

# September 1999



## Hey, Look Us Over

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Focus. This month's theme gives us a chance to take stock in who we are and what that means. As members of the Cub Scout program, we are a special lot. Let's get the word out to ourselves and our communities—*Hey, look us over!*

## Pack Meeting Ideas

### PreOpening Activities

#### Cub Scout Word Search

Yup! You guessed it! Another Word Search. Here are some Cub Scout words to root out. Hey, look us over!

#### Famous Scouts

If we're gonna' blow our own horn, why not do it up right! These are all famous scouts. Do you know them?

### Opening Ceremonies

#### C-U-B-S

Make up large cards with C, U, B, and S on them for the boys to hold up high. On the backs of the cards have the following lines (or lines that you make up) for them to read.

- **C** stands for Caring. Cub Scouts care about their families and friends.
- **U** stands for Unique. Each Cub Scout is different in his own way.
- **B** stands for Boys. Frogs and snails, and puppy dog tails!
- **S** stands for Super. We will do a super job because we'll Do Our Best!

#### Cub Scout Promise

From Helen Barrow, Kansas City, MO

CUB 1: I promise

CUB 2: An assurance I make. A pledge to do right.  
To keep it before me. A bright shining light.

CUB 1: To do my best,

CUB 3: I'll try my best to do it, though difficult it may be.  
And if I keep my promise, then folks will believe in me.

CUB 1: To do my duty to God,

CUB 4: To God the Creator, the maker of all.  
In joy or in sorrow, on Him we may call.

CUB 1: And my country,

CUB 5: A wonderful country, I'm sure you'll agree.  
So let's keep it always, the land of the free.

CUB 1: To help other people,

CUB 6: If I am helpful, faithful and just,  
Then I'm deserving, of everyone's trust.

CUB 1: And to obey the Law of the Pack.

CUB 7: A guide for each day as we go on our way.  
And a good one to know as we follow and grow.

## What's It All About

You asked, What's it all about?  
Why, to turn a boy into a Scout.  
To take a boy so young and frail,  
And start him up the Cub Scout trail.  
From Bobcat and Wolf and Bear,  
With all the awards and arrows share.

Through Webelos and then into Scouts,  
Giving guidance through problems, fears, and doubts.  
And on through school and into life he'll trod,  
With respect and love for man and God.  
To watch him grow so tall and free,  
Till one day a leader of our country be.

And then he too, like you and me,  
Will take a boy so small and wee,  
And will teach that boy,  
With pride and Joy,  
To be helpful, and to be a good Scout.  
Yes, that's what it's all about!

Please stand and join me in the Pledge of Allegiance.

## Activities

## A Story of A Good Turn

While we're thinking about Cub Scouts, let's share a little bit about how Scouting came to the United States. Why not share this with the Pack?

### How Scouting Started in the United States

One day in 1909 in London, England, An American Visitor, William D. Boyce, lost his way in a dense fog. He stopped under a street lamp and tried to figure out where he was. A boy approached him and asked if he could be of help.

"You certainly can," said Boyce. He told the boy that he wanted to find a certain business office in the center of the city.

"I'll take you there," said the boy.

When they got to the destination, Mr. Boyce reached into his pocket for a tip. But the boy stopped him.

"No thank you, sir. I am a Scout. I won't take anything for helping."

"A Scout? And what might that be?" asked Boyce.

The boy told the American about himself and about his brother scouts. Boyce became very interested. After finishing his errand, he had the boy take him to the British Scouting office.

At the office, Boyce met Lord Robert Baden-Powell, the famous British general who had founded the Scouting movement in Great Britain. Boyce was so impressed with what he learned that he decided to bring Scouting home with him.

On February 8, 1910, Boyce and a group of outstanding leaders founded the Boy Scouts of America. From that day forth, Scouts have celebrated February 8 as the birthday of Scouting in the United States.

What happened to the boy who helped Mr. Boyce find his way in the fog? No one knows. He had neither asked for money nor given his name, but he will never be forgotten. His Good Turn helped bring the scouting movement to our country.

In the British Scout Training Center at Gilwell Park, England, Scouts from the United States erected a statue of an American Buffalo in honor of this unknown scout. One Good Turn to one man became a Good Turn to millions of American Boys. Such is the power of a Good Turn.

Hence, the Scout Slogan: DO A GOOD TURN DAILY

## Start A Tradition

Being that this is probably the first Pack Meeting of your new program year, why not start a new Pack Tradition? This can be anything you want, but here are a few ideas:

- World Friendship Fund collection
- Pack advancement board
- Adopt an animal from a shelter

## Songs

### The Muffin Man

Do you know the muffin Man,  
the Muffin Man, the muffin man.  
Do You know the muffin man,  
who lives on gingerbread lane.

Yes I know the muffin man,  
the muffin man, the muffin man.  
Yes I know the muffin man,  
who lives on gingerbread lane.

We all know the muffin man,  
the muffin man, the muffin man.  
We all know the muffin man,  
who lives on gingerbread lane.

Start with one person, asking another. Then third  
verse together.  
Then each of them finds another person to ask and it  
keeps repeating  
until everyone knows the muffin man.

### Pink Pajamas

(Tune: Battle Hymn of the Republic)

I wear my pink pajamas in the summer when it's hot.  
I wear my flannel nighties in the winter when it's not.  
And sometimes in the springtime and sometimes in  
the fall,  
I jump right in between the sheets with nothing on at  
all.

Glory, glory, Hallelujah;  
Glory, glory, what's it to ya?  
Balmy breezes blowing through ya,  
With nothing on at all.

### God Bless My Underwear

[Tune: God Bless America]

God bless my underwear, my only pair.  
Stand beside them, and guide them,  
Through the rips, through the holes, through the  
tears.

From the washer, to the dryer, to the clothesline in  
the air.  
God bless my underwear, my only pair.

## Skits

### If I Weren't A Cub Scout

This is a favorite song of anyone who's seen it done  
well. I've included it under skits, because it's a good  
bit more than just a song and it's only done by the  
den or group who has prepared for it. It's not  
"Audience Participation" by any stretch. Here's how it  
goes...

The whole group is standing in line at the front of the  
room. They all sing together:

If I weren't a Cub Scout, there's something else I'd be

Then the first one in line steps forward and  
sings/says his line:

If I weren't a Cub Scout, a FIREMAN I would be  
Jump lady jump. Ohhhhhhh splat!  
If I weren't a Cub Scout, a FIREMAN I would be  
Jump lady jump. Ohhhhhhh splat!

He stays put and the whole group repeats the refrain.  
Then the next boy steps forward and says his line:  
After he has said his line, he says it again while at the  
same time the first boy says his line. This sequence  
continues until all of the boys have said their lines.  
**PRACTICE IT A LOT BEFORE YOU DO IT ON  
STAGE!!!**

Fireman - Jump lady jump, Ohhhhhhh, splat!  
Plumber - Plunge it, flush it, watch out below  
Farmer - There's a cow, and there's a cow, there's a  
cow, YUCK!  
Camp Counselor - Working all day, bringing home no  
pay  
Program Director - Sleeping all day, making big pay  
Girl Scout - Heya mister, hiya mister, want to buy a  
cookie  
Doctor - Needle, thread, stick them in the head  
Baker - Doughnuts, eclairs, buy my buns  
Race Car Driver - 4th gear, 1st gear, blow an engine  
boom  
Hippie - Hey man, wow man, far out cool  
Bird watcher - Hark, a lark, flying through the park,  
Splat

## Recruiting Adults

This is a really good skit that was taught to me a few years ago. We use it whenever the leadership ranks get a little low and we need some more parents to get involved. Try it, you'll love the results because the skit really drives home the message.

The Cubmaster is the center of the skit. He or she goes to center stage while another adult "runs the show." This adult begins by introducing the Cubmaster and explaining the important role he/she plays. This is emphasized by handing over a dozen eggs—fragile, young charges. Then the fun begins...

The talker continues to explain that the Cubmaster also has other responsibilities, especially as there isn't enough adult support to make things happen. Depending on the open positions and just how much you want to drive home the point, either use only the open positions or use a bunch of different positions. For each "job," the talker hands over a symbol of the task described. Some examples that are fun...

<u>Position</u>	<u>Symbol</u>
Den Leader Coach	Large whistle
Treasurer	Cash box
Secretary	Paper & pencil
Ride Coordinator	Barbie car
Advancement Chair	Large badges on cardboard
PR person	Camera

I think you get the picture. Anyway, after overflowing the Cubmaster with all sorts of jobs, the talker stops and says "Unless you help, he's going to drop those eggs." Then he/she starts taking the symbols from the Cubmaster and hands them out to the people in the assembly. The last time we did this, the people who had been given the symbols came up after the meeting expecting and accepting that they had been given these new jobs! I tell you, this works!

## Advancement Ceremonies

### Making A Cub Scout

The Magic Formula

**PROPS:**

3 Pint containers, 1 each of: water with blue food coloring, clear cooking oil, alcohol with red food coloring  
Large, clear glass container

Test tube, 1 per boy  
2 White lab coats  
Ceremony table

**PERSONNEL:** Cubmaster, Assistant Cubmaster

**FORMAT:** Bobcat says the Promise; Wolf pours the blue water; Bear pours the cooking oil; Webelos pours the red alcohol.

**CUBMASTER:** Tonight, I am going to give you the magic formula for building Cub Scouts. Our Bobcats have done their best by learning the Cub Scout Promise, the Law of the Pack and the Motto. Would the following boys and their parents please come forward.

**ASSISTANT:** (Reads the names of the boys while Cubmaster lines them up behind the table facing the audience.)

**CUBMASTER:** (Hold up the glass container) this glass represents the Bobcats. As with anything you build, you need a foundation, a starting point, you need to know the basics. This is what our Bobcats have learned. (Boys repeat the Promise)

**ASSISTANT:** (Hands out badges to parents to present to their boys, everyone shakes hands. Bobcats and parents return to their seats.)

**CUBMASTER:** The first part of the magic formula is blue. This color represents the family, its strength, unity and participation in building a Cub Scout.

**ASSISTANT:** (Reads the names of the boys -- with parents -- receiving the Wolf award while the Cubmaster lines them up behind the table and gives them each a test tube full of blue water.)

**CUBMASTER:** Will each Wolf pour the blue liquid into the larger glass?

**ASSISTANT:** (Badges are handed out to parents, etc.)

**CUBMASTER:** The second part of our formula is clear white. It represents the progress the Cubs have made in character and spiritual growth.

**ASSISTANT:** (Boys and parents of Bear rank are called while Cubmaster arranges the boys and gives them a test tube with cooking oil.)

**CUBMASTER:** Bears pour your clear liquid into the larger glass.

ASSISTANT: (Badges are handed out to parents, etc.)

CUBMASTER: The third part of our formula is red. This red color represents the Cub Scout being helpful and doing his best as he continues to grow in all areas of his life.

ASSISTANT: (Webelos and parents are called, etc.)

CUBMASTER: Webelos pour your red liquid into the larger glass.

ASSISTANT: (Badges and/or activity pins are handed to parents, etc.)

CUBMASTER: We have completed our magic formula. It is the same colors as in our flag. May Cub Scouting help to make this a better place to live.

## Cub Scouts Explained

### TWELVE NEW THINGS

This ceremony is a simple, but instructive ceremony. Remember that we're at the beginning of a new program year and there are plenty of new Scouts (and families) in the Pack who don't have the foggiest idea what the Cub Scout trail is about. Here's a simple way to let them get to know it.

ARRANGEMENTS: Have the large cardboard badges with stands for each. Start with all laying flat and set each one up in turn.

BOBCAT: I have learned five new things. I can give the Cub Scout Promise and the Law of the Pack. I know what Webelos means. I promise to do my best. I am a Bobcat. (call boys and parents forward and present badges.)

WOLF: I have learned twelve new things. I grew physically and spiritually. I developed habits and attitudes of good citizenship. As I grew in mind and body, I also grew within my family. I learned to get along with others and gained a sense of personal achievement. It is fun being helpful and doing your best. I am a Wolf. (call boys and parents forward.)

BEAR: I too have learned 12 new things. They required more skill and effort, but were fun and interesting. Many of the things I learned were preparing me to be a Boy Scout. The electives started giving me ideas about hobbies I might want to

pursue in life. I am a Bear. (call boys and parents forward).

WEBELOS: I am learning and understanding the requirements to become a Boy Scout. The Scout Oath and the Scout Law, and the parts of the Scout badge. I am learning about the outdoors through activities and the outdoor code. I have earned three activity pins. I am a Webelos. (call boys and parents forward).

ARROW OF LIGHT: I too am learning about the requirements to become a Boy Scout. I can repeat from memory the Scout Oath and Scout Law. I have earned four more activity pins. I have visited a troop meeting and talked with the Scoutmaster. I have been on an overnight campout. I have attained the highest award in Cub Scouting. I am The Arrow of Light. (call boys and parents forward)

## Closing Ceremonies

### Cub Scout Benediction

And now may the Great  
Master of all Cub Scouts  
Guide and guard our footsteps  
Today, tomorrow,  
And for the tomorrows to come

### I Made A Promise

Five boys are needed for this ceremony. Each should have his part printed on a small card he can conceal in his hand or have the part memorized.

Cub #1: I made a promise... I said that whatever I did I would do the best I could.

Cub #2: I made a promise...to serve my God and my country the best I could.

Cub #3: I made a promise...to help other people the best I could.

Cub #4: I made a promise.. .to obey the Law of the Pack the best I could.

Cub #5: I have done my best, and I will do my best because I am the best... I am a Cub Scout.

Den Leader: Will everyone now join us in repeating the Cub Scout Promise.

# Den Meeting Ideas

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## Places To Go & Things To Do

### Visit the Scout Shop

Being that this is the beginning of a new program year for you and the boys, why not plan a trip up to the York-Adams Area Council shop? This would give you, the boys, and their parents an opportunity to see first-hand what's new.

Remember that the shop is only open late on Wednesdays. Other days it closes at 5 p.m. Or you could make it a Saturday morning trip, because they are open until noon on Saturdays.

Please call ahead to let them know you'll be coming (and you should have already turned in a Local Tour Permit, anyway). Also, call your DE to let him/her know so he/she can give you a tour of the rest of the place.

[Note: For those that don't know about it, there is a box of out-of-use patches kept at the Scout Shop and they only cost \$0.25 or \$0.50 so if the boys want to get something that they'd enjoy without blowing their allowance, that's an idea too!

## Den Meeting Activity Ideas

### Build A Den Doodle/Flag

Does your Den have a Den Doodle yet? I sure hope so for your sake and the sake of the boys. The Big Book and the Cub Scout Leader's Book cover the importance of the den flag and give lots of ideas for designing and making a den doodle.

These are great "team builders" and should be a part of every den. They also provide some extra incentive to the less enthused to keep up the good work (when they are recognized publicly through displaying the den doodle).

Then, make sure the pack is "on board" with the whole den doodle operation as well. Does the pack give out doobies to hang on the colors each month? Ask the Cubmaster to start providing a theme-related doobie when the den does something neat at a Pack Meeting!

### Start A Scout Collection

Scouts are supposed to collect things! It's kinda like mud room rugs are supposed to get dirty! Start the year off with a neat activity that will get the boys focused on starting a collection. Maybe they can each pull together something and then have a "show and tell" session later in the month.

## Games

### Human Knot

This is a great game to start off the new year. It gets everyone working together right from the get-go. Here's how it works...

Have everyone gather round in a circle. Have them put their arms into the center of the circle, close their eyes, and grab onto two other peoples hands. Now they can open their eyes.

Now, without letting go of each other, they need to untangle the knot they've created. Leaders, keep an eye out that they don't get frustrated or it could backfire by having someone get upset at someone else. Otherwise, let them go!

## Group Juggle

Establish pattern of tosses including everyone in a circle. Add additional objects periodically.

(A variation contributed by: Nancy J Rimassa) This is a good way to help a group of strangers remember at least one person's name forever.

1. Have the group stand in a circle, fairly close together.
2. Toss a ball across the circle, calling out the player's name to whom you toss it. That player tosses to a different player and so on until everyone has caught the ball and thrown it on once. It should be back in your hands at this point.
3. Repeat the sequence a couple of times. Add a second ball and then a third. Add as many balls as you want.

Variations? Make a wide circle out of doors. Use toilet paper instead of balls. Use various size balls. The game ends when no one will play anymore.

## Promise/Law Puzzle

Contributed by Robert Getz

I'm Den leader for 14 wolf cubs and used a jigsaw puzzle type game to help them learn the scout promise and the law of the pack. I wrote out the Promise and law on pieces of two foot by two foot 1/4 inch masonite.

I then used a jigsaw to cut out each word so when I was done each word was a separate piece of the puzzle. They took turns in groups of four putting the puzzles together. The groups were timed to see which group was the fastest to assemble the puzzles. Not only did this help them learn the promise and the law, It also forced them to work as a team if they wanted to be the winners. I was able to make two puzzles of each in about an hour for under \$5.00. The puzzles are also good to use at the beginning of meetings, as boys arrive, to keep them busy until everyone is there.

## Hey, Look Us Over WORD SEARCH

*This puzzle contains words and phrases related to Cub Scout Fun. See how many you can find.*

L Z W A Z U Q X A J E V R G P A M O N Y  
B S O Z C H L A H I T T K N P E K I H E  
O C F B O M D O K N N G G T L F O B C C  
F Y G S L L E Y N E D E P N X P C E A C  
M C N I B U U E M Y L W V I W J F T O E  
G Q G N I T E E M K C A P O V L W L C J  
Q P G G S U V A J D T R R P O T O C R X  
S O A C M E I J N N K R E W R Z L X E D  
Q T E C I A R P E D A O G O Y G X B D T  
D T U H K W J A A R G W I R K H R D A Q  
P G C O I C O N E T E O T R V T Q I E B  
N A U M C W O V O B E F L A P U S B L D  
Z V B P P S L M E P B L O D C U V N N D  
V L M J E I B L M T U I D L P B X P E T  
S Q A F S C O U T I N G F O R F O O D O  
B N S Q E S N A C J T H Q G O P X B P Z  
H K T H P B X N J F F T D P F D B X F X  
O F E V I T C E L E R N E E J G N C B W  
F H R K U Z L L E W O P N E D A B E V S  
J Z I S F E C W G B T E S L P P V K D E

ACHIEVEMENT  
AKELA  
ARROW OF LIGHT  
BADEN POWELL  
BEAR  
BLUE AND GOLD  
BOBCAT  
CUB SCOUTS

CUBMASTER  
DEN DOODLE  
DEN LEADER  
DEN LEADER COACH  
DEN YELLS  
DENS  
ELECTIVE  
GOLD ARROW POINT

PACK  
PACK COMMITTEE  
PACK MEETING  
SCOUTING FOR FOOD  
SILVER ARROW POINT  
TIGER  
WEBELOS  
WOLF

# Famous Scouts

\* Indicates the Scout was an Eagle Scout

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|-------|------------------------------|---|
| _____ | 1. Neil Armstrong*           | A. President of the United States   |
| _____ | 2. Bill Bradley*             | B. Actor  |
| _____ | 3. James Brady*              | C. Olympic gold medal swimmer   |
| _____ | 4. William C. DeVries, M.D.* | D. Olympic gold medal decathlon   |
| _____ | 5. Gerald Ford*              | E. Journalist, TV commentator   |
| _____ | 6. James Lovell*             | F. Baseball superstar   |
| _____ | 7. J. Willard Marriott, Jr.* | G. Film director/producer   |
| _____ | 8. Ellison Onizuka*          | H. Rock music legend  |
| _____ | 9. H. Ross Perot*            | I. Self made billionaire & Presidential Candidate                             |
| _____ | 10. Steven Spielberg*        | J. 36th President of the United States & First Eagle Scout in the White House |
| _____ | 11. Henry "Hank" Aaron       | K. Astronaut & First man on the Moon  |
| _____ | 12. Bill Clinton             | L. Baseball superstar   |
| _____ | 13. Walter Cronkite          | M. Sportscaster & former NFL star   |
| _____ | 14. Harrison Ford            | N. Former Press Secretary to President Reagan                                 |
| _____ | 15. Bill Gates               | O. Challenger astronaut   |
| _____ | 16. Bruce Jenner             | P. Founder of Microsoft Corp.   |
| _____ | 17. Jim Morrison             | Q. Pro Basketball player & U.S. Senator from New Jersey                       |
| _____ | 18. Merlin Olson             | R. President, Marriott corp.  |
| _____ | 19. John Ritter              | S. Transplanted first artificial heart  |
| _____ | 20. Nolan Ryan               | T. Astronaut  |
| _____ | 21. Mark Spitz               |   |
| _____ | 22. Joe Theisman             |   |
| _____ | 23. Paul Winfield            |   |