



AUGUST- RODEO TRAIL

OPENING

Use Stick horses- (See CRAFTS) to have a Grand Entry parade with lead riders holding small American and State flags. To make it as much like a rodeo as possible, have certain riders halt while remaining riders continue to ride in a certain formation or pattern. After all riders have paraded around twice, all exit except flag bearers. Continue opening with the music from our National Anthem and the reciting of the Pledge of allegiance.

ADVANCEMENT

RECOGNITION

Deputy Badges - See CRAFTS. Place Scout rank in center of Deputy Badge



COWBOY LIFE

The job of a cowboy is to take care of the cows. In the days of the Old West that meant actually staying with the cows out on the trail as they were driven from the ranch to the sale. Nowadays the cows are still driven to market but by modern day transportation. There is still a lot of hard work to be done working as a cowboy, even in today's changing times. However, there is one aspect of cowboy life that has not changed much at all and that is his main form of entertainment, the rodeo.

The rodeo is a lot of fun where cowboys participate in various events such as team roping, bronco riding, and steer wrestling. But each of the events, as fun as they may be to watch, and for the cowboys to participate in, still require mental and physical work on the part of the cowboy. As fun as they may be, these events are just displaying skills that all true cowboys use in their jobs even today. A modern day cowboy may not have to wrestle a steer to the ground every day but the strength and knowledge required to do it is put to good use regularly. Ask any cattle working cowboy!

In Cub Scouts, the Scout may not have to tie a square knot every day, or participate in a flag raising, he may not have to drive a nail or plant a tree, but his skill and knowledge of such matters is put to the test on a regular basis. He must educate himself in a variety of skills and study his lessons, which are never ending, to be better prepared for the world around him. You never know when the occasion might arise for you to demonstrate your knowledge and

skills.

Tonight we have Cub Scouts among us who have been working at a variety of skills and acquiring knowledge in several areas. Before going further I would ask these boys to step forward so we might see them. (*Call their names*)

Here are the areas of study covered by these boy's as they have worked hard over the past several weeks.....

Some of the skills required to earn these (*Pins, badges*) are.....

These boys have earned the following: (*Name the boy and the activity pin or rank*)

Since we have such a large round up of cowboys here lets honor these Scouts with a special cheer!

PRE-OPENINGS

THREE LETTER WORDS

Fill in the letter to the right and left of the letter that will make up a series of three letter words.

Use the clues to help find the answer:

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| 1. | Make an attempt | R | 6. | Opposite of subtract | D |
| 2. | Mother | O | 7. | A color | A |
| 3. | Unusual | D | 8. | Change the color of | Y |
| 4. | Animal doctor | E | 9. | Inquire | S |
| 5. | Also | O | | | |

ANSWERS: 1. Try/ 2. Mom/ 3. Odd/ 4. Vet/ 5. Too/ 6. Add/ 7. Tan/ 8. Dye/ 9. Ask

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GAMES

COWBOY BOOT GOLF

Play putt-putt golf in the usual way, but use cowboys boots to putt into. Use horse shoes and other cowboy paraphernalia as obstacles.

PONY EXPRESS

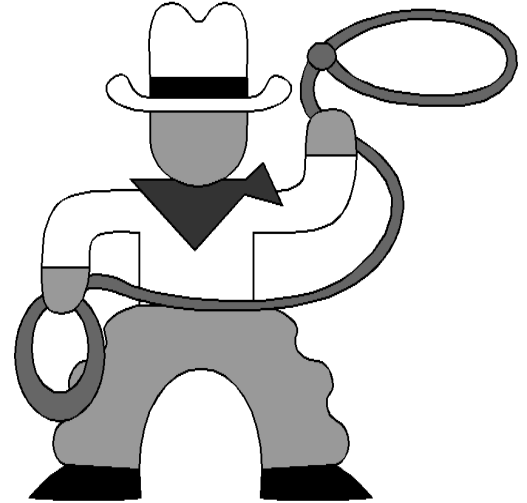
Relay race using mail pouch of letters instead of a track baton. As each pony express team finishes the relay, letters must be removed and read. Do what the letter says, filling in the blanks, then relay back the answers.

BARREL RACING

Use stick horses- (See CRAFTS) to run in a normal barrel race pattern. Boys race around the course one at a time on a stick horse. Time each boy. Add 5 seconds for bumping a barrel. Add 10 seconds if a horse is dropped. Shortest time wins. Barrels can be made from three #10 cans taped together on top of the other. Cones could be used instead.

BOWLEGGED COWBOY RACE

You will need two pillows rolled up and tied like bed rolls or two small sleeping bags. Racers place bedrolls between their legs as if sitting on a horse. Bedrolls are held in place by the legs (NO HANDS). Racers walk or run as fast as they can to the finish line without dropping their bedroll. This makes a good team relay race.



TEAM ROPING

Make two mini lariat ropes out of cord or small rope. Use a bowline knot so the rope will not slip. Each team member runs at the same time towards the steer across the room. Each member has a lariat and must loop it around one of the steer's horns. Then working together lift and carry or drag the steer back to the starting point. This requires teamwork to move the steer without losing or dropping him. Opposing team should each have their own steer moving him back and forth across the room from corral to corral. Corrals are simply masking tape squares on the ground.

To make the steer: Take a box approximately the size office paper comes in, about 18 x 12 x 12. Add a tail on one end. Paint box like a body. For the head, use the logo for the Texas longhorns, (the longhorn face). Draw or project it the right size to go on the front of your box. Make it a little oversized out of corrugated cardboard. Change the horns to point downward instead of upwards so the lariat rope will catch easily on them. Of course you can be as elaborate as you like on the steer if you are creative.

SKITS

CLOWN

*Cast: 2 rodeo clowns
1 Bull (boy with horns on head)*

*Props: Empty plastic barrel
large red bandanna
cow bell*

Clown #1 Pulls out a red bandanna and acts like a matador. (bull charges the bandanna clown #1 steps aside at the last minute.

Clown #2 Rings the cow bell. (*Bull charges two more times with the same results*)

After the third charge the Bull stops, shakes his head, and paws the ground. The Bull then charges but ignores the bandanna and butts Clown #1. Clown #2 drops the bell and runs to the side.

Clown #2 rolls out the barrel. He pushes it at the bull, Clown #1 picks up the bell and rings it. The Bull pushes the barrel back at Clown #2. This action goes on several times

Finally the bull pushes the barrel at clown #1 holding the bell. Clown #1 drops the bell and runs off. The Bull picks up the bell and shakes it vigorously before leaving.

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APPLAUSE

STAMPEDE YELL

Pat hands on knees like running cattle and bawl like a cow

COWBOY WHOOP

"Yeeeeee Ha!!!!"

NECKERCHIEF SLIDES

RED HOT CHILI PEPPER

Buy a plastic pepper from a variety store. Cut two small slits or holes in the back. Pass a bread sack twist tie through the hole. Twist onto neckerchief.

COWBOY

Hot glue a plastic cowboy or horse onto a wooden disk. Glue a small section of 1/2" PVC pipe onto the back to pass neckerchief through.

CONCHO

You'll need a metal concho with two vertical slots and a soft piece of leather the width of the slots and 4" long. Thread both ends of the leather through both slots, forming a loop behind the concho. Conchos come in a variety of good rodeo shapes.

MINI LEATHER HIDE

Brand or stamp your initial into the leather, or have a dad use a wood burner to go over the boy's hand lettered initials. The boys could study famous brands and then make their own. Glue a loop onto the back.

BELT BUCKLE

Make a belt buckle shape out of a 2 or 3" oval of leather. Stamp letters with 1/4" alphabet stamps or whatever stamps you may have available. Tandy Leather has a variety of Cub Scout designs for stamping. Glue a loop onto the back. Older Scouts could add lacing around the edge.

LOOP IDEAS FOR BACK OF TIE SLIDES

1 1/2" of velcro (you need both sides) makes a good tie slide loop. Separate the velcro. Overlap the ends 1/4 of an inch and stick together. This joint should be glued, stapled, or sewn to make a permanent joint. The tie slide decoration glues over this joint. The loose ends of the velcro wrap around the neckerchief and join together

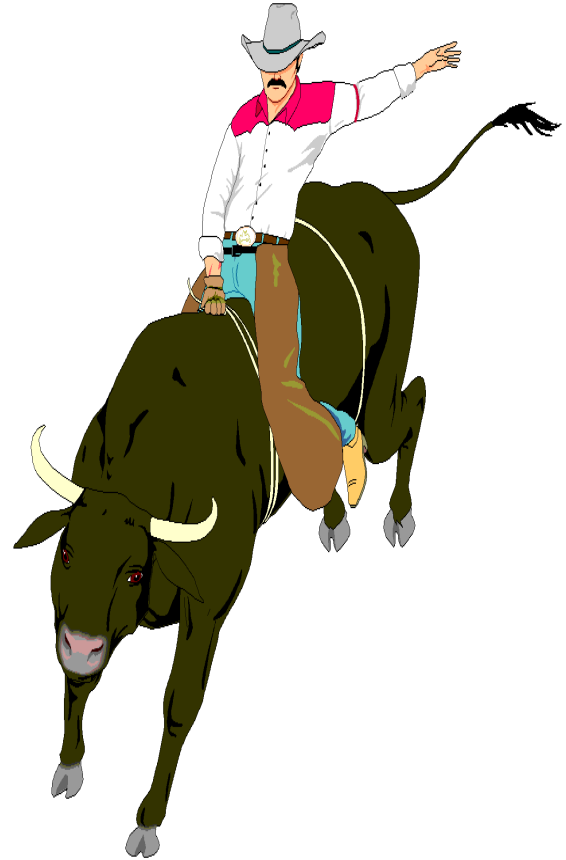
When working with leather stamping and Cub Scouts, it is very helpful to make jigs out of heavy cardboard to hold the work steady. Out of a heavy piece of cardboard cut the shape of the leather oval. The oval will fit into this space. Out of a second piece of cardboard cut rectangular holes that will hold the alphabet stamps for the words you will be stamping onto the oval; Stack this piece of cardboard onto the top of the first piece and hinge the two together with masking tape.

CRAFTS

STICK HORSES

Make a simple stick horse to use in a Grand Entry parade.

Use an old broom stick for the body. The head can be constructed out of two pieces of cardboard sandwiched around the broom stick. Use yarn for the mane and forelock and cardboard for the other features or use wiggle eyes, and felt for spots.



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CRAFTS Continued



STICK HORSES continued

Another head idea is to use an old sock stuffed with cotton or paper. Force a coat hanger (stretched out, no need to cut) into the sock and bend entire head in the middle to look like a horse head. Tape the hook end of the hanger onto the stick and pull the end of the sock over to cover. Ears can be made out of heavy material, leather, or poster board folded to look like a horse ear. Use wiggle eyes, buttons or felt for eyes. Felt and yarn can be added for other features. A bridle could be made out of thin rope or any type of strapping, or even leather scraps.

INNER TUBE BRONCO HORSE

Make horses out of inflated car inner tubes. Add a horse head and neck cut from corrugated cardboard. Tape securely in place with heavy strapping tape. Tape on a tail made from rope or yarn. Add a saddle made from material or mock leather. Have a bouncing contest to see who can bounce the longest without coming off his horse.

DEPUTY BADGES

Cut star shapes from yellow Styrofoam meat trays. Use markers to write "Deputy" and Pack # on the star. Tape a large safety pin onto the back or cut star from cardboard and cover with aluminum foil.