First he looked to his left and then to his right side.

He bent down and wiped off' his boots so shiny.

Then he turned around to see his behiny.

But he couldn't see it, alas and alack,

So he then turned right back.

Then feeling relaxed, he stomped his feet

And then sat down again in his seat. (J. Newell)

## ADVANCEMENT CEREMONIES

### Christmas Advancement Ceremony

Preparation: Have a Christmas tree with various colored lights. (This can be a cardboard tree with holes for the lights.) The bulbs should be unscrewed slightly so that they can be easily turned on at the proper time.

Cubmaster: As we look at our tree this evening, we see that it is dark, with only one light on. (Screw in top light.) This is the light which represents the Webelos Arrow of Light Award.

Let us see if there are boys here tonight who can help light the way to the top of the tree, to the highest rank in Cub Scouting.

The first step along the Cub Scout trail is the BOBCAT. (Turn on light at the bottom. If there are any Bobcats to be inducted do it here.)

Once a boy has achieved this honor, he is ready to climb. There are 12 achievements to completed for the rank of Wolf. Some of these require knowledge of the United States flag, of keeping strong, of safety and

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being useful to the family. The following boys have completed these requirements: (Call them forward--and any boys who have earned any arrow points.)

Thank you boys. We are now able to turn on the light representing the Wolf rank. (Turn on next light.)

As the boy grows older and stronger, he is able to climb higher. But just as it is a little more difficult to climb the upper branches of a tree, so the achievements are a little more difficult for the Bear rank. (Call forward any boys receiving Bear and Bear arrow points.)

These boys have helped us light our tree, but it is still not quite as it might be. Since they have received help from their parents and leaders, let us turn on a light for them, too. (Turn on another light.)

Now the boys have reached 4th grade or 5th grade and have more climbing to do. This last climb will bring them to the top of the tree and the coveted Arrow of Light. To reach there they must attain the Webelos Award. In order to reach the Webelos Award they must first earn activity badges. (Call forward Webelos who have earned their various activity badges.)

Thank you boys as you have learned throughout Cub Scouting you have helped to make the world brighter. (Turn on another light.) And now the boys who have earned their Webelos badge and have

begun to learn what Scouting really is. (Call these boys forward) (Light the next light)

Now our tree is complete. As you have seen, it has taken boys plus parents and leaders to complete it. With the same effort you have shown before, keep working for the highest rank in Cub Scouting. Congratulations to you and your parents for the fine work you have done.

## GAMES

### Den Dog Team Race

One boy in each den is the driver; the others are Huskies. Give the driver a three-by-three foot piece of corrugated cardboard for a sled and each Husky a four-foot length of rope. Allow den chiefs one minute to make sure their Huskies know how to tie a square knot. On signal, the Huskies tie their ropes together. The driver holds one end of the rope with one hand and his "sled" with the other as he is pulled to a finish line 30 or more feet away.

### Clap a Song

The first player claps the rhythm of a well-known Christmas carol or other holiday tune. The others try to guess what the song is. When a player guesses correctly, he becomes the new clapper.

### Balloon Round Up

**Supplies:** You will need a large barrel or box and one balloon for each Cub Scout. Each den has balloons of a different color from every other den. The barrel must be too small to hold all the balloons.

Place the barrel in the center of the playing area and line up equal numbers of Cub Scout by dens on opposite sides of the room. On signal, the boys put one hand behind their backs and with the other hand, try to tap the balloons in the air and into the barrel. When the barrel is full, stop the game and count the balloons in the barrel by color. The winning den is the one that got the most balloons into the barrel.

### Snowshoe Relay Races

Cut snowshoes out of a corrugated box, punch holes in center and insert laces to hold snowshoes on. Cub Scouts choose sides and leader puts on shoes. On "Go" each leader mashes up to and around a chair at a distance and returns to starting place where he sheds the shoes. Next player puts them on and takes off. Team finishing first wins.

## SONGS

### Presents

(Tune: Rudolph)

Present are being hidden  
I'm as curious as can be  
I want to find out somehow  
If some of them might be for me  
Everywhere I have been searching  
I have looked both high and low  
Then one day I realized  
What I was doing wrong.  
I need to start being good  
And sharing all day long  
I knew then I needn't worry  
Santa just would not forget  
And I shall be very happy  
By giving more than I shall get.

### Christmas Spirit

(Tune: Silent Night)

God is night, stars are bright.  
Leaders and Cubs stand in the light.  
Singing carols to family and friends  
Spreading joy that never ends.  
Sweet their voices ringing  
Christmas spirit to share.

### Cub Scout Christmas

(Tune: White Christmas)

I'm dreaming of a Cub Scout Christmas  
Where Cub Scout pants are given me  
Then my eyes will water  
Tho' they hadn't oughter  
When a belt to hold them I will see  
I'm dreaming of a shirt to hold badges  
With a neckerchief and Cub Scout slide  
Or a pocket knife, to last for life  
Making my smile a mile wide.

## Cub Scout Days

(Tune - O Christmas Tree)

O Cub Scout day, O Cub Scout days  
They are my fondest memories.  
O Cub Scout day, O Cub Scout days  
How filled you were with fun.  
Den leaders led with love and care  
Cubmasters the awards did share.  
O Cub Scout days, O Cub Scout days  
Start me on my way to Eagle.

## Santa's Coming 'Round the World

Tune: "Are You Sleeping"

Santa's coming, Santa's Coming,  
Round the worlds, round the world;  
He has many faces;  
Seen in many places;  
Santa Claus, Santa Claus,  
Santa's comings. Santa's coming,  
Round the world round the world;  
In France his Father Christmas  
Who fills the childrens' wishes;  
Santa Claus, Santa Claus  
Santa's coming, Santa's coming,  
Round the world, round the world;  
A Belgium child leaves carrots bunched  
For Nicholas' horse to munch;  
Santa Claus, Santa Claus,  
Santa's coming, Santa's coming,  
Round the world, round the world;  
No matter what his face or name,  
Goodwill is still the same  
Santa Claus, Santa Claus

## In The Good Old Wintertime

Tune: "In the Good Old Summertime"

In the good old wintertime,  
In the good old wintertime,  
I love the snow, the rain, the sleet,  
This season you can't beat.  
I'm frozen in, I'm frozen out It is without a doubt,  
The coldest time of all the clime,  
In the good old wintertime.

## Christmas Time

Tune: "Jingle Bells"

School is out, we won't pout  
Cubs shout "Hip-hurray."  
Something special's coming soon,  
And it is Christmas day,  
Wrap the gifts, trim the tree,  
Mind your mom and dad.  
You'll get presents if you do,  
Boy, won't we be glad?

## Christmastime

(Tune, Jingle Bells)  
School is out, we won't pout,  
Cub Scouts shout "Hip-hurray".  
Something special's coming soon,  
And it's Christmas Day.  
Wrap the gifts trim the tree,  
Mind you Mom and Dad.  
You'll get presents if you do,  
Boy, won't be all be glad?!

## SKITS

### Reindeer Game

**Announcer** (bursting with enthusiasm): Good evening, ladies and gentlemen, and welcome to our program. Tonight, some lucky member of our audience will win \$10,000.00 - if he correctly answers our skill testing question! (Scans the audience and picks out the planted helper). You, sir, would you like a chance at this great prize?

**Helper** : Oh, yes, sir! (Leaves the audience and joins the announcer on the stage)

**Announcer**: Tonight our questions is: "Name two of Santa's reindeer!" You have 10 seconds to think about it. No help from the audience, please. (Buzzer sounds) Time's up! Now, give me one of the two reindeer names.

**Helper** Would one be Rudolph?

**Announcer** (jumping with joy) Yes! That's absolutely correct! You are half way to \$10,000! Now, can you give me one more name?

**Helper** (Thinks and scratches his head) Well; how about Olive?

**Announcer** (Groans): Olive! Whoever heard of a reindeer named Olive?

**Helper** Well, they sing about her in the song about Rudolph. You know it, we've all heard them. They sing "Olive the other reindeer!"

## Meaning of Happy

**Actors:** 5 persons.

**Costumes:** none.

**Props:** 5 cards each with one letter

**H** - H is for holidays that come this time of season.

**A** - A is for appreciation. We appreciate the giving.

**P** - P is for peace that we all should work for.

**P** - P is for people with loving ways.

**Y** - Y is for yuletide and happy holidays.

## A Holiday Recipe

The scene opens with a Chief Cook and his helpers busily cooking something in a large kettle. They can be dressed as cooks in old white shirts and white construction paper hats, or as elves in tunics made from grocery bags and painted. Each should have a large spoon for "tasting". There should be a number of labeled containers visible. These may be empty cereal boxes or cans covered with paper or painted and labeled "Worship", "Love", "Family", "Friends", "Tree", "Gifts", etc. Let the boys suggest the "ingredients". The Chief Cook can use a "recipe card" which is really the script.

**CHIEF:** (Thoughtfully) Let's see, I think we should start with the most important ingredient. It is so often left for last and forgotten. Charles, bring me "Worship". (Charles does so) Let us use the greatest care in adding this. (They pour in very seriously and carefully).

Now, Abe, bring me the "Love". This is what holds the entire result together. (Helper Abe brings the "Love", which is added.)

**Assistant Baker:** Do we need both "Family" and "Friends", Sir? (He brings the two containers)

**CHIEF:** It would be allright with one or the other, but it's much better with both! Pour them in! (Assistant Baker enthusiastically adds them.)

**ABE:** (carrying "Gifts" container) Should we add the "Gifts" now?

**CHIEF:** (laughing) Oh ho! Those can be added any time! Some people think they come first! Go ahead. (Abe pours them in. The Chief Cook stirs the mixture and tastes it.) Hmmm. It lacks something. It isn't spicy enough. (The helpers all take a taste with their spoons.)

**Charles:** I know! We have forgotten the tree.!

**CHIEF:** Exactly! That always adds flavor. (Again he stirs, and again they all taste,) It still isn't right! (As they stand, thoughtfully tasting, Edmund enters) -

**Edmund:** What are you making?

**OTHERS:** It's a secret.!

**Edmund:** Please tell me!

**CHIEF:** Oh, allright. (He whispers into Edmund's ear) But it just isn't coming out the way it should!

**Edmund:** Here, let me taste it. (He does so, thinks a minute, then realizes what is needed.) I know just what it needs and where to get it. I'll be right back! (He dashes off stage and is back in a moment with a Cub Scout who is carrying an enormous box labeled "Good Will") It needs a lot of "Good Will" and Cubs always have a lot of that!

**CHIEF:** That's it exactly! Come on, boys, let's see if this doesn't do the trick! (They all help lift and pour. They stir and taste it.) Perfect! Let's serve it right now! (He reaches into the kettle and pulls out a long, folded paper banner. The helpers take their places in line, holding the banner for the audience to see as the Chief Cook pulls it out, It reads, "THE HAPPIEST CHRISTMAS EVER.")

**ALL:** Merry Christmas, everybody!

(This dialogue is merely a suggestion; might also be used as a pantomime with good results. The skit is so much a pantomime that the dialogue is secondary. It can really be "hammed-up" during the tasting scenes.



## CUB GRUB - Fun Food

### Snowman Soup

#### **Ingredients**

- 1 package hot chocolate mix
- 3 Hershey Kisses
- 15 (or so) marshmallows
- 1 candy cane

"Put items in colored plastic wrap"

The Poem: Put on paper and give with items in a mug

Was told you've been real good this year  
Always glad to hear it  
With freezing weather drawing near  
You'll need to warm the spirit  
So here's a little Snowman Soup  
Complete with stirring stick  
Add hot water, sip it slow  
It's sure to do the trick!

### Hot Spiced Cider

#### **Ingredients**

- 1 quart cider
- 1/2 cup brown sugar
- 1/2 Tablespoon whole cloves
- 1 small cinnamon stick
- 1/8 teaspoon salt

Put spices in large non-aluminum kettle with cider and sugar. Take out the spices before serving. Mix together and simmer 20 to 30 minutes. Serve hot.

### Red-Nosed Reindeer Sandwiches

#### **Ingredients**

- 2 slices whole wheat bread
- peanut butter
- strawberry jam
- 12 pretzel sticks
- 4 raisins
- 2 cherry halves, drained

Spread the peanut butter on one side of a slice of bread. Spread the jam on the other slice of bread. Put the slices of bread together to make a sandwich. Cut the sandwich in half diagonally. Create two reindeer sandwiches using raisins for eyes. Pretzels for antlers and the cherry halves for the nose.

## Chocolate Christmas Logs

### Ingredients

- 2 tablespoons butter/margarine, softened
- $\frac{1}{2}$  cup light corn syrup
- 2 squares unsweetened chocolate, melted
- 1-teaspoon vanilla
- $\frac{3}{4}$  cup powdered milk
- 3 cups powdered sugar

In a medium bowl, mix the first four ingredients together. In a small bowl., stir the milk and sugar together. With clean hands, knead it into the chocolate mixture until well blended and smooth. Roll the mixture into four long logs. Cut each log into several short ones. To store, wrap in waxed paper and place in the refrigerator.

## Fudge

### Ingredients:

- 6 cups sugar
- 1 1/2 cups butter
- 1 large can evaporated milk
- 2 packages chocolate chips (personal favorite—milk chocolate chips)
- 1 jar marshmallow cream
- 1 cup nuts

Cook in heavy pan until boiling, boil 10 minutes, stirring all the time. Take off burner and add chips, marshmallow cream and nuts, make sure you mix well, pour into 9 x 13 buttered pan. It will make 6 pounds.

## PACK & DEN ACTIVITIES

### Neckerchief Slides

#### Christmas Tree

Use a small piece of artificial tree, wreath, or garland. Cut a 2 or 3 inch length. Attach a ring like PVC pipe, or Chenille stick twisted around the tree. Add glitter, sequins, or other trim to the tree.

#### Santa's Stocking

Cut stocking out of heavy cardboard. Cut teddy bear out of cardboard or poster board. Cover teddy bear with black felt. Add wiggly eyes. Cut red fur or felt slightly larger than cardboard. On front, glue red fur (or felt to cardboard. Glue teddy bear to top of sock. Add white fur. Attach a ring to the back.

#### Christmas Gift

This can be made from plaster, wood, or small cardboard box. (I have even used thick Styrofoam—Baloo). Paint the gift any color, solid or add designs. Then tie on some yarn for the ribbon, or use ribbon. Glue in place if needed. Add ring to the back. If you use Styrofoam, can wrap it in Christmas paper.

### Cub Scout Scavenger Hunt

#### Find And Bring Back:

1. A stick shaped like a letter of the alphabet
2. Something slippery
3. Leaves from four different types of trees
4. Something rough
5. A rock the size of your fist
6. Something prickly

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7. Evidence of an insect
8. Something colorful
9. A plant seed
10. Something smooth
11. A piece of litter
12. Something that starts with the letter D
13. A feather
14. Something that is found as a pair
15. Something interesting
16. Objects can be used for more than one category. Be creative, extra points if no other group brings back the same object. Be prepared to tell why your Item #15 is interesting. Work as a team, stay with a buddy. Hopefully, you can distribute this and others will use it as well.

### Mini Beaded Indian Headdress Neckerchief Slide

#### Materials:

- 15 small safety pins
- 92 "E" beads
- 14 6mm round beads
- 2 pieces of wire 10" and 6"
- 2 - 3/4 " antique silver feathers

#### Equipment:

- Small pliers
- Needle nose pliers

#### Directions:

1. String "E" beads on pin in desired pattern. Do all the pins the same way. Each pin will represent a feather - Keep this in mind when choosing colors and pattern.
2. . Pinch head of pins closed, so that they don't open while wearing. **IMPORTANT SAFETY FEATURE!**
3. String 6mm beads and heads of pins on wire. Start with a pin and bend up about 1 1/2" of wire and wrap around itself to keep on. Alternate with beads and finish with pin. Leave tail of wire about 1 1/2" long and wrap it around itself like in the beginning.
4. Make small loop onto smaller piece of wire and place feather in loop. Place "e" bead onto wire. String the other end of the safety pins on wire, adjust and space. Place another "e" bead on wire and clip wire to about 1/4" long and make small loop and place other feather on.
5. Take tail left on end clip to appropriate length and make loop on end. Clip other side to length and make loop that goes through the first loop.

This headdress can be made larger by changing the size of the safety pins and adjusting the size of the beads.

### Egg Carton Christmas Tree

#### Materials:

- Cardboard
- 3 egg cartons
- stapler
- silver garland
- small Christmas balls
- ribbon

Cut a base from cardboard following measurements shown, staple egg carton balls bottom up to cardboard.

Place silver garland around edges and in between egg carton balls. Staple a bow to either side of stem. Glue small ornaments on between egg carton balls. Match color of ribbon, and ornaments to color of egg cartons.

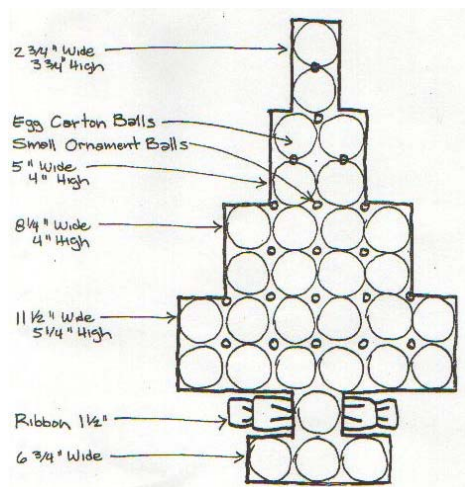
### Christmas Bell Corsage

#### Materials:

- 3 small "Coffee Whitener" cups
- 3 pieces small wire 5" long
- 3 small beads
- Ribbon or yarn for bow
- Spray paint
- Floral Tape (optional)

Set cups up side down on masking tape to spray with paint. Using a Tapestry or Darning needle, punch a hole in center bottom of each cup. Run wire through bead and twist tack around self to hold beads. Measure 1 inch from tip of bead and crimp or knot wires. Run wire from inside cup through bottom of cup (top of bell). Make three of these bells, twist the three wires together and tie on a bow.

Floral Tape may used to wrap wires after leaving -top of "bell" and to cover sharp ends of wire



### "COOL WHIP" Snowman

#### Materials

- 2 small cool whip containers with lids
- 2 medium containers with lids
- Black Electrical Tape
- 5 gold sequins
- 2 - 17 mm moveable eyes
- 1 cotton ball for top of hat
- red felt
- black felt

Crochet scarf and earmuffs or cut from scraps of fabric. Place lids on all containers. Spray one small one with black paint. When paints dry, glue two small containers together lid to lid. Repeat with medium containers. Glue bottom of small white container to bottom of a medium container. Place electrical tape around containers where lids fit together. Glue features in place as pictured. Glue a gold sequin in center of each button. Glue earmuffs to sides of head and tie scarf around neck.

## Coffee Can Stilts

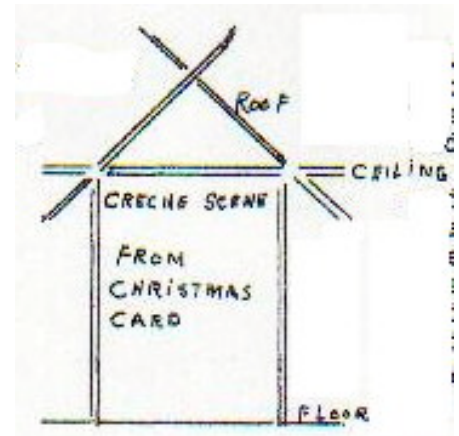
You need two large coffee cans. Clean and dry them. Get your Den Leader to help you make two holes in the can, one on one side and then one on the other. Then you do the same with the second can.

Run the end of a rope into one hole and then the other end through the other hole on one of the cans. Get help to measure how long the rope should be according to how tall you are while your standing on the can. After you have the length you need tie the two loose ends together inside the can. Cut off any excess rope. Repeat for other can. Now you have stilts to walk around on. Lots of fun.

## Toothpick Creche

- 20 Round toothpicks
- Creche scene from Christmas card
- Yarn, Braid, etc., for hanger
- Glue

Glue a toothpick on each side of picture. Then glue one for each side of roof. Follow with one for ceiling and one for floor. Repeat this sequence until there are toothpicks 3 deep all around; then add one more to each side of roof. When dry fasten yarn hanger at top.



## Ideas For Den Leaders And Packs

Program Helps give an abundance of ideas for a full month's program but for those times that nothing seems to fit, check over this list.

- Backyard cookout
- Den uniform inspection
- Indoor track meet(see games books)
- Visit a newspaper office
- Visit a zoo
- Kickball game using rag ball
- Visit a farm
- Den bowling tournament
- Dads take den to sporting event
- Ice or roller-skating
- Dad with interesting job tells about it.
- Dad with hobby tells and displays
- Work on achievements boys need
- Treasure or scavenger hunt
- Paper airplane contest
- Marble shooting contest
- Safety inspection of boys' bikes
- Pet exhibit (each brings a pet)
- Handicraft-beads, belts, etc.
- Scrambled word game (Cub words)
- Coin collector show coins
- Make games, ring toss etc.
- Use Pinewood Derby cars on floor

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- Make place mats of Christmas cards
- High School athlete tells about his sport
- Visit an historical spot
- Have an Explorer tell about a trip to Philmont
- Visit a weather station
- Collect and mount leaves
- Collect and make leaf prints
- Trip to museum
- Trip to fire station (make appt)
- Visit railroad station
- Visit police station (make appt)
- Night meeting to study stars
- Have a song fest
- Each Cub make a model
- Visit radio station
- Visit telephone company
- Visit elderly folks' home, sing or play games
- Cubs put on den meeting for parents
- Have a game day
- Have a Lifeguard explain water safety.
- Visit different churches and look at the colored windows
- Entertain little brothers with a party.
- Service project for sponsor
- Design new closing ceremony
- Visit library (each boy gets card, takes out a book)
- Boys mix, bake, eat cookies
- Look at things with microscope
- Magic Day - each Cub does a magic trick
- Judge weights, heights
- Play charades
- Make a den doodle
- Postman tells of his work
- Develop new den skits
- Tour two blocks to look for safety hazards and correct one
- Make holiday costumes
- Plant a garden
- Make something of paper mache
- Make den scrapbook
- Plan future den activities
- Ball game with another den
- Boys bring their collections
- Stamp collector shows stamps
- Build a den equipment box
- Make collage of old Christmas cards
- Joke telling-Pick best by vote
- Fishing for prizes
- Visit a civic building for tour
- Ask a Scout to tell about a trip to Jamboree



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- Make mother's day gifts
- Make Christmas gifts
- Make grandparent's day cards
- Make Father's Day gifts
- Visit planetarium
- Visit a local factory
- Without a watch, each Cub tries to walk around block in an exact number of minutes.
- Learn to swim with dads'
- Help make things for sick children in hospital
- Visit an airport
- Make tray favors for elderly
- Plan some new openings
- Go on a hike for a purpose (how many trees, birds, etc.)
- I'd rather \_\_\_\_\_
- Make popcorn balls and eat them.

## STUNTS & APPLAUSES

**Goodbye Santa Applause:** Pretend to throw a pack onto your back and say, "Merry Christmas to all and to all a good night."

**Frozen Cub:** Wrap arms around to keep warm and say "Brrr."

**Rudolph:** Cup hands over nose, open and close while saying "Blink, blink, blink."

**Santa Cub:** Put hands on belly, lean back slightly while saying "Ho, ho, ho. Merry Cubbing."

**Christmas Bells:** Pretend to hold a bell rope, then the left side of the audience to say "DING" on the downstroke and the other side of the audience to say "DONG" on the upstroke. Repeat three times.

**Jack in the box:** Unwrap the package, open the lid, and say, "Boing."

**Snowball:** Make a snowball, throw it and yell, "Splat."

**When is a boat like a pile of snow?**

When it is adrift.

**What is red, white, and blue?**

A sad candy cane.

**Why did Santa only take seven reindeer on Christmas Eve?**

Comet had to stay home and clean the sink.

## CLOSING CEREMONIES

### Closing

In the season of happy days,  
I'd like you to keep in mind  
the recipe for a wonderful  
day — it works all year 'round.  
Recipe for a Wonderful Day  
1 cup friendly words

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2 heaping cups understanding  
2 cups milk of human kindness  
2 heaping tablespoons of time and patience  
1 dash gentle humor  
1 pinch spice of life  
1 drop warm personality  
Measure words carefully;  
add cups of understanding  
to milk of human kindness.  
Sift together three times to  
make a smooth paste, cook  
with gas on the front burner.  
Keep temperature low so  
it never boils over, Season  
with gentle humor, warm  
personality and spice of  
life. Serve in individual  
molds. Works best with a  
good mixer.

### Closing

**Arrangement.:** Nine Cub Scouts come onstage, one by one; each carrying a large cardboard letter. As he speaks his lines, he holds up his letter, which ultimately spells out the word **Christmas**.

**C** - C is for candles, we burn of Christmas night  
To gladden weary travelers with their light so bright.  
**H** - H is for happiest; the happiest time of year;  
It's jolly, gay old Christmas time, with all its mirth and cheer.  
**R** - R is for ring; we ring the Christmas bell  
All the Christmas gladness, the world to tell.  
**I** - I is for the infant who lay in a manger  
Little Lord Jesus, a dear little stranger.  
**S** - S is for shepherds who kept their flocks by night;  
And heard the angels singing, and saw a wondrous light.  
**T** - T is for tree, all green and gold and red,  
We see it Christmas morning when we jump out of bed.  
**M** - M is for the mistletoe we hang at Christmas time;  
In merry wreaths, when candles burn and Christmas bells chime.  
**A** - A is for all; to all men we wish cheer,  
Joy and gladness, love and hope, for Christmas time is here.  
**S** - S is for the star that shone on Christmas night,  
Star and candle, bell and wreath, all make our Christmas bright.