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### SUGGESTED PACK MEETING IDEAS

1. Have a Den Chief, experienced Boy Scout, or Scoutmaster pitch a model campsite that the boys can tour.
2. Have a chili cook-off.
3. Have a each den become a mining town. They must make and decorate a sign for their town using information like "Last Chance, Population 200 and 1 dog."

### FIELD TRIP IDEAS

- Age of Steam and Railroad Museum  
1105 Washington Street, Dallas
- Heritage Farmstead, (972) 424-7874  
1900 W. 15<sup>th</sup> Street, Plano
- Old City Park, (214) 421-5141  
Dallas



### CEREMONIES

#### GOLD RUSH OPENING

*Preparation: 8 large posters with a letter on the front of each; boys can have their lines written on the back of each card.*

- G** G is for all the good that Cub Scouts do.  
**O** O is for one Cub Scout that can make a difference.  
**L** L is for the Law of the Pack.  
**D** D is for our duty to God and country.
- R** R is to remind us to take care of our earth.  
**U** U is for using our resources to help others.  
**S** S is for the special times we share with families and friends.  
**H** H is for how Cub Scouting makes us feel "happy".

Please stand and join us in the Pledge of Allegiance.



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### **CUBMASTER'S MINUTE - FOOL'S GOLD**

*Preparation: Paint a large rock gold.*

Many people have followed their dream of finding gold. The life of a prospector was not an easy one. They suffered many hardships in their quest for gold. Some people, hoping to take the easy way out, were tricked by people who sold them digging rights where gold was guaranteed to be located. (*Hold up the painted rock.*) Rocks would be painted, or rocks that looked like gold, called pyrite, or "fool's gold," would be placed on the land to convince people that gold would be easily found. They wanted an easy way to achieve their goal and were fooled by appearances. Don't let your badges and awards be fool's gold. Work hard to obtain your goal. Do all the requirements and take pride in your accomplishments.

### **GOLD IN THEM THER' FIELDS ADVANCEMENT**

*Preparation: Put each boy's recognition items into a small pouch that can be made from burlap or any fabric that is handy. Put each boy's name and rank on the pouch with a marker. Before the rest of the pack arrives, divide the meeting area into a "gold field." For boys that did not earn any awards this meeting, have some small candies or inexpensive items to put into their pouch so they will not be left out. The "gold field" can be staked off with string dividing the meeting area into sections with signs attached so boys know where they are to head when called forward. A mock cave entrance of painted cardboard could be made for the boys to pass thorough before they enter the area where the "gold" is.*

#### **CUBMASTER:**

During the California gold rush, many prospectors staked claims and hoped that they would find gold. Tonight, our boys will work their claims to receive their gold. As I call each group forward, I will direct you to your rank's claim area. You may only work within your claim and you may not claim jump into another's area. If you work carefully, you will find your pouch of gold. You may only take the bag of gold with your name on it. When you find your pouch, please bring it to me. Will all Tigers come forward to work their claim at this time? (*As each boy brings forward his pouch, Cubmaster announces his name and awards earned and congratulates the boy. Proceed with Wolf, Bear and Webelos awards.*)





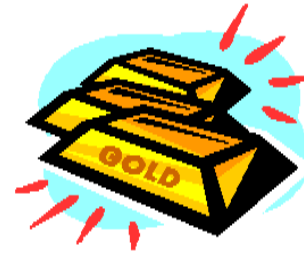
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### SEARCHING FOR GOLD ADVANCEMENT

*Preparation: Cubmaster is dressed as an old prospector. Can be as simple as a plaid shirt, jeans, and cowboy hat. Fake beard and wig will increase the effect.*

#### CUBMASTER:

We have many boys here tonight who have been digging deep at their den meetings and at home as they worked on their advancements. Our Tigers have been out searching and discovering the world around them. Will the Tigers please come forward at this time for their awards?



Our Wolves have been prospering while working on their advancements. They have worked long and hard. Will our Wolves please come forward for their awards.

Our Bears have been bravely entering new frontiers as they continue to strive toward their advancement. Will the Bears come forward at this time for their awards?

Our Webelos are well along the trail of their advancement. They have seen the riches in their accomplishments and are constantly moving forward. Will the Webelos come forward at this time?

### APPLAUSES

#### STRIKE IT RICH-VERSION 1

Hold hands in front as if panning for gold. After “swirling” the pretend pan, yell three times: “I’m rich! I’m rich! I’m rich!”

#### STRIKE IT RICH-VERSION 2

Pretend that a match is being lit by striking it against the seat of your pants. You peer into the cave and then you yell, “I’ve struck it rich! I’ve struck it rich!”

#### PANNING FOR GOLD

Kneel down like you are at a riverside with your pan. Begin to swirl it as if panning for gold, then say, “One more hour, just one more hour!”

#### HOWDY

“How, how, howdy partner.”

#### COWBOY

Pretend to strum a guitar and sing, “Tee ole dle ladeeeee.”





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### RUN ONS AND RIDDLES

Why did the Texan buy a dachshund?  
Because all the other Texans were saying, "Get a-long little doggie!"

What does a horse say when he's finished eating his hay?  
Well, that's the last straw!

Why do cowboys always die with their boots on?  
So they won't stub their toe when they kick the bucket.



### GAMES

#### GET THE GOLD

*Equipment needed: Cowboy hat, bandana, and pie plate for each team; marbles.*

Divide the boys into teams. Place the cowboy hat, bandana and pie plate with two or three marbles inside the plate approximately 25-50 feet away. The first relay leg of the race, the first boy must run to the items at the other end, put on the hat and bandana, pick up the pie plate and return to the next boy in line. The second leg of the race, the next boy in line puts on the hat and bandana, runs to place the pie plate in the original spot, runs back and tags the next boy. Race proceeds in this manner until every boy has had a turn. If a marble drops, the boy must start over. The first team to get through all the boys wins.

#### CLAIM JUMP

*Equipment needed: Blindfold and a bean bag or other comparable object.*

One boy is the prospector guarding his "gold" (beanbag). The prospector is blindfolded and the gold is laid about 2' away from his feet. The other boys are "claim jumpers", who attempt to sneak up on him and steal his gold. If the prospector points at a boy, that boy is out of the game. The boy who successfully steals the gold and gets away becomes the next prospector. This game is great for teaching the boys listening skills.

### CUB COOKING

#### GOLDMINERS' SURPRISE

Make any flavor cake but, before frosting it, insert gold foiled chocolate coins between the layers and on top. Frost the cake and serve.





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### FLOOD MUD PIE

2 cups of cold milk  
whipped dairy topping  
Gummy Worm candy  
chocolate pie crust

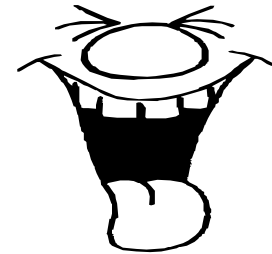
1 package instant chocolate pudding  
½ package chocolate sandwich cookies  
chopped nuts

Crush the half bag of cookies and set aside. Pour milk into a large bowl and add pudding. Beat with a fork until everything is well blended, then let stand for 5 minutes. Stir in whipped topping and half the crushed cookies. Fill the piecrust with the pudding mixture and top with the remaining crushed cookies. Arrange the nuts and gummy worms on top, then refrigerate for 1 hour.

### SKITS

#### BANDANA/BANANA SKIT

*Preparation: This skit is best done outdoors or with a sheet of plastic under the volunteer's feet. It also takes a truly "dedicated" person to play the VOLUNTEER role. It is important that, throughout the skit, neither the SPEAKER nor the VOLUNTEER look at one other!*



**SPEAKER:** Well, since I've been here, I've noticed that many people do not use their bandanas properly. So, I'm going to give a quick class. Do I have any volunteers? *(The "plant" from the audience comes running forward, enthusiastically "volunteering".)*

**SPEAKER:** Well, it looks like we have a volunteer. Do you have a bandana? *(SPEAKER pulls a bandana from his back pocket. At this point, SPEAKER needs to turn away from VOLUNTEER and not look at him until indicated in skit.)*

**VOL:** I sure do! *(Removes a banana from his back pocket! At this point, VOLUNTEER needs to keep looking out at the audience and only listen to what SPEAKER is saying.)*

**SPEAKER:** The first thing you need to learn is how to fold it. *(Begins folding bandana in halves then quarters.)*

**VOL:** *(Looking totally confused and staring at the banana.)* Do what?

**SPEAKER:** Fold it. Just fold it in half, then fold it again!

**VOL:** OK! *(Folds banana with all the appropriate facial expressions when it starts squishing.)*



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### **BANDANA/BANANA SKIT, continued**

**SPEAKER:** One of the best reasons to have a bandana is to wipe the sweat from your face. So let's do that now. (*Wipes brow and face with the bandana.*)

**VOL:** (*Again, looking flabbergasted and staring at the banana.*) Do what?

**SPEAKER:** (*Sounding slightly frustrated*) Wipe your face with it!

**VOL:** OK. (*Wipes forehead and face with the banana...again, the facial expressions will take care of themselves.*)

**SPEAKER:** Another good use for the bandana is to clean your glasses. Let's do that now. (*Proceeds to clean eyeglasses or sunglasses.*)

**VOL:** You want me to do what?!

**SPEAKER:** (*Sounding more frustrated.*) Clean your glasses!

**VOL:** OK. (*Cleans glasses with the banana and looks at audience in total disbelief that they're doing this.*)

**SPEAKER:** Another good use for the bandana is to wipe your nose. Let's do that now. (*Wipes the tip of nose with the bandana.*)

**VOL:** (*Looking at banana then pointing to nose.*) You want me to wipe my nose with it?

**SPEAKER:** (*Sounding slightly angry.*) YES, WIPE YOUR NOSE!

**VOL:** OK. (*Gingerly wipes the tip of his nose with the banana.*)

**SPEAKER:** And finally, we need to know that we have placed our bandana within easy reach. So, we will put it in our back pocket and pat it to make sure it's secure. (*Places bandana in back pocket and pats it.*)

**VOL:** DO WHAT?!

**SPEAKER:** (*Angry now.*) I don't know why you volunteered if you are having such a hard time understanding my instructions. Put it in your back pocket, and pat it down!

**VOL:** OK! (*Puts what's left of the banana in his back pocket and pats it down.*)

**SPEAKER:** (*Looks over at the volunteer for the first time.*) Now what was so hard about that? What is all that mess? What did you do...? I said BANDANA not BANANA! (*Walks VOLUNTEER off stage as VOLUNTEER is trying to explain his misfortunate.*)

*Note: Be sure to have towel and water or wipes so volunteer can clean up.*



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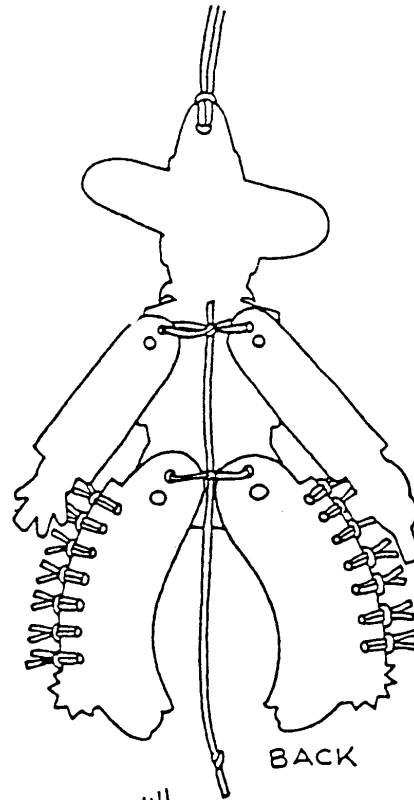
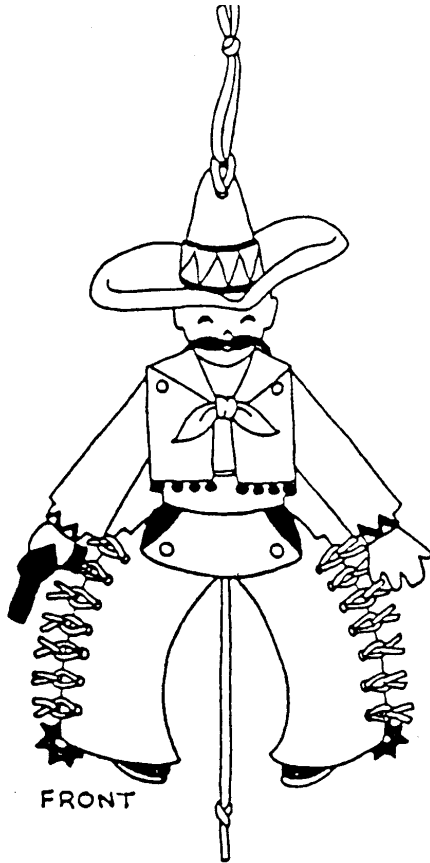
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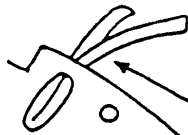
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### JUMPING JACK

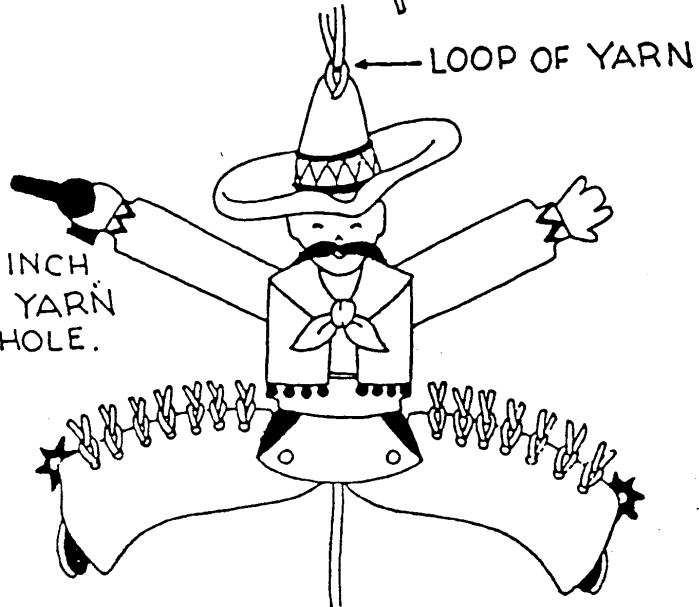
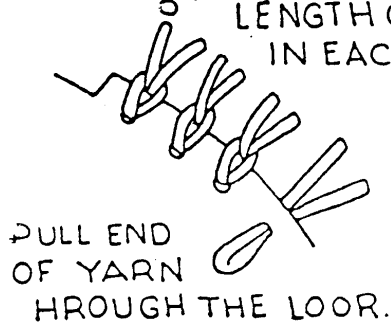
Enlarge pattern to fit on an 8½" x 11" piece of white cardstock. Let the boys color with crayons or markers. then put together.



CUT OUT ALL PARTS  
AND PAINT.



DOUBLE A 2 INCH  
LENGTH OF YARN  
IN EACH HOLE.





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### COVERED WAGON

Enlarge to fit a standard size piece of white cardstock. Cut out the wagon and wheels. Let the boys color as desired. Fold and staple or tape covered wagon ends. Wheels can be glued or taped onto the sides of the wagon.

