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Planning an Action Packed Program

Using Themes in your Pack



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What is a Cub Scout "Career?"

- 📅 5 years (Tiger-Webelos II)
- 📅 5 Pinewood Derbies
- 📅 5 Blue & Gold Banquets
- 📅 50 Pack Meetings
- 📅 150 Den Meetings



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What are Themes?

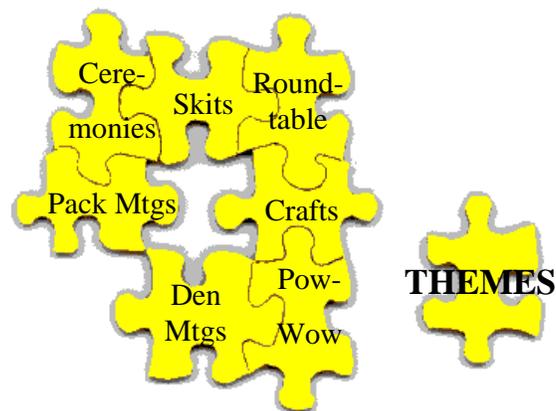
- ☞ A "vener" that goes over learning activities to make them interesting
- ☞ A collection of related activities of high "boy interest" for each month
- ☞ Encompasses den activities & the Pack meeting
- ☞ Explained in "Program Helps", Pow-Wow and Roundtable



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Themes are the key piece of the Cub Scout puzzle



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Why Use Themes?

- 📁 Add Variety to Den Meetings
- 📁 Add Variety to Pack Meetings
- 📁 Makes Den Projects More Important
- 📁 Makes planning Integrated Pack Meeting possible



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Program Helps - Den Level

- 📁 Where do Den Crafts go?
 - ☑ Refrigerator?
 - ☑ Garbage can??
 - ☑ Pack meeting!



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Program Helps - Den Level

- 📅 Weekly layout of Den Activities
 - ☒ Gathering Activity
 - ☒ Entertainment
 - ☒ Snacks
 - ☒ Crafts/Advancements
 - ☒ Field Trips



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Program Helps - Den Level

- Before Meeting Starts
- While Cubs Gather
 - Opening
 - Business Items
 - Activity
 - Closing
- After the meeting

Invitation Convention: Den Den Meetings			
Activity	Time	Location	Notes
Opening	7:00 - 7:15	Den Room	Prayer, Roll Call
Business Items	7:15 - 7:30	Den Room	Den Meeting Report
Activity	7:30 - 8:00	Den Room	Den Meeting Report
Closing	8:00 - 8:15	Den Room	Prayer, Roll Call
After the meeting	8:15 - 8:30	Den Room	Den Meeting Report



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Program Helps - Pack Level

- 📁 Den meetings form backbone of Pack Meeting
 - ☑ Den displays of crafts and activities
 - ☑ Decorations
 - ☑ Boy awareness of theme
- 📁 Make the Den projects important!



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Program Helps - Pack Level

- 📁 Pack adds additional elements:
 - ☑ Decorations
 - ☑ Guest Speakers
 - ☑ Ceremonies
 - ☑ Cheers
 - ☑ Songs
 - ☑ Cubmaster Minutes



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Cheers

- ☑ Sit upright in your chair - good posture
- ☑ Stay absolutely still for 1 minute
- ☑ Mystery Cheer - "Solved!"



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Pack Printed Program

<p>Volume 01</p> <p>Pack 411 - September 9, 2004</p> <p>Small text: Santa Clara County Council, Palmdale District, Founded 1902, Rechartered by Santa Clara County Council 2001, 10101 Panch Avenue, Capitola CA 95014 - (408) 252-8500</p> <p>Issue 1</p> <p>"Time Capsule"</p>  <p><i>Wake up! Get Busy!</i> <i>You have only the one life-day to live, to make the best of every minute of it!</i></p> <p>Lord Robert Baden-Powell Founder of Scouting</p> <p><small>Pack 411's Mission - To continually be one of the premier Packs of our District and Council</small></p>	<p>Volume 02</p> <p>Pack 411 - October 14, 2004</p> <p>Small text: Santa Clara County Council, Palmdale District, Founded 1902, Rechartered by Santa Clara County Council 2001, 10101 Panch Avenue, Capitola CA 95014 - (408) 252-8500</p> <p>Issue 2</p> <p>"It's a Circus of Stars"</p>  <p>"Whatever you do, do it with all your might. Work at it, early and late, in season and out of season, not leaving a stone unturned, and never deferring for a single hour that which can be done just as well as now."</p> <p>Money is a terrible master but an excellent servant.</p> <p>P. T. Barnum Circus Emperario</p> <p><small>Pack 411's Mission - To continually be one of the premier Packs of our District and Council</small></p>	<p>Volume 03</p> <p>Pack 411 - November 11, 2004</p> <p>Small text: Santa Clara County Council, Palmdale District, Founded 1902, Rechartered by Santa Clara County Council 2001, 10101 Panch Avenue, Capitola CA 95014 - (408) 252-8500</p> <p>Issue 3</p> <p>"Cub Scout Collectors"</p> <p><small>Pack 411's Mission - To continually be one of the premier Packs of our District and Council</small></p>
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Program Helps - Pack Level

- Theme background
- Applause/Stunts/Cheers
- Cubmaster Minute
- Songs
- Ceremonies
- Activities
- Program Tie-Ins



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Introducing Themes To Pack

- Best initiated at Pack level
- Give Den Leaders long-term plan for the theme and their assignments
- Go with whatever support you get, and build - recognize Dens that support theme
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Theme Resources

- 📁 Personal experiences/Talents
- 📁 Program Helps
- 📁 Scouting Magazine
- 📁 Boy's Life
- 📁 Roundtable
- 📁 Pack Members

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Theme Resources

- 📁 Pow-Wow
 - 📁 Month-by-month resources on CD
 - 📁 Quotations
- 📁 "Footsteps of the Founder" - quotations of Baden-Powell

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Using Quotations

- 📁 Ideas of ways to incorporate theme
- 📁 Cubmaster Minute
- 📁 Ceremonies
- 📁 Pack Meeting Program
 - ☑️ *“Genius is 1% inspiration and 99% perspiration.”* – Thomas Alva Edison
 - ☑️ *“Throw some simple and cheap ingredients in a bag, shake it, bake it, and go to market.”* – Guy Kawasaki
 - ☑️ *“Older people ask – ‘What is it?’ the boy asks ‘What can I do with it?’”* – Apple CEO Steve Jobs



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Planning

- 📁 Pack Committee Meeting
 - ☑️ Plan Pack Meetings 2 months ahead
 - ☑️ Plan Dens Involvement
- 📁 Pack Calendar
 - ☑️ Gives Dens Plan for the year
 - ☑️ Lists Themes
 - ☑️ Lists Assignments



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MONTH	Jan-2005	Feb-2005	Mar-2005	Apr-2005	May-2005	Jun-2005	Jul-2005	Aug-2005	Sep-2005	Oct-2005	Nov-2005
PACK CMT MTG	1/1 7:00 PM	2/1 7:00 PM	3/1 7:00 PM	4/1 7:00 PM	5/1 7:00 PM	6/1 7:00 PM	7/1 7:00 PM	8/1 7:00 PM	9/1 7:00 PM	10/1 7:00 PM	11/1 7:00 PM
THEME	Cub Scouts Spread the News	It's A Scouting Celebration	Invention Convention	Waterways of the USA	Cub Pet Pals	Destination Parks	Play Ball!	Campfire Tales and Traditions	Cub Scout Roundup	To The Rescue	My Family Tree
DEN ASSIGNMENTS	6-8P, 2G, 5C, 7E, 1K, 3K	5P, 9G, 3C, 5E, 4S, 4K	4P, 7G, 5C, 8E, 9S, 2K	8P, 9G, 7C, 2E, 4S, 5K	6-8P, 2G, 5C, 7E, 1S, 3K	5P, 9G, 2C, 5E, 4S, 4K	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
EVENT 1	Pinewood Derby Weigh-In "B" 1/8	Blue & Gold	PV Monna Lighthouse 3/12	Recruiting at Jungle (small group)		Creek Cleanup/ Raingate Regatta Sun, 7:00-2:00 PM "B"	Commince Planning Mtg.	Beach Barbecue 4:30 PM-7:30 PM "B"	Creek Cleanup "B"	Coyote Creek Cycling 10/1 "B"	Scouting for Food
EVENT 2	Pinewood Derby 1/15	Scout Sunday - Religious Week		Bay Area Ridge Hike 11/17 11:00-1:00		Scout-O-Rama 6/11	Family Camp 2 7/16-7/17	Unhering Bethel Magical	Poppcorn Kickoff	Poppcorn Sale	Poppcorn Delivery
EVENT 3		District Pinewood Derby 2/5				Family Camp 1 6/25-6/26	Day Camp 2,3,4,5 7/4-7/8 7/11-7/15 7/18-7/22 7/25-7/29	Day Camp 6 8/1-8/5	Fall Recruiting Night	WeST Fair Webelos Only 7/??	
EVENT 4		WeST Fair Webelos Only 2/12				Day Camp 1 6/27-7/1		Webelos Camp 8/5-8/7	Adult Golf Tourn. 9/12		
ROUNDABLE	1/11 7:30 PM	2/12 7:30 PM	3/12 7:30 PM	4/12 7:30 PM	5/10 7:30 PM	6/14 7:30 PM	7/12 7:30 PM	8/9 7:30 PM	9/13 7:30 PM	10/11 7:30 PM	11/8 7:30 PM
TRAINING	POW-WOW 1/22/05 - ALL FAMILIES!! Address in legend	2/12-NLE, CS 2/22-YP	3/12-NLE, CS 3/23-NLE	4/26-NLE	5/14-NLE, CS	6/14 7:30 PM	7/9-NLE, CS	8/27-NLE	9/17-NLE, CS	10/6-NLE 10/8-NLE, CS 10/24-CS 10/25-YP	11/19-NLE, CS
SCHOOL EVENT	GLD-Start Learning Day, JM-John Muir, CM-McAuliffe, MZ-Meyershofel										
HOLIDAYS	1/1 New Years 1/17 MLK 1/21 Eid-ul-Adha	2/9 Ash Wed 2/14 Val. Day 2/21 Pres. Day	3/17 St. Pas 3/20 Palm Sun. 3/25 Good Fri. 3/27 Easter	4/24 Passover	5/8 Mothers Day 5/30 Mem. Day	6/13 Shavuot 6/14 Flag Day 6/19 Fathers Day	7/4 Indep. Day	9/5 Labor Day	10/4 Rosh Hashanah 10/10 Columbus Day 10/13 Yom Kippur	11/11 Vets Day 11/24 Thanksgiving	
PACK LEADERS GRADUATING				Doc Smith							

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Impact on Advancements

-  Stress that responsibility for advancements lies with family, not den leader
-  Utilize Den Doodles, advancement charts, den goal to reinforce individual responsibility, track progress
-  Let families know what you do not plan to cover



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Why Use Themes?

- ☞ Gives variety and interest to program
- ☞ Gives initiative to do things that you would not consider otherwise
- ☞ Increases efficiency of planning



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Favorite Theme Moments

- ☞ Guest Speakers - CEO, Magician
- ☞ Gathering Activities - Wagon Round-Up
- ☞ Cheers - Airplane, Mummy
- ☞ Blast-Off Den Skit, Cubmaster Minute
- ☞ "Pack To The Future" Skit, "Unknown Scout" Time Capsule
- ☞ Artist Frame Ceremony, Art Run-On
- ☞ Snacks - Harry Potter, Critters
- ☞ Hoe-Down



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My Favorite Theme Meeting- Kids Against Crime

- 📖 Program Quote - "Crime is a Disease" - Gandhi
- 📖 Guest Speaker - CHP Officer
- 📖 Gathering Activity - Fingerprint lifting
- 📖 Police opening ceremony
- 📖 Entertainment - 911 call skit
- 📖 Kids Against Crime Advancement Ceremony
- 📖 Cheers - Siren, Guilty/Innocent
- 📖 Snack - Donuts



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Isn't this a ton of work?

- 📖 Cubmaster's main job (ideally only job) is planning and conducting an interesting Pack meeting
- 📖 An hour a week is hype - but three hours a week should be your goal
- 📖 A Scout is Thrifty - and time is your most precious resource



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2005/2006 Themes

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|---------|------------------------------|---------|------------------------------|
| Feb-'05 | It's A Scouting Celebration! | Dec-'05 | Faith, Hope & Charity |
| Mar-'05 | Invention Convention | Jan-'06 | Music Magic |
| Apr-'05 | Waterways of the USA | Feb-'06 | Cubs In The Future |
| May-'05 | Pet Pals | Mar-'06 | Cubstruction |
| Jun-'05 | Destination: Parks | Apr-'06 | Our Feathered Friends |
| Jul-'05 | Play Ball! | May-'06 | Digging In The Dirt |
| Aug-'05 | Campfire Tales & Traditions | Jun-'06 | Invent a Reason to Celebrate |
| Sep-'05 | Cub Scout Round-Up | Jul-'06 | Red, White & Baloo! |
| Oct-'05 | To The Rescue | Aug-'06 | Scouting It Out |
| Nov-'05 | My Family Tree | | |



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