

October 2007 Theme -- "Down on the Farm"

It's harvest time in farming country. Cub Scouts learn about growing crops this month while they explore the life of a hard-working farmer. Dens might visit a farm, local dairy, or petting zoo to learn first-hand about farm animals. Boys can build a miniature greenhouse to start their own vegetables for planting in the family garden or patio pots. Dens could take a field trip to a pumpkin patch and pick their own pumpkin for the pumpkin decorating contest at the pack meeting harvest fair. Fair activities might include contest booths, a rubber-glove cow for milking, and a good old fashioned hayride.



Webelos Activity Badges for October 2007: Citizen and Showman

Starting in September 2007 you will find the latest edition of Baloo's Bugle at <http://www.usscouts.org/bbugle/bb0709/index.html>. The following resources are supplements to your monthly Program Helps.

PRAYERS & POEMS FOR SCOUTERS **To Achieve Your Dreams, Remember Your ABCs**

- A - Avoid negative sources, people, things, and habits.
- B - Believe in yourself.
- C - Consider things from every angle.
- D - Don't give up and don't give in.
- E - Enjoy life today: yesterday is gone and tomorrow may come.
- F - Family and friends are hidden treasures. Seek them and enjoy their riches.
- G - Give more than you planned to give.
- H - Hang on to your dreams.
- I - Ignore those who try to discourage you.
- J - Just do it!
- K - Keep on trying, no matter how hard it seems. It will get better.
- L - Love yourself first and foremost.
- M - Make it happen.
- N - Never lie, cheat, or steal. Always strike a fair deal.
- O - Open your eyes and see things as they really are.
- P - Practice makes perfect.
- Q - Quitters never win and winners never quit.
- R - Read, study and learn about everything important in your life.
- S - Stop procrastinating.
- T - Take control of your own destiny.
- U - Understand yourself in order to better understand others.
- V - Visualize it. Want it more than anything.
- X - Xccelerate your efforts.
- Y - You are unique of all of nature's creations. Nothing can replace you.
- Z - Zero in on your target, and go for it!

A Leader's Resolution

I shall study my boys so that I may understand them.
I shall like my boys so that I can help them.
I shall learn - for they have much to teach me.
I shall laugh - for youth grow comfortable with laughter
I shall give myself freely, yet I shall take, so that they may acquire the habit of giving.
I shall be a friend - for a friend is needed.
I shall lead - yet I shall be aware of pushing.
I shall listen- for a listener prevents combustion.
I shall warm them when my experience warrants it.
I shall command when actions merit it.
I shall overlook mistakes- yet I will not blame them.
Lastly, I shall try to be that which I hope they think I am.
If I knew it would be the last time
That I'd see you fall asleep,
I would tuck you in tighter
and pray the Lord, your soul to keep

If I knew it would be the last time
that I see you walk out the door,
I would give you a hug and kiss
and call you back for one more.

If I knew it would be the last time
I'd hear your voice lifted up in praise,
I would video tape each action and word,
so I could play them back day after day.

If I knew it would be the last time,
I could spare an extra minute or two
to stop and say love you,
instead of assuming you would **Know** I do.

If I knew it would be the last time
I would be there to share your day,
well I'm sure you'll have so many more
so I can let just this one slip away.
For surely there's always tomorrow
to make up for an oversight,
and we always get a second chance
to make everything right.

There will always be another day
to say our, " I love you's,"
And certainly there's another chance
to say our. " Anything I can do's?"
But just in case I might be wrong,
and today is all I get,
I'd like to say how much I love you
and I hope we never forget.

Tomorrow is not promised to anyone,
young or old alike,
And today may be the last chance
you get to hold your loved one tight.
So if you're waiting for tomorrow,
why not do it today?
For if tomorrow never comes,

you'll surely regret the day,
That you didn't take that extra time
for a smile, a hug, or a kiss
and you were too busy to grant someone,
what turned out to be their one last wish.

So always hold them dear.
Take time to say I'm sorry, Please forgive
me, Thank you, or It's okay.
And if tomorrow never comes,
you'll have no regrets about today. ...Unknown

Pumpkin

A coworker asked a lady recently baptized what it was like to be a Christian.

She replied, 'It's like being a pumpkin: God picks you from the patch, brings you in, and washes all the dirt off you may have gotten from the other pumpkins. Then he cuts the top off and scoops out all the yucky stuff. He removes the seeds of doubt, hate, greed, etc., then He carves you a new smiling face and puts His light inside of you to shine for all the world to see. ...Unknown

TRAINING TIP

Every pack is under the supervision of a pack committee. This committee consists of a minimum of three qualified U.S. citizens* of good character, 21 years of age or older, who are selected by the chartered organization and registered as adult leaders of the BSA. One of these is designated as a pack committee chairman.

Obviously, with a committee of three, members must assume responsibility for more areas of service than with a committee of seven or more, where the responsibilities can be spread around. Although packs can and do operate with a minimum of three committee members, experience has shown that a larger committee generally ensures a stronger, more stable pack.

This information was found in the Cub Scout Leader Book page 4-6. It continues on, outlining the responsibilities of the pack committee. This book is available at your Scout Shop.

PRE-OPENING ACTIVITY

Question: What happens to kids when "there's nothing to do!"?

Answer: They usually find something to do. And 9 times out of 10, *it ain't what you want them to be doing!*

Solution: Have something for them to do! That's one of the purposes of the Pre-Opening Activity. It gives the people something to do while you're still running around getting things organized to actually *run* the meeting. It also provides a mechanism to get the group focused as a group.

The Pre-Opening Activity should get people involved and interacting. If they're doing a word search puzzle, for example, only have groups of 3 or 4 work on one and then, during the Pack Meeting, find out how well the groups did. Also focus on more than just the Cub Scouts. (Cub Scouting is a family activity!) Use inventive ways to get the adults and siblings involved. Maybe give a puzzle to each family and then find out how the families did. Use your imagination to make sure you include everyone. The Pre-Opening Activities that we present in each section need to be *preplanned*. For example, if you are having the folks do a word search puzzle, you'll need to have the sheets copied beforehand and you'll need to provide pencils.

Idea: In our Pack, we have a coffee can of "golf pencils" for Pack Meeting use. You can get them at Staples and other office supply stores and they come in boxes of 144. One box seems to last about a year in our Pack because people generally remember to return them to the coffee can at the end of each meeting.

If you are the Cubmaster or Committee Chair, don't do this all by yourself—assign a den each month to come up with and conduct the Pre-Opening Activity. It means that the den members will have to arrive well before the start of the Pack Meeting so that they can greet everyone else, give out materials, and direct the activity as people arrive.

Idea: In our Pack, we have a Duty Roster that we publish at the beginning of each program year. The Duty Roster assigns Dens to plan and conduct the different "activities" that make up the Pack Meetings.

Smelling Kim

Equipment: A collection of dried foodstuffs which have a distinctive smell, e.g., coffee; tea; sage; rosemary; etc. and each in an identical container or in a small square of muslin tied with cotton; paper and pencil per Cub

Formation: Circle

The Pack sits in a circle with the containers in the center, the leader identifies the foodstuffs. He then numbers each container and passes them around the circle. The Cubs must identify the foodstuffs by their smell and write the correct names against the numbers on their sheet of paper.

OPENING CEREMONY Halloween Opening

Scene: To enhance the Halloween atmosphere, turn out the lights and have a candlelight processional for the color guard unit.

Personnel: Use more than just a few Cubs, use most of the Pack to create lots of light.

Props: If candies are not feasible because of carpeting or whatever, use flashlights with orange tissue paper covers to dim the brightness somewhat. House lights should not be turned on until after the pledge has been given.

Cubmaster:

Tonight you may see
Witches on their brooms.
Tonight you may witness
The man on the moon.
Tonight you may hear
All sorts of scary sounds.
Tonight you may be scared
Of what comes up from the ground.
Don't scream, Don't be frightened,
Most of all don't fear
It's only Halloween that comes,
But once a year
Please join me now
in the Pledge of Allegiance.

A Patriotic Start

We learn to be good citizens and, hopefully, we'll see
that laws are made for all of us, so each one can be free.

To do all this, Cubs need leaders - ones that are good and true.
That means we need help- from you, and you, and you.

And now, to start our night off right, in good and proper manner,
We'd like you all to rise and sing our "Star Spangled Banner."

Witches Opening

Take one dark night, without a star;
Add one thin cat, as black as tar,
Turn on a wind, to shriek and moan,
Stir in ghost, with wail and groan.
Stuff three pumpkins with witches' bane,
Top with a slice of moon on the wane;
Flavor with bats, and things unseen
Boil and serve chilled. It's Halloween.

There are strange things you may meet,
On Halloween upon your street
Witches, goblins, spooks you dread,
Silent ghosts without a head.

Don't be frightened, for you see,
Underneath are friends like me!

First Verse is read by Den Leader dressed as a witch. Other Den Leaders, dressed as witches, put ingredients in the cauldron as they are mentioned. Second verse is read by Cubmaster, draped with sheet. On last line he pulls off sheet.

Farm Opening Ceremony

Cub #1: Freedom isn't always free. Many have paid a great price so that we can enjoy the freedom we have.

Cub #2: America provides many opportunities for each of us.

Cub #3: Remember that not everyone is as blessed as we are.

Cub #4: May we each ponder our blessings of freedom as we repeat the pledge of allegiance.

Cub #5: Would the audience please rise with me and repeat the Pledge of Allegiance with me.

Farm Country

Personnel: Narrator and 4 Cubs

Setting: Cub Scouts in farm work clothing parade into meeting room by dens to recorded farm music. Extinguish lights and shine spotlight on U.S. flag. A narrator speaks from behind the curtain.

Narrator: Agriculture, the oldest work done by man, means "taking care of the fields". It is the work and science of using the earth to produce food.

Cub 1: Farming means about the same thing, but we generally use the term when referring to a particular branch, such as dairy farming, chicken farming, cotton farming, wheat or vegetable farming. There have been farmers since history began. Cain, the first man born on earth, the son of Adam and Eve, was a tiller of the soil.

Cub 2: Farm life, was quite different in days past. Entire families including children, had to carry their share of the load in order to raise enough food for themselves. The family did not have much time for comfortable living .

Cub 3: Crowing roosters still announce dawn on many American farms. In the early morning fresh odors of growing crops and blooming flowers fill the air. Even before daybreak, in farm country, lights begin to twinkle as folks rise early to feed the animals and do the chores.

Cub 4: Now may we all stand and sing "America the Beautiful".

PACK/DEN ACTIVITIES

Visit a Farm

How many of the boys in your den have ever milked a cow or gathered eggs from chickens? This month's theme promotes the All-American Tradition of farming. Stop in at a local farm and check with the family running it to see if you can arrange a visit to the farm. Make sure to use the Local Tour Permit and permission slips before going, though!

Build A Pioneer Farm

Here's one my son's den did years ago. They made a train garden-like setup on a large piece of masonite that included the layout of a homestead type farm. The leaders pre-made the buildings out of cardboard and the boys "built" the buildings using twigs hot-glued to the cardboard structures. For roofing, they used cedar shakes from a craft store (like Ben Franklin's). The buildings were laid out on the board to resemble the homestead layout. Fencing was "snake fencing" made from crisscrossed twigs .

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Jolly Green Giant & The Scarecrow

Jolly Green Giant - "Ho-ho-ho"

Little Green Sprout - "Me

Scarecrow - "Booooo"

Corn - "Pop, pop, pop"

Come gather around me, all ye Cub Scouts.

As I tell you the story of the Little Green Sprout. The wise and friendly Scarecrow knows all, you see, About how the Jolly Green Giant and his small friend came to be.

It seems these two friends in a big field of Corn
 One bright sunny day, most surely were born.
 For the old Scarecrow some talk overheard,
 And has come here now to pass along the word.
 In the field of Corn stood Farmer Brown and his son,
 Hoeing out all those weeds till the day was done,
 How those two worked as they did toil and sweat
 To make their new crop the finest one yet.
 The poor Scarecrow felt so guilty that day,
 For all he must do was scare birds away.
 He heard people say, "Isn't that Scarecrow grand.
 He's made this Corn field the best in the land."
 This made him sad and down deep in his heart,
 Scarecrow knew that this job was just a small part.
 As he stood there watched, an idea came to his head,
 The farmer and son were hoeing, the Scarecrow then said,
 "I'll call them the Jolly Green Giant and Little GREEN Sprout.
 'Til soon the whole world will surely find out,
 That the fields of Corn and other crops too
 Are grown by people like these faithful two."
 So he told the Jolly Green Giant and Little Green Sprout
 How he knew what they did and sang praises with no doubt.
 So the story of the Jolly Green Giant and Little Green Sprout
 Was spread to people near and far and all round about.
 So, don't think, my friend, it's just a bunch of Corn
 'Cause that's the truth of how those two were born.
 Whenever you hear that famed Jolly Green Giant
 Now you've heard the secret from the old Scarecrow
 Of how those green people help make things grow.
 Remember that those folks you see hoeing away,
 Are symbolized now by that green pair today.
 Three cheers for the Jolly Green Giant, Little GREEN Sprout, Scarecrow, and that field of Corn where it all
 came about.

ADVANCEMENT CEREMONIES

Witches Brew

Props: Black witches cauldron or facsimile. Badges with names attached are placed in the cauldron before the meeting opens. A lid should be used or keep the kettle out of sight until it is to be used.

Scene: At awards time, announce that you will brew Up something in the cauldron, but you will need the help of the new Bobcats in the Pack. Depending on the number to receive that award (five or seven is perfect) you call one at a time forward. They tell you the ingredients that go in to make a Bobcat, (motto. salute, handshake, sign, promise law, meaning, of Webelos) and demonstrate each one by doing or saying. Pretend to "put" each thing into the cauldron then stir and draw out a Bobcat Badge. Call that Cub's parents forward and pin the on.

For Wolf Badge, add each ingredient to kettle telling what it is based on the twelve Wolf achievements, i.e.. band-aid for keeping healthy, string for tying things, stamp for collection, small screwdriver for tools, etc. If difficult to use object print achievement on cardboard and put in. Then stir and draw out the Wolf Badge and present to the Cub and his parents with applause.

Do the Bear Badge in the same manner. Since there are now 24 Bear achievements, you will have to find out which twelve each Bear choose. If more than one Bear is receiving the badge, use all they choose, but don't repeat any, i.e.; piece of rope for knots. baseball for sports, small flag for American heritage, coins for saving and spending well, testament for religious activities, etc.

This ceremony can also be adopted for use with the Webelos Activity Pins, using the same method with the requirements.

This ceremony should be done in semi-darkness with candles so the cauldron will not be too obviously unreal. But use enough light so that each item going in can be clearly defined. Can be done "theatrically" like a witch putting in "eye of toad. wing of bat. etc"

Nature's Gifts

Props: A tree limb (bare) with several branches. Green construction paper leaves, one for each Scout receiving an award

Cubmaster: This tree is a symbol of the natural beauty of our land. It takes Mother Nature a long time to grow a beautiful tree. It requires nurturing such as sunshine and water.

This tree represents our Cub Scout Pack. In order for it to flourish, much time and effort must be spent by Cub Scouts and their parents to help it grow. Without their help, our tree is bare and lifeless.

Scouts receiving awards tonight have given time and effort, as have their parents. As you receive your award tonight, please take one leaf and add it to our tree [Call forward each Scout and his parents by rank to receive their award. Hand them a leaf to tape to the limb].

Each of you, by your efforts, has helped nourish our Pack tree. Just as Mother Nature's trees become more beautiful when they get light and water, so our Pack tree grows more beautiful because of your efforts. May you always stand tall and straight like a tree and be a resource for our land.

Explaining the Ranks

Need: 11x14 cards picturing the rank badges. Tape these little explanations of rank on the back of the appropriate card. Have a Cub represent each rank. Have the 5 Cubs come forward, hold up the cards for the audience to see as they read the explanation on the back.

Bobcat: I had to make some promises,
To become a Bobcat Scout.
To follow, help and give goodwill,
That's what Cub Scouting is all about.

Wolf: The back and front rolls were easy,
Making games was fun.
But when it came to giving directions,
I almost didn't get done.
I had to earn the Wolf badge,
It meant a lot to me.
Finally I learned my directions,
And a Wolf Cub Scout I would be.

Bear; I never wrote a letter before,
Let alone a 100 word essay.
Or ever learned to throw a rope,
To hit a marker 20 feet away.
And now that I've earned the Bear badge,
All that and a whole lot more.
Makes me feel that much smarter,
Than I ever felt before.

Webelos: Now that I'm a 9 year old,
I belong to a Webelos den.
Activity badges I'll try to earn,
Like Athlete, Forester, and Outdoorsman.
Arrow Of Light:
The Oath and Law are memorized,
Graduation day is in sight.
I am prepared for what's ahead,
I've earned the Arrow of Light!

It's hard to say goodbye to friends.
Cub Scouting has meant a lot to me,
But it's time I start the upward trail,
For it's an Eagle Scout I want to be.

Cubmaster.

Now that we have had the ranks explained, we will recognize those boys in our Pack who have earned those ranks. (At this time you will have the advancing boys come forward with their parents and award the badges)

Planting A Garden

Gardener (with thumbs pointed up) "With a green thumb"

Cucumber "Cool man"

Onions (wipes tears from eyes) "Boo Hoo Boo Hoo" **Tomato** Whistle a wolf whistle

One day our **Gardener** went out to plant his garden. The **Gardener** chose to plant his plot with many vegetables including **Cucumbers**, **Tomatoes**, and **Onions**. The **Gardener** took some seeds and planted first a row of **Cucumbers**, then a row of **Onions**, then a row of **Tomatoes**.

The **Gardener** then stood back to watch his garden grow. Soon the **Cucumbers**, **Onions**, and **Tomatoes** had sprouted. The **Cucumbers** fell in love with the **Tomatoes** but the **Onions** stood between them. It looked as though this budding romance would never be, because the **Cucumbers** were in one row and the **Tomatoes** were in another and the **Onions** were coming up between the two. The **Cucumbers** grew to be big and tall, and the **Tomatoes** grew to be plump and sweet, but the **Onions** still separated them.

Alas all is not lost, one day, later in the season, our **Gardener** went out to his garden and picked the **Tomatoes**, **Cucumbers**, and **Onions**, and the **Gardener** made a great salad. In this salad he placed the **Cucumbers**, the **Tomatoes**, and the **Onions**. The **Cucumber** was at last by his beloved **Tomatoes**, while the **Onion** had to stand aside. That is, until the **Gardener** ate his salad.

Food for Thought

Personnel: Cubmaster or Leader

Setting: On the head table is a vegetable seedling and a fully mature vegetable plant.

Cubmaster: This tiny seedling doesn't look like much, does it? It's very weak and fragile. But we have learned this month that if we plant it in good soil, and if we make sure that it gets lots of sunshine, air and water, it will grow up to be a big healthy (**type of vegetable**) like this one.

Cub Scouts are like this seedling. They need certain things, too. Things like proper rest, food and exercise. But Cub Scouts need something more than that. If they are going to be the kind of men we all admire, they have to have healthy minds and spirits as well as healthy bodies. In Cub Scouting, and later on in Boy Scouting, boys can develop that extra quality of mind and spirit. They do it by following the Cub Scout Promise, and later, the Scout Oath.

Will the following Cubs and their parents please come forward?

GAMES

Mummy Dress Up

Let the children wrap each other in toilet paper and pretend to be a mummy.

Pin The Tail On The Cat

Cut out a cat shape from black felt. Use fabric paint to add the eyes, nose, and whiskers. Cut out several tails from black felt and sew or glue the hook side of Velcro onto the end that attaches to the cat. The hook Velcro will stick to the felt anywhere the children put it. They play the game just like pin the tail on the donkey.

Halloween Sort

For a sorting activity, use various Halloween treats such as spiders and bat rings of different colors or pumpkin and ghost light covers.

Ghost Hunt

Cut white construction paper into 4"x5" pieces. Roll and tape to form tubes (these are ghost callers). Make one for each child. Also make 2 construction paper ghosts. Show everyone the two ghosts. Have children close

their eyes. Den Leader hides the ghosts. Children open eyes and count **1-2-3 Ghost!** On the count of "ghost" the hunt begins. The children who find the two ghosts sit by the Den Leader. Give them a ghost caller and let them make ghost noises for the next ghost hunt. The noise helps call the ghosts from their hiding places. Continue until all children are making ghost noises.

Pass The Pumpkin

Purchase a small pumpkin from the grocery store. Have the children sit in a circle. Turn on Halloween music and pass the pumpkin around the circle. Stop the music and whoever has the pumpkin is out. (A better way of playing it, is instead of the child who has the pumpkin being out, they have to make the group do something "Halloweenie", like groan like a ghost, fly like a bat, cackle like a witch, walk like a mummy).

Watering The Horses

Equipment: Paper cup half filled with water for each Cub.

Cubs are in sixes, and each Cub is given a paper cup half filled with water. In turn they race to a turning point about 10 yards away taking their cup with them. When there they turn round, kneel, put the cups between their teeth, and with their hands behind their backs drink the water. As soon as the cup is empty they get up and race back to their six, and the next Cub goes.

Rooster Fight

Materials: Bandanna or other scrap material for each child.

Set Up: Make a circle on the ground about 8 feet in diameter. Have each player tuck a bandanna in the waist of his or her pants.

Play: Two kids hop into the circle and try to grab the bandanna hanging from each other's belt. The trick is, they must not put down their other foot, and they must keep one arm folded at their side like a wing, grabbing only with the free hand. Any player who puts his food down or grabs with his wing is out and a new opponent enters the ring.

You may want to have teams, pairing up the kids and let them compete one pair at a time; to determine the winner, add up all the bandannas won by each team. Alternatively, play round robin style, with each new winner taking on new players until he gets eliminated.

Another element of fun you could add is asking each player to be sure he flaps his wing and clucks like a chicken.

Duck Foot Relay

You will need to make two sets of webbed feet to do this race. (If this is a problem—when is it not? —use two pair of swim fins.)

To make the feet you will need a large piece of cardboard or foam core, an empty tissue box, craft paint, and glue. Draw the outline of a duck foot (about 14 inches from heel to toe) on the cardboard and use a craft knife to cut it out. Make the matching foot by placing the first one face side down on the cardboard and tracing around it. Cut the tissue box into halves and glue them on top with the box bottom facing up. Paint the feet bright orange or yellow.

To Race: Divide the group into two teams. On the far side of the room, set up a chair for each side. When the race starts, the first player from each team, wearing duck feet over his shoes, must circle his team's chair and return to the starting point while quacking and flapping his arms. There, the next child in line puts on the shoes and takes a turn. The first team to finish wins. Be sure to involve the parents as racers, judges, or helping racers get in the feet.

Pennsylvania Pumpkin Pie Pitch

Equipment: Paper plates, hoop or coat hanger.

Suspend a hoop from a high spot such as a tree limb or the top of a door frame. You could bend a coat hanger to a round shape for your hoop.

Give each player five paper plates. When it is his turn he tries to sail his plates, one at a time, through the hoop. Score 25 points for each successful try. Play tiebreakers as necessary.

Corn Shelling Contest

Give each boy an ear of hard field corn and a sack or bowl. At the starting signal, the boys begin shelling the corn. The first player to finish is the winner.

Melon Ball Bounce

Use a bucket or large wastebasket for a goal. The object of the game is to stand six feet away and bounce a ball into the basket, which scores a point if the ball stays in. Players get three tries on each round. The first player to make 15 points is the winner.

Flying Tomato Catch

Fasten a cardboard ice cream carton to the back of the waist of one of the players. Balance a 2 x 4 on a wooden wedge. Place a beanbag on one end of the 2 x 4. The object is to stamp on one end of the 2 x 4 to make the "tomato" fly up in the air, then quickly move into a position to catch the "tomato" in the carton on your back. Give everyone a turn.

Vegetable Stew

Cub Scouts are seated in chairs in a circle with one boy in the center. Leader assigns the name of a vegetable to each of two boys in the circle. When the name of their vegetable is called, the two "corns or potatoes" run to change places, while the boy in the center tries to get one of the vacant places. When the leader calls: "vegetable stew" everyone scrambles to get a different seat. The one left standing is "it" for the next round.

Farmyard

Each team or den chooses the name of an animal that is easy and amusing to imitate. All are blindfolded and scatter about the room. At a signal the animals start making their own noises to attract other members of their own team. For instance, the "ducks" start quacking as they wander around, if they hear other quacks they go in that direction. When two ducks meet, they take hands and seek other quackers. The first team to fully assemble wins the game. This is great fun, but terribly noisy.

(This is a good game for pack meetings. Try to get the parents involved in this one, too.)

Egg Relay

Equipment: 1 hard boiled egg and 1 yardstick for each team

Divide into teams for a relay. Mark a distance of about 25 feet from the starting line. Place the egg on the floor. The first person on each team stands upright and holding the yardstick by one end, must push the egg down and back, and passes the yardstick to the second person in line who repeats the process. The first team to finish wins.

Potato Relay

The players are divided into two teams and lined up behind a starting line. A carton of potatoes is placed at the feet of the first boy on each team and two empty cartons are on the finish line. The first person on each team has a large metal or wooden spoon. He digs into the carton, gets a potato on the spoon, races to the finish line, drops the potato in the carton and turns back to hand the spoon to the second player. If a potato is dropped on the ground, it cannot be picked up with the hands, but must be scooped up with the spoon. The first team to get all its potatoes transferred is the winner.

SONGS

Old Akela Had a Pack

(Tune: Old MacDonald had a Farm)

1. Old Akela had a pack, E-I-E-I-O.
And in this pack he had some dens, E-I-E-I-O.
With a Den 1 here, and a Den 2 there;
Here a den, there a den,
Everywhere a happy den,
Old Akela had a pack, E-I-E-I-O.

2. And in this pack he had some chiefs, E-I-E-I-O.
(With a den chief here and a den chief there)

3. And in these dens he had some Cubs, E-I-E-I-O.
(With a Cub Scout here----)

4. And for these Cubs he had some moms, E-I-E-I-O.
(With a den mom here----)

5. And for these moms he had some dads, E-I-E-I-O.
With a den dad here and a den dad there;
Here a dad, there a dad;
Everywhere a den dad;
With a den mom here, and a den mom there;
Here a mom, there a mom,
Everywhere a den mom;
With a Cub Scout here, and a Cub Scout there;
Here a Scout, there a Scout,
Everywhere a Cub Scout;
With a den chief here, and a den chief there;
Here a chief, there a chief;
Everywhere a den chief;
With a Den 1 here, and a Den 2 there;
Here a den, there a den,
Everywhere a happy den;
Old Akela had a pack, E-I-E-I-O.

I had a Little Chicken

(Tune: Turkey in the Straw)

Oh, I had a little chicken, and she wouldn't lay an egg,
So I poured hot water up and down her leg,
Oh, the little chicken hollered and the little chicken begged,
And then the little chicken laid a hard-boiled egg!
2. Vinegar---Pickled egg
3. Gun Powdered---Scrambled egg
4. Mustard---Deviled Egg
5. Special Sauce---McMuffin Egg
6. Hot oil---Fried egg
7. Water colors---Easter egg.
Invite the boys to make up their own verse.

Old Macdonald Had A Shop

Old MacDonald had a shop E-I-E-I-O
And in this shop he had a...
hammer (**Bang-bang**)
Drill (**Zzzzzt, zzzzzt**)
Wrench (**Turn, turn**)
Pliers (**Pinch, pinch**)
(the more syllables in the name of the tool the better.
Imagine "radial arm saw")

Addicted to Spuds

(Tune: Addicted to Love)

Potato skins, potato cakes
Hash browns and instant flakes
Baked or boiled or french fried
There's no kind you haven't tried
You planned a trip to Idaho
Just to watch potatoes grow
I understand how you must feel
I can't deny they've got a peel
Wo, you like 'em whether they're plain or
they're stuffed, oh yeah
Better face the facts, it seems you can't get enough
You know, you're gonna have to face it,
you're addicted to spuds
Your greasy hands, your salty lips
Looks like you found the chips
Your belly aches, your teeth grind
Some tater tots would blow your mind
And you don't mind if they're not cooked
You need your fix, I guess you're hooked
And late at night you always dream
Of bacon bits and sour cream
Wo, you like 'em even if they're lumpy or tough, oh
yeah
It's pretty obvious to me you can't get enough
You know you're gonna have to face it,
you're addicted to spuds
Might as well face it, you're addicted to spuds
Might as well face it, you're addicted to spuds
Might as well face it, you're addicted to spuds
Might as well face it, you're addicted to spuds
Might as well face it, you're addicted to spuds
I'm giving up, it's just no use
Another case of spud abuse
What can I say, what can I do
Potato bug has got me, too
Wo, I used to hate 'em,
now they're all that I eat, oh yeah
I've often seen 'em whipped,
but they just can't be beat
Now I'm gonna have to face it, I'm addicted to spuds

How Peculiar

(Tune: Battle Hymn of the Republic)

When one sly snake slid up the slide,
the other sly snake slides down. (repeat 4 times)

Chorus

Glory, glory, how peculiar,
Glory, glory, how peculiar,
Glory, glory, how peculiar,
When one sly snake slid up the slides

the other sly snake slides down.

Chorus

2nd: When one dumb duck dropped dead in the ditch,
the other dumb duck dropped dead. (repeat 4 times)

Chorus

3rd: When one black bug bled blue black blood,
the other black bug bled blue. (repeat 4 times)

Chorus

Cub Grub and Fun Foods

Cat Cookies

You will need: Oreo Cookies, Candy Corn, Black Licorice, White Frosting, Green and Red M&M's.

Spread the frosting on the cookie. Place the two green M&M'S on as the eyes. Place the red one on as the nose. Cut the licorice into small pieces (about one inch) and place them on as whiskers. Put a small amount of the frosting on the bottom of (2) candy corns and place them on the top of the cookie as the ears.

Lolly Pop Ghosts

You will need: Tissue Paper, Lolly Pop, String.

Take a tissue paper and cover the top of a tootsie pop and tie a string around the "head" of Ghost! Makes a cute snack.

Ghost Cookie

You will need: Peanut Shaped Cookies, White Frosting (or Marshmallow Fluff), Chocolate Chips.

Using peanut shaped cookies, spread with white frosting or marshmallow fluff. Add chocolate chips for eyes and nose.

Ghost Potatoes

You will need: Mashed Potatoes, Vegetable Oil, Cookie Sheet, Butter.

Hand sculpt mashed potatoes to look like a ghost. Place them on an oiled cookie sheet, brush with melted butter, and put in the oven to heat and brown a little. You can serve it with bat shaped meatloaf (using a bat cookie cutter of course).

Spooky Sandwich Puzzles

You will need: Peanut Butter, Bread, Cookie Cutters.

Have the children make their own peanut butter sandwiches with two pieces of bread. Give each child a Halloween cookie cutter and let them press the shape out of the center of their sandwich. Now have a "Spooky Sandwich Puzzle."

Mummy's Case

Note from Baloo—I would check the crescent roll package on temperature to bake these at. Probably a typo in this book it called for oven temp to be 25 degrees. I bumped another 0 on the end but this is probably to low.

You will need: 1 pkg Crescent Rolls, Baco-bits, 6 Hot Dogs, 4 Slices American Cheese.

Preheat oven to **250 degrees**. Cut 2 hot dogs in half, first one way, then the other so that you have 8 pieces. Take crescent rolls out of can and unroll. Divide into four rectangles and close holes in the middle by pinching together. Put 1 slice of cheese on each rectangle. Sprinkle 1 tsp of baco-bits on top of each slice of cheese. Put 1 hot dog on top of each slice of cheese. Seal edges by pressing dough together. Form into mummy shape. Make bandage marks with knife. Put on ungreased cookie sheet and bake for 15 minutes. Poke eyeholes with straw.

Candy Popcorn

- 2 cups sugar
- 1 cup light syrup (white corn, Karo)
- 2/3 cup margarine
- 2 pkg. Koolaid
- 1 tsp soda

Boil the sugar, syrup and margarine together for 3 minutes. Stir in soda and Koolaid. Pour over 6 quarts of popcorn. Bake at 225 F for 45 minutes, stirring every 10 minutes. Remove from the oven and break up immediately.

Farmer's Breakfast

- 1/2-pound chopped bacon
- 2 boiled potatoes -- peeled and cubed
- 1 onion - sliced thinly
- 8 eggs -- beaten slightly
- salt
- black pepper

Sauté bacon until crisp. Remove from pan, drain on paper towel. Pour off all but 3 tablespoons bacon fat. Sauté onions in bacon fat until soft. Add potatoes and cook, stirring often, until potatoes start to brown. If potatoes stick to pan, add more bacon fat. When potatoes begin to brown, add bacon and eggs. Cook, stirring constantly, until eggs set. Season with salt and pepper to taste.

Taco Snack Mix

- 4 cups spoon size shredded wheat
- 4 cups pretzel sticks
- 4 cups tortilla chips
- 1 package taco seasoning mix
- 1/4 cup margarine (melted)

In a large bowl, combine cereal, pretzels, tortilla chips and taco seasoning mix. Drizzle with margarine, tossing to coat well. Store in airtight container.

Purple Cow

- 3/4 C. low-fat milk
- 1 1/2 T. frozen grape juice concentrate
- 1/4 C. fat-free vanilla yogurt

Combine ingredients in container with lid and shake until well blended. Pour into a glass.

Graveyard Cups

- 24 clear 12-oz. plastic cups
- 2 pkgs. Oreo cookies
- 2 recipes of chocolate pudding
- whipped cream
- 24 Pepperidge Farm Milano Cookies
- brown or black cake decorating gel
- 24 gummi worms

Crush all Oreos in food processor. In the bottom of each cup, place about 1 Tbsp. of Oreos. Mix remainder of Oreos in pudding mixture, holding out about 2 cups for topping. Then spoon about 2 TBSP Oreo mixture over pudding. Poke one gummi worm down in dirt, still showing on top. On each Milano cookie, write on top half "RIP" with cake decorating gel, and stick them down in the back of the cup. They resemble tombstones.

Toasted Pumpkin Seeds

An absolute favorite of our family

Scoop seeds from pumpkin, separate seeds from pulp and rinse. You may have to pick them out by hand. Drain and dry seeds. Put seeds on cookie tray or toaster tray, sprinkle with salt, toast at 300 F (I'm not sure about this). Turn once. Seeds should be dry and barely turn golden brown. Some seeds will puff up. These are similar to sunflower seeds and have a nice nutty flavor, but the shells are harder to crack open if they are small.

STUNTS & APPLAUSES

Watermelon Cheer

Everyone holds a huge slice of watermelon in their hands. They slurrrp it into their mouths from one end of the slice to the other. (Move slice across face making slurping sound.) Then they sip out the seeds to the side (Raspberries.)

Cheers

Turkey Cheer: "Gobble, Gobble, Gobble," then rub stomach and say "Yum, Yum."

Hay and Straw Cheer: Explain that when you call out "Hay" or "Straw," the group is to respond with the opposite. Try to mix them up by going fast.

Barnyard Cheer: Assign groups to make various sounds of animals as you point to each group have them make the sound. When you raise both hands, have them make their sounds at once.

Pony Cheer: Clap your hands together, and then slap your legs with each hand to simulate a pony trot.

Rooster and Farmer Cheer: Divide the room into two. Half of the room yells "Cock-a-doodle-doo." The other half yells "Go back to sleep."

Duck Cheer: Squat down and tuck arms into armpits, forming wings. Duck walk while saying "Quack, quack, quack."

SKITS

MAKING A CUB SCOUT

(An excellent opening for the induction of new Cub Scouts into the pack)

Characters: Child, Two Leaders, Two Parents

Props: You will need a large table for the child to lie on during the "operation."

The "doctor" can carry a large cardboard knife. Props to be "removed" are tacked to back of table, out of sight. Those to be "put in" can be placed nearby. (Props are listed where used.)

Narrator: We are about to instruct you in the method of making a Cub Scout. To complete this project, you will need one small eager boy, two interested parents, one patient Den Leader, and one courageous Cubmaster.

(Each character enters as his name is spoken. Boy wears uniform under a large loose fitting shirt and climbs up on the table. Others don surgical masks. As the narrator continues, the operation proceeds, with Cubmaster acting as doctor. Den Leader and parents hand him the things to be put in and take the things removed. When the boy is hidden under a sheet, he removes his shirt.)

Narrator: Cover him with fun and good times (Hold up posters labeled "FUN" and "GOOD TIMES" and cover boy) We use laughing gas for anesthetic. (Use a tire pump labeled "Laughing Gas.") Take out hate and put in Love.

(Hate - lump of paper, so labeled. Love - big paper heart, labeled).

Take out selfishness, put in cooperation. (Sign "I," sign "WE). Take out idle hands, put in busy fingers. (Idle - empty rubber gloves. Busy - glove full of flour.) Take out laziness, put in ambition. (Laziness - rag; Ambition - blown up balloon.) After this pleasant operation, we have a "**Cub Scout**." (Remove the sheet. Boy, in uniform, stands up and gives the Cub Scout sign.)

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Pumpkin Patch Patter

Personnel: 12 Cubs dressed as pumpkins, Mother and children. Other boys maybe dressed up a pumpkins sitting on stage at the sides. If you don't have this many parts double up on the speaking parts.

Equipment: Boy's may either make actual pumpkin costume or may make large paper pumpkins and pin them on their clothing. One sign saying "**PUMKIN PATCH**" 12 signs saying "**THE END**"

Setting: Pumpkin Patch sign is placed on stage. The 12 pumpkins sit on floor in single file. Mother and children enter and remain on stage pretending to look at the pumpkins.

Pumpkin 1: (Angrily) Well, here we are once again. I hate being a pumpkin.

Pumpkin 2: I know what you mean. Pretty soon they'll all be over here poking and squeezing, and trying to decide how to dress us up.

Pumpkin 3: (Loudly) I'm tired of being **Carved! It Hurts!**

Pumpkin 4: (Smiling) I wish they'd give me a pretty smile and not tooth decay.

Pumpkin 5: (Wiping his brow) And that candle so hot. Boy, were they glad I used DIAL!

Pumpkin 6: Well, it's better than crayon all over your face. They really get carried away. I even had a beard and moustache.

Pumpkin 7: Be thankful for a beard and moustache. How would you like to be wearing a girl's wig! I was humiliated!

Pumpkin 8: At least a wig is soft. The family I was with stuck gourds all over my head. Two ears, two eyes and a big nose!

Pumpkin 9: I keep getting a spot on the window sill. I need more room than that. You can't imagine the bruises I have from falling. (Rubs his back)

Pumpkin 10: (Very indignantly) Well, I resent when they decide to build a pyramid with two or three of us. They call it a pumpkin man. I call it sore shoulders.

Pumpkin 11: (Disgustedly) I've been listening to you all complain for the last 10 minutes, and not one of you mentioned being put outside. Every year, for one solid week, I get the place of honor on the front porch.

Pumpkin 12: (Shaking his head in agreement) Me, too. The least they could is take us in when it rains, or give us a raincoat.

Pumpkin 1: (Pointing to the family coming over) Be quiet; here they come. Maybe we'll be too small or the wrong shape.

Children: (Excitedly) Mommy, over here! Look at all the pumpkins!

Mother: Why, these pumpkins are too small and are all twisted out of shape.

Pumpkin: (In unison) Thank goodness!

Mother: (Very slowly says as she is eyeing each pumpkin) But ... they'll make perfect pumpkin pies.

Pumpkin: (Groan in unison) Oh! NO!

Six O'clock

Personnel: Cubs in animal costumes.

Setting: Various animals inside barn.

Rooster: (loudly) Cock 'a' doodle do. It's now time to wake up.

Cow: Well, I guess that means it's time to get going.

Dog: (Stretching) You'd think that for one morning Rooster would forget.

(Lights off stage come on and moving sounds are heard from house, walking on floors, doors slamming, water running.)

Horse: Come on you lazy creatures. Farmer Brown expects us to be raring to go when he comes in.

Rooster: It's six o'clock and it's time for everyone to get moving. (Everyone moves around, groaning.)

Cat: There's activity going on in the house. I'm going to go scratch on the door for some milk.

(Exits)

Farmer Brown: (Enters) Good morning animals, you are all up early. It looks like a beautiful day out there. (Animals just stand around.) Let's get all of you some breakfast and start this day off right. (Starts feeding animals. Farmer Brown just rambles on and on to the animals.) Gee, it would be nice to know what you're all thinking when I'm talking to you. (Animals turn and stare) But of course everyone knows animals can't talk. (Walks off) (As Farmer Brown walks off all animals wink at audience.)

Farmer Brown and His Friends

Personnel: 6 Cubs

Equipment: Large piece of cardboard made to look like a barn with enough windows for each boy. Farmer Brown needs to look like a farmer.

Setting: This skit is running jokes. All should have a copy of it and is funniest if done very quickly. Farmer Brown is in front of the barn, keeping things going.

Farmer Brown: Welcome to Den ___'s version of Hee Haw.

Cub 1: Hey Farmer Brown. What do you get when you cross an onion with a potato?

Farmer Brown: I don't know.

Cub 1: A spud with watery eyes.

Cub 2: Hey (4) Why did the rooster crow early?

Cub 4: Because his cluck was fast.

Cub 3: Why does a cow wear a bell?

Farmer Brown: Why?

Cub 3: Because her horns don't work.

Cub 5: Hey (1) what three states have the most cows?

Cub 1 : Cow lorida, Moo ssouri and Cow lifornia.

Cub 2: What do you call it when you pawn a pig?

Farmer Brown: A ham hock.

Cub 5: Hey (3), Do you like raisin bread?

Cub 3: Can't say, never tried raisin' it.

Cub 4: (6) What do you call a carrot that insults a farmer?

Cub 6: I don't know, what?

Cub 4: A fresh vegetable.

Cub 6: What do you get when you cross a dog and a chicken?

Farmer Brown: A pooched egg.

Cub 5: Hey, (2), How many kinds of milk are there?

Cub 2: Well...there's whole milk, skimmed milk, condensed milk, and, say why do you want to know?

Cub 5: I'm drawing a picture of a cow and I want to know how many faucets to put on it.

Cub 1: Farmer Brown, what did the pig say when the farmer picked it up by the tail?

Farmer Brown: I don't know. What?.

Cub 1: This is the end of me.

Farmer Brown: (Turns around with "THE END" on the seat of his pants.)

CLOSING CEREMONY

Undiscovered Secrets

No matter where you live, there is a world of undiscovered secrets of nature waiting to be explored. Farmers and naturalists are students of nature. During this month, Pack ___ has studied farms and farming life and learned more about the nature of our world.

A naturalist stands like Columbus on the prow of his ship, with a vast continent before him. Except that the naturalists world can be at his feet. It is as near as your back yard, a nearby park, woods, or the fields of a local farm. All kinds of insects, birds, plants, and other forms of life inhabit these lands. Continue exploring the world of nature and you will find many wonderful things that God has given us to enjoy.

A Crop of Smiles

Once upon a time, two brothers left the farm to move to a city to look for work. Just outside of the city, the first brother met an old man and asked him, "What are the people like in this city?" The Old man replied, "Well, how were they where you come from?" "They are all grumpy and cross," replied the brother. "That's why I decided to leave." "You'll find the people here exactly the same," said the old man as he walked on down the road.

A little while later, the old man met the second brother. He too asked, "What are the people like in this city?" The Old man replied, "Well, how were they where you come from?" "They were very nice. They always smiled," replied the brother. "That's why it was so hard for me to leave." "You'll find the people here exactly the same," said the old man as he smiled and joined the second brother on his way. **Remember, we reap what we sow.**

The Growing Wonders of Nature

Personnel: 5 Cubs and narrator

Setting: Cub Scouts line up on stage holding large posters upon which are appropriate pictures. As each boy speaks his line he turns over his poster to show large letter which when they are all done will spell out the word **GROWING**. After the last boy speaks, a narrator at the side of stage steps forward and says his lines.

G: **Growing** things are all about

R: **Rolling** fields with grass do sprout

O: **Only** God can make a tree

W: **We** can all enjoy nature's beauty

I: **In** this world many growing things there are indeed

N: **Nature** makes things grow from the smallest seed

G: **God** has given us all this to enjoy, making it lots of fun to be a growing boy.

Narrator: This month we've learned much,
About "Things that Grow."

What fun it is

Natures wonders to know.

To open our meeting tonight, let us all join together now in singing, "America the Beautiful."

Things That Grow

Personnel: 1 Cub Scout

Setting: Boy comes forward on signal and reads script.

Cub Scout: The theme this month was 'Down on the Farm', I too, am a thing that grows. I need nourishment, and love, and attention to grow. But most of all to grow. I need my sleep. Thank you everyone, and good night!

Cub Scout Garden of Thoughts

Personnel: 7 Cubs dressed in farmer's hats, shirts, levis, etc., with garden tools. Also need large cut-outs of vegetables as indicated.

Cub 1: We're Cub Scout farmers who've come your way to share with you, our garden of thoughts for the day.

Cub 2: (holds up carrot) Take care at all times, remembering to do your best each day.

Cub 3: (holds up lettuce) Let us always give a smile to others as we travel down life's way.

Cub 4: (holds up turnip) Be sure to turn up at meetings and participate in pack activities.

Cub 5: (holds up bean) Learn not to put things off, for it's not fun being late.

Cub 6: (holds up beet) In life's game, you can beat if you strive to work with everyone.

Cub 7: (holds up large package of seed) And now that we've planted some seeds of thought, we'll say good night, for our meeting is adjourned.