

August 1999



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Focus. Water is great! It quenches the thirst. It grows the plants. And it gives the Cub Scout something to live for! This month, let loose and get wet! The boys will help you out all you want and then some!

Pack Meeting Ideas

PreOpening Activities

Splish-Splash Word Search

Go to the end of the section for another fun and exciting word search puzzle. This one is all wet!

Water, Water West

Whoever said all pre-opening activities have to be done inside? No one! Try this one. As the folks arrive, pair them off for the great showdown. Take them outside where you have enough water pistols handy to run water pistol duels. Each person gets up to five squirts at the "bad guy."

Opening Ceremonies

Six Ships of Scouting

From Indian Nations Council Pow Wow -1973

Arrangement: Six Scouts hold large cardboard cutouts of ships with flags on which have been printed the following words:

- SCHOLARSHIPS
- FELLOWSHIP
- SPORTSMANSHIP
- WORKMANSHIP
- STATESMANSHIP
- FRIENDSHIP.
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NARRATOR: Tonight Pack ____ would like to tell you

about the six ships of Scouting. These are ships which were launched in America - strong and mighty—ships that will last forever.

CUB 1: SCHOLARSHIP - This ship is very important on the sea of Education, On her deck stands such officers as Ambition, Determination, Intelligence and Application. Her flag bears symbols of the letter "A" and the plus sign.

CUB 2: FELLOWSHIP --This ship stands for good spirit, fine cooperation and never-failing unity. It's flag floats high - the flag of Scouting.

CUB 3: FRIENDSHIP - This is the most handsome ship of all. It is true blue and it's flag golden - since friendship is golden.

CUB 4: WORKMANSHIP - This ship's every line, every part, every mast represents the best that a person can give. Its flag bears a laurel wreath.

CUB 5: SPORTSMANSHIP - This ship is a player. It knows that it's not whether you win or lose, but how you played the game that matters. Its flag is the handshake of fairness.

CUB 5: STATESMANSHIP - This ship represents wise guidance, constant, unselfish interest and sincere endeavor. Its flag is white with purity.

CUB 6: And there you have six strong and sturdy ships to brave the sea. Three cheers for the SCOUTING SHIPS!

Activities

Water Fun Activities

For most Cub Scouts, when you say "water" they hear "fun!" So this month's theme can be just about anything dealing with water and it's sure to be a splash—I mean smash. But don't forget to follow the BSA Safe Swim Defense Plan when doing anything around water. Whenever the Cub Scouts are in or around water, safety needs to come first!

Here is a list of all kinds of activities your Pack can do to make a great August Pack Meeting.

- Water Carnival
- Fishing Derby
- Raingutter Regatta
- Backyard Beach Party
- Sea Adventure Pirate Night
- Trip to a Water Theme Park
- Swim and Picnic at the local park
- Arrange to get a day at Camp Tuckahoe to use the Athletic Field and Memory Lake

You are only limited by your imagination, so the opportunities are really limitless! And Have A Great Time!

Songs

Singin' In The Rain

We're singing in the rain, just singing in the rain.
What a glorious feeling, we're happy again.

Thumbs up! [Group echoes.]
A-root-ta-ta, root-ta-ta. root-ta-ta-TA

Add each of the following, in turn:
Thumbs Up, Arms Out, Elbows In, Knees Bent,
Knees together, Toes together, Butt out, Chest out,
Head Back, Tongue out

Gilligan's Island

Just sit right back and you'll hear a tale,
A tale of a fateful trip.
It started from this tropic port,
Aboard this tiny ship.

The mate was a mighty sailing man,
The skipper brave and sure.
Five passengers set sail that day,
For a three hour tour, a three hour tour.

The weather started getting rough,
The tiny ship was tossed.
If not for the courage of the fearless crew,
The minnow would be lost, the minnow would be lost.

The ship struck ground on the shores of this
Uncharted desert isle,
With Giligan, the Skipper too.
The millionaire and his wife.
The movie star, the Professor and Maryann, here on
Giligan's isle.

So this is the tale of our castaways,
They're here for a long, long time.
They'll have to make the best of things,
it's an uphill climb.

The first mate and the skipper too,
Will do their very best,
To make the others comfortable,
In their tropic island nest.

No Phone! No Boat! No Motorcar
Not a single luxury.
Like Robinson Crusoe
As primitive as can be.

So join us here each week my friends,
You're sure to get a smile,
From seven stranded castaways,
Here on Gilligan's Isle!.

The Mermaid

'Twas Friday Morn When we set sail,
and our ship wasn't far from the land.
When our captain spied a pretty mermaid,
with a comb and a glass in her hand.

CHORUS:

Oh, the ocean waves may roll
and the stormy winds may blow
But we poor sailors go skipping to the top
While the landlubbers lie down below, below, below
While the landlubbers lie down below, below.

Then up spoke the captain of our gallant ship,
And a fine old man was he.
"This fishy mermaid has warned us of our doom,
We shall sink to the bottom of the sea."

CHORUS

Then up spoke the mate of our gallant ship
And a well spoken man was he.
"I've married me a wife in old Salem Town,
And tonight a widow she'll be."

CHORUS

Then up spoke the cook of our gallant ship,
And a red hot cook was he.
"I care more for my pots and my pans,
Than I do for the bottom of the sea."

CHORUS

Then up spoke the figurehead of our gallant ship
And a well carved figure was she.
"I'd rather be a figurehead of this gallant ship
Than a log at the bottom of the sea."

CHORUS

Then up spoke the cabin boy of our gallant ship
And a dirty little rat was he.
"There's nary a soul in old salem town,
Who gives a lick 'bout me."

CHORUS

Then three times around went our gallant ship,
Then three times around went she.
Then three times around went our gallant ship,
And she sank to the bottom of the sea.

CHORUS

Skits

Wet Applause

OCEAN APPLAUSE - Best done with a large group;
have first row sway from side to side; second row
swaying in opposite direction; third row same as first,
etc. The have them add sound effect: SWOOSH,
SWOOSH, SWOOSH!!

RAINSTORM APPLAUSE - Start by gently patting
knees alternately to simulate rain falling. Increase
the noise by switching to hand clapping as the storm
reaches its height. With a hand signal, have
everyone shout ""BOOM"" to represent thunder.
Gradually decrease the hand clapping and then pat
the knees as the storm subsides.

I Gotta Go Wee

Five guys sleeping in a tent, all in a row. The
Cubmaster on one end, the little scout on the other.

The little scout climbs over all the other sleeping
scouts, who try to remain asleep, and shakes the
Cubmaster. " Cubmaster! Cubmaster! I gotta go
wee!"

"Huh? Wha? Go back to sleep." The little scout
crawls back over everyone and goes back to sleep
for 5 seconds.

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"OK! OK!", says the Cubmaster, "If you've gotta go,
then go."

The little scout stands up and waves his hands in the
air: "Weee!!!"

Water! Water!

A man, crawling across the stage: "Water, water!!"
Someone walks by, and the crawling man tugs on his pant leg. "Water, Water!"

Man walking by: "Sorry." He continues walking.

Another man walks by, the crawling man tugs on his pant leg: "Water, Water!"

Man walking by: "All I've got is this beef jerky, sorry."
He keeps walking.

Another man walks by, the crawling man tugs on his pant leg: "Water, Water!"

Man walking by: "No, I don't have any." He keeps walking.

The crawling man sees a cup of water at the other end of the stage. "Water!!" He painfully crawls over there. "Water! Water!"

When he reaches the water, he quickly stands up, dunks his comb in it, and uses it to comb his hair.

The Water Table

For this skit, the members of the den all come to the front and set themselves up as chairs, sidetables, etc. as someone explains that the group is going to do a restaurant skit. (You need to have two boys not doing anything so they can be the customer and the waiter.) This means that the den has to fall short one person—someone to be the main table. The speaker calls for a volunteer from the audience to get down on all fours and make sure his/her back is as flat as possible.

The customer then enters the restaurant and is shown to his table. The waiter introduces himself and asks if he can get anything. The customer says he would like a glass of water while he looks over the menu. The waiter returns with a glass of water that he carefully balances on the back of the "table person." All of a sudden, from off stage, someone yells Fire! Fire! The customer, waiter, and all the other boys get up and run off stage, leaving the "table" to fend for itself. No one returns to remove the water glass—that's the volunteer's problem!

Advancement Ceremonies

Avast There Ye Swabs

CAPTAIN: Avast there, ye swabs - your attention or I'll have ye all up before the mast. Tonight we have reached the time for the division of our hard gained loot during our last assault on Fort Achievement and the harbor town of Cub Electives. E'en tho' stoutly defeated, these forts have been subdued by as fine a crew of hearties as had been aboard this deck in many a fine moon. Now, will the First mate call forth my brave lads and their partners that they may be richly rewarded for their valor.

FIRST MATE: (First Mate calls forth Cubs who are advancing and their parents.) The crew stand ready, Captain!

CAPTAIN: Aye, and a fine group of fellows we have here. (Present awards to parents to give to their sons as First Mate calls out names) Now then, me hearties -- Let's give a fine swash-buckling cheer for our pals who have ventured forth and returned with bountiful treasure. (cheer) And the rest of ye - mark my words - I'll have no slackards in my crew - on our next raid ye ALL better be coming forward for reward or the FISH will have bait in the harbor that night! (to those still up front) Get ye back to yer quarters now and prepare for another assault and more rich rewards from Cub Scouting!

Closing Ceremonies

Captain Of All Scouts

Now may the great Captain of all Scouts
Who created the seas and all things that live therein
And Who gave us dominion over them
Be with us till we meet again.

Den Meeting Ideas

Den Meeting Activity Ideas

Stream/Pond Study

Orange County Council 1995

Approach a pond quietly. Walk slowly and keep your body low. When you get to the edge of the pond, sit quietly. Any animal you may have disturbed will resume its normal activities when it feels no more movements. Close your eyes and listen for the different sounds, then open your eyes and look for ripples on the water's surface. Before long you may see turtles and bugs that need oxygen. They come to the surface, take a gulp of air, then dive back under. To make exploring along the waters edge **FUN**, take along a strainer (*like a fish net*), a magnifying glass, some jars with lids, plastic cartons and a pond viewer (*water scope*) to use as you look down in the water.

Use your pond viewer for a clearer view of underwater life. Go on a pond safari. Watch the surface for movement. Many creatures are able to use the surface film to support their bodies. Look for water striders skimming along and tiny springtails bouncing on the surface. Whirligig beetles spin around like dodgems on the water as they search for food. All these creatures dart away the moment the surface of the water is disturbed.

Look for free-swimming pond creatures like water boatmen, backswimmers and red water mites. Daphnia and Cyclops swim rapidly in bursts to 'jump' through the water, which is why they are often called 'water fleas'. These are the skimmers. Diving beetles and backswimmers come regularly to the surface to replenish the bubble of air they carry on their bodies. They do this because they cannot get enough oxygen to breathe from the water, although their larvae have gills and live entirely in the water.

Different animals keep to particular areas of the pond. If you dip with your net half in the water, you will collect those animals which live on or hang just below the surface. Sweep your net through the water and empty the contents into the large container of water. Sort out your 'catch' by transferring the bugs to a jar. Pond creatures like to hide, so don't put any weeds, dead leaves, sticks or stones into the containers. Now the bugs are easier to view, take closer look using a magnifying glass.

Other insects like dragonflies, damselflies and mayflies also lay their eggs in the water. On hatching these become

nymphs which have gills to absorb oxygen dissolved in the water. Snails lay eggs all spring and summer. Frogs lay eggs only in early spring. You can find them close to the shore in big clumps with thousands of eggs in them. Each egg is coated with jelly. At first the eggs are round and black. Then they change in shape and look like commas. The commas twitch - they are tiny tadpoles. Within ten days, they will wiggle out of the jelly. Use a strainer to scoop up some frog's eggs. Put them in a big jar with pond water and cover the jar. Then take it home and watch the eggs develop. It takes two to three months for a tadpole to become a frog. Hind legs grow first, then front legs. As the tail gets shorter, the tadpole stops breathing under water like a fish. It starts breathing air, like a land animal and soon becomes a grown up frog.

Catch a frog, if you can, and watch it breathe. Its throat goes up and down while it takes in air through its nose.

When you have finished looking at the animals and bugs always return them to the pond by floating them on to a spoon. Do not pick them up with your fingers.

POND PLANTS can be just as fascinating as animals once you know what to look for. Living in water they have to cope with some rather special conditions.

The commonest pond plants are rushes and sedges. Clumps of these plants are always found in damp places. Rushes have round, spiky stems filled with white fluffy pith. They are smooth, with no leaves and bear bunches of brown flowers. Sedges have similar flower spikes and tough pointed leaves which grow out in three directions from a triangular stem. These plants form a dense band along the edge of the pond. Among them you may see the violet blue flag.

A STREAM is water on the move. As it rushes across the countryside it cuts or erodes a notch or valley for itself. To see the effect of water erosion, look for a bend in the stream. The bank on the outside of the bend is being cut away. Debris is deposited on the inside bank creating a beach.

Find out how fast the water is flowing by marking a 5 yard length of the stream. Note the time taken for a small piece of wood to float this distance. Divide the time by five to give the rate of flow in seconds per yard.

Animals that live in streams have to be able to survive the current. They are either strong swimmers

like freshwater shrimps and fish or clingers like leeches and flatworms.

Flowing water is better at taking oxygen from the air than still water. Animals must have oxygen to breathe and many stream creatures need lots of it. The plants are firmly rooted in the stream bed or securely attached to stones. They have long stems and like water milfoil finely divided leaves which do not obstruct the water's flow. Some plants like broad-leaved pondweed have fine submerged leaves and broad floating leaves. Fish like sticklebacks and young eels weave their way among the weeds. Mayfly and stonefly nymphs dart around while snails and flatworms glide over the stones.

INVESTIGATING FISH

Everyone who dips in a pond or stream hopes to catch a fish, but they are not always easy to find. Fish are sensitive to movement and vibrations. They can feel you walking along the bank and see your shadow if it falls on the water. Attract the fish by baiting with small pieces of bread or worms. Some fish always rise to take insects which land accidentally on the surface and become trapped. Insects struggling to escape attract these fish. This is imitated in fly-fishing. Other fish stay near the bottom of the pond, feeding on insects and snails.

Find a bridge over a clear fast-flowing stream. Watch how the fish swim against the current. They are well camouflaged to avoid predators and have more streamlined shapes than fish in ponds. If you want to catch fish and then release them unharmed remove the barb on your hook.

Games

Life Ring Toss

This game is a test of and a chance for improvement in a water safety skill for the boys. Materials needed include a good nylon rope, a weighted "anchor," and a target. The weighted anchor can be an old sock with sand or dirt in it. Tie the anchor to one end of the rope and coil the rope carefully (no tangles!).

The target can be anything from a hoola-hoop to a series of rings on the ground made from flour or lime.

Have the boys stand back a fair distance from the target (fair being determined by their age). Each one tosses the anchor (as if a life ring) at the target. Accuracy is what we're looking for here. You can set

up a point system for multiple tries (like darts) or just have "closest one" wins.

Water Balloon Toss

Water balloons are a great thing on a hot August day. For this game, have the boys pair off and have the pairs stand opposite one another. Each pair gets a water balloon to toss. The first toss is with the players close to each other. Each toss should be with the players at a progressively greater distance from one another. Last team with a water balloon wins.

Cup and Bottle Relay

From Baloo's Bugle and Viking Council

This is a very wet relay, so play it outside. Form two teams. Place a bucket of water and a cup at the head of each line. At the end of each line is a bottle. On signal, the first player dips his cup in the water and passes the cup down the line. The last player pours the water carefully into the bottle. Then he runs to the head of the line. Repeat until the bottle is filled to the line marked.

Crafts

Make A Slide

Baloo's Bugle and Santa Clara County Council

SEASHELL SLIDE

You will need Attractive shell, glue and PVC pipe piece (1/2")

After choosing an attractive shell the boy should choose the front and which way he wants it to display. Glue the pipe piece to the back and let it dry.

OCTOPUS SLIDE

On plywood circle, draw eyes and mouth. Also drill holes for legs. Tie colored pipe cleaners (2 colors) or strings for legs. Glue PVC pipe to the back and let dry.

A great site with lots of slide ideas:

<http://home.att.net/~llmcgraw/etowah/slides.htm>

Here is another variation from Lorie's site

OCTOPUS SLIDE

Materials needed: green yarn, matching color thread, wobble eyes, hot glue, plastic curtain ring for the slide.

Instructions: Cut twelve 6" long strands of yarn for each slide. Fold in half and tie at the neck area, leaving about two inches for the tentacles. Next divide the strands into sections of three. There will be eight sections) Braid each section, and tie off with thread. Hot glue on the wobble eyes. Put octopus down over the curtain ring with a few tentacles inside the ring and rest over the front to cover it. Hot glue in place.

Pond Viewer

Cut a big hole in the bottom of a plastic carton. Cover the top with clear plastic wrap and hold it in place with a rubber band. You lower this end into the water and look through the other end. Instead of a plastic carton, take a large can and use a can opener to remove the top and bottom. Tape the cut edges and use a rubber band to hold a piece of clear plastic over one end.

Splish Splash WORD SEARCH

This puzzle contains words and phrases related to Water Fun and Safety. See how many you can find.

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BUDDY SYSTEM
CANOE
FISHING
FLOATING
FUN FUN FUN

LIFEGUARD
MARCO POLO
MEMORY LAKE
OBEY RULES
PFD
ROW BOAT

SAFETY
SAFETY AFLOAT
SAIL BOAT
SAILING
SPRINKLERS
SURFING