

DECEMBER – CUB SCOUT STARS

PRE-OPENING/GATHERING ACTIVITIES

Space

Place words around the room and have the boys match to statements.

Star	A bright object which shines in the night sky.							
Galaxy	A group of stars, gas and dust held together by gravity.							
Comet	A frozen ball of dust and gas revolving around the sun.							
Milky way	Our galaxy.							
Day	Time it takes our earth to spin once on its axis.							
Black hole	Area where gravity is so strong not even light can escape.							
Coma	The hazy looking patch surrounding the nucleus of a comet.							
Planet	A large object moving around the sun.							
Asteroid A rock or Minor Planet orbiting the sun.								
Axis	An imaginary straight line on which an object rotates (spins).							
Mass	How much matter an object contains.							
Light year	Distance light travels in one year.							
Atmosphere	The gaseous area surrounding a planet or other body.							
Atom	The smallest particle of any element.							
Nebula	A cloud of gas and dust.							
Solar System	System of planets an other objects orbiting the sun.							

Star Tracing

Duplicate a number of double stars, the outer one being about 6" from point to point and the inner one an inch smaller. Object is to draw a third star between the two lines of the star while shielding the star from direct vision using a mirror. Place mirror about 1" from point of star.

<u>Spinning Tops from Holiday Cards</u>: Draw around a jar to make circles about 3" across on a card. Cut out circle and fringe about $\frac{1}{2}$ " deep around the edge. Push a round toothpick through the center. Have boys spin tops inside a large circle drawn on paper or cardboard – see who's top can spin the longest.

<u>Greeting Card Puzzle</u>: Cut an old greeting card into irregular shapes to form a puzzle for each player and place in an envelope. First player to put his puzzle together is the winner.

OPENING CEREMONIES

Cub Scout Stars

- S- Cub Scouts are Special
- T Cub Scouts are Talented.
- A Cub Scouts Achieve
- R Cub Scouts are Responsible
- S Cub Scouts Shine!
- All We are the Stars.

A Guiding Star

Personnel: Akela; 8 Cub Scouts

Equipment: Small campfire; blue paper or cardboard three feet square, with cutouts for stars in Big Dipper and the North Star; 8 small or pen-type flashlights, one for each Cub Scout.

Arrangement: Akela and 8 Cub Scouts stand near campfire with the figure of the Big Dipper and North Star at one side of the fire. Cub Scouts stand behind the figure with lights which they flash behind their star in the Big Dipper as they speak.

Akela: For thousands of years, people have grouped the stars together as figures in constellations. This was probably done by the early shepherds as they lay on the grass looking at the sky while tending their sheep. There they could see pictures of heroes, kings, queens, men, maidens and monsters in the stars. The constellation we know best is the Big Dipper.

Taking the stars that form the outer edge of the Big Dipper sight upward and the bright star you see is the North Star, which for centuries has been the guiding star for travelers.

(1st Cub Scout flashes his light in the cutout for the North Star.)

It remains in the same place all the time. Let the North Star represent our God. Keep your eyes on the North Star. Each star in the Big Dipper can help you keep your eyes on the North Star - to become your guide for living. Then let your light shine that you can help others find the way.

Now, each of seven Cub Scouts will tell what each star in the Big Dipper represents to him in his quest to find the guiding star.

(As they speak, they flash their light behind their star.)

2nd Cub Scout: The Holy Bible.

3rd Cub Scout: My minister, pastor, priest or Rabbi.

4th Cub Scout: My mother and father.

5th Cub Scout: The Cub Scout Promise and the Law of the Pack.

6th Cub Scout: My den leader.

7th Cub Scout: My Cubmaster.

8th Cub Scout: My den chief.

Akela: All of these are excellent guides for us to follow on our Cub Scout trail. Let each one help you as you travel onward. Please join us in the Cub Scout Promise.

Morning Star

Morning star wake us, filled with joy To new days of growing to man from boy. Sun, with your power, give us light That we can tell wrong and do what's right. South Wind, we ask, in your gentle way Blow us the willingness to obey. North Wind, we ask, live up to thy name, Send us the strength to always be game. East wind, we ask, with your breath so snappy, Fill us with knowledge of how to be happy. West Wind, we ask, blow all that is fair, To us, that we may always be square. Moon, that fills the night with red light, Guard us well while we sleep in the night. Akela, please guide us in every way, We'll follow you train in work or play.



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Constellation

Narrator and 8 boys holding up cards spelling CUB SCOUT.

Thousands of years ago, people saw shapes among stars. They are called constellations. You can still see them. Let's look at the night sky and you'll also see Cub Scout.

- C –Cassiopeia, the Queen.
- U Ursa Major, the Great Bear
- B Bootes, the Herdsman
- S Sagittarius, the Archer
- C Cepheus, the King
- O Orioin, the Hunter
- U Ursa Minor, the Little Bear
- T Taurus, the Bull

Now, let's look at the stars in our flat and repeat the Pledge of Allegiance.

Lights in the Sky

Props: Pinhole planetarium punched for the Big Dipper and the North Star. Or use a large piece of cardboard painted black with holes punched through it, someone standing in back with a flashlight.

Lights are dimmed.

- Cub 1: For thousands of years men have known that the North Star is fixed. Shepherds knew it before the time of Christ and seamen have used the North Star and other heavenly bodies to guide their ships to port every since they first dared to leave the sight of land.
- Cub 2: Even today seamen, aviators, and astronauts are guided by the stars. Cub Scouts don't often need to use the start to find their way.
- Cub 3: Even so, we do have our guiding stars to help us through life our church or temple, for instance.
- Cub 4: And school. And Cub Scouting. In Cub Scouting our guides are the Promise and the Law of the Pack.
- Cub 5: they tell us how we should act and what we should do for ourselves and for others. The Promise and Law of the Pack are just like stars for navigators to steer their ships.
- Cub 6: (At this point, Cub 6 comes on stage with a lighted candle punched through a muffin cup.) Will you all join me in the singing "This Little Cub Scout Light of Mine."

U Are Important

Each Cub holds up a sign with his word(s) on it, with the "U" missing from the word.

- Cub #1: We cannot spell C_B SCO_TS (Cub Scouts) without U.
- Cub #2: We cannot spell YO TH (youth) without U.
- Cub #3: We cannot spell AD LTS (adults) without U.
- Cub #4: We cannot spell S \overline{CCESS} (success) without U.
- Cub #5: We cannot spell F N (fun) without U.
- Cub #6: We cannot spell O_TDOORS (outdoors) without U.
- All: Clearly, Scouting needs U!

Celebration

- Cub 1: Season's greeting to everyone. We're so glad you joined us for the fun. December is certainly a happy time of year as people celebrate many holidays.
- Cub 2: (carries Menorah or dreidel) For Jewish families in many lands, the eight special days of Hanukkah are a time of celebration and rededication. One candle of the Menorah is lit on each of the eight nights. It's time for games such as spinning the dreidel.

- Cub 3: (carries manger scene) Throughout the world many countries celebrate the birth of the Christ Child. This celebration symbolizes the wish for goodwill and peace among all the people. Many people celebrate by exchanging gifts. Santa visits the boys and girls.
- Cub 4: (carries plate of fruit) Among the African-American families, December 26th starts a seven day celebration called Kwanzaa. Kwanzaa means first fruits of the harvest. The activities end with a big feast and the sharing of homemade gifts.
- Cub 5: (carries music book) Music is often a part of celebrations throughout the world. Let us share in the spirit of the season by opening our meeting with a song.

(Announce song and audience and Cubs sing together.)

FIELD TRIPS

Go Bowling. Go Ice Skating. Visit a Weather Station. Visit a Planetarium. Visit a Science Museum.

SERVICE PROJECTS

Collect food for local food pantry. Visit shut ins. Sing songs at a nursing home. Collect Puzzles and books for children's ward of local hospital.

HIKES

Evening Hike: Find north by stars. Learn to recognize some constellations. Monogram Hike: Find three or more objects beginning with your initials.

APPLAUSES AND CHEERS

<u>Heavenly Hows</u>: While raising arms to the sky say, "How! How! How! Hallelujah!" <u>Star Applause</u>: Twinkle, twinkle.

Satellite Applause: Put your right hand over your head, making a circular motion with right hand, opening and closing the right fist, while saying, Gleep, gleep"

<u>All-Star Applause</u>: Clap and yell to the rhythm: clap, clap, pause, pause, clap, clap. "These guys are our all stars," clap, clap, pause, pause, clap, clap, "They deserve our best," clap, clap, pause, pause, clap, clap, "They are our all-stars," clap, clap, pause, pause, clap, clap, "They deserve our best," clap, pause, pause, clap, clap, "They are our all-stars," clap, clap, pause, pause, clap, clap, "They deserve our best," clap, clap, pause, pause, clap, clap, "They are our all-stars," clap, clap, pause, pause, clap, clap, "They deserve our best," clap, clap, pause, pause, clap, clap, "They deserve our best," clap, clap, pause, pause, clap, clap, "They are our all-stars," clap, clap, pause, pause, clap, clap, "They deserve our best," clap, clap, pause, pause, clap, clap, "They deserve our best," clap, clap, pause, pause, clap, clap, "They deserve our best," clap, clap, pause, pause, clap, clap, "They deserve our best," clap, clap, pause, pause, clap, clap, "They deserve our best," clap, clap, pause, pause, clap, clap, "They deserve our best," clap, clap, pause, pause, clap, clap, "They deserve our best," clap, clap, pause, pause, clap, clap, "They deserve our best," clap, clap, pause, pause, clap, clap, "They deserve our best," clap, clap, pause, pause, clap, clap, "They deserve our best," clap, clap, pause, pause, clap, clap, "They deserve our best," clap, clap, pause, pause, clap, clap, "They deserve our best," clap, clap, pause, pause, clap, clap, "They deserve our best," clap, clap, pause, pause, clap, clap, "They deserve our best," clap, clap, pause, pause, clap, clap, "They deserve our best," clap, clap, pause, pause, clap, clap, "They deserve our best," c

<u>Rocket Cheer</u>: Count down, 10,9,8,7...on zero everybody yells, "Blast OFF!" and moves from a crouching position to jumping high in the air.

Dreamer: Pretend t snore and wake up. Stretch and say, "Wow, that was a great dream!"

Ice Cube Cheer: Shape an ice cube with a thumb and index finger, saying, "COOOOOOOL!"

Double Ice Cube Cheer: Make an ice cube with a thumb and index finger of each hand,

Saying, "TOOOOO COOOOOL!"

Double Ice Cube Circle Cheer: Make an ice cube with a thumb and index finger of each hand, make a large round motion of with 'ice cubes,' saying, "WAAAAY COOOOOOOL!"

JOKES/RIDDLES/RUN-ONS

Knock, knock. Who's there Lena Lena who? Lena little to the left is you want to see the sate.

Two people walk across the stage, one holding the other by the belt.

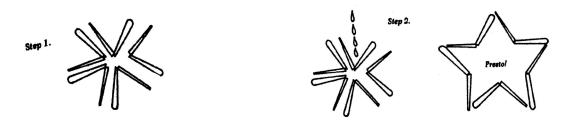
- 1) What are you doing?
- 2) 2) I'm bringing up the rear.
- If a Cub Scout found a dollar in every pocket in his pants, what would he probably have? Someone else's pants.
- Why did the cub Scout take bread and butter with him in the street? He was looking for a traffic jam.
- What did the flaming match say to the Cub Scout who lit him? How dare you strike me.
- What never ask as a question yet often has to be answered? A telephone.
- What goes HA-HA-AH plop?

Some laughing his head off.

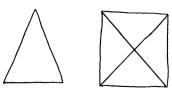
Why did the Cub Scout put his watch in the oven? He wanted to have hot time.

STUNTS/TRICKS/PUZZLES

<u>Magical Star</u>: Bend five toothpicks in the middle. Be careful not to break them into pieces. Place the toothpicks on a table so that all the corners or bent parts of the toothpicks point to the center. Drop water into the center carefully until it reaches the bent points on the toothpicks. Presto! A star appears.

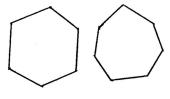


<u>Diagonals</u>: When you draw a line from one corner of a figure to another, through the middle of the figure, you have a diagonal. There are no diagonals possible in a triangle. There are two in the square. There are 5 in this five sided figure. How many are there in the six sided figure?





And this one?





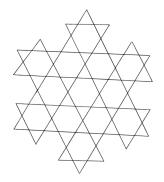
(a) 9 (b) 14. You can find them all if you draw them in.

Astronomy Word Search

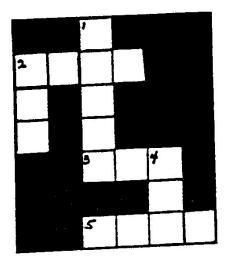
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Asteroid Atmosphere Atom Axis Black hole Coma Comet Day Galaxy Light year Mass Milky way Nebula Planet Solar system Star

Triangles: Can you find 88?



Solar System Crossword



Across:

- 2. This really doesn't twinkle, twinkle
- 3. Mercury is so near the sun. It's very ____
- 5. This travels in a path around Earth.

Down:

- 1. The planet we know the most about.
- 2. We get heat and energy from this star.
- 4. Countdown: five, four, three, _____, one.

Words to Use; Earth,, hot, moon, star, sun

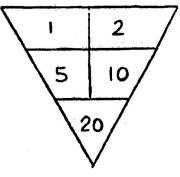
GAMES/DEN ACTIVITIES

<u>Planet Target:</u> Make a large target using the planets as the circles from smallest planet to largest. Each circle is assigned pints. Cubs toss buttons onto target earning the number of points they land on.

<u>Solar System Sizzler</u>: Make a large diagram of the solar system, but do not label. Boys toss buttons onto diagram and must name the planet whose orbit they land in. As boys learn more

about the planets, they could tell a fact about the planet instead of naming it. Points are awarded for correct answers.

<u>Astro Moon Sample Relay</u>: Divide into two relay teams. A pair of canvas gloves, a fruit jar with lid and 5 straight pins are at the goal line for each team of astronauts. On signal, 1 team member runs to the goal, puts on the gloves, empties the jar, picks up the pins, puts them in the jar again, puts the lid on, lays the gloves aside and runs back to tag next player. First team finished wins.



Flying Saucer: Make a board similar to a shuffle board with scores as shown.

For flying saucers use aluminum foil pie tins. To play, toss pie tins a distance of 8 - 10 feet. Each player has three turns. Tins landing on lines are not scored, but player is given one additional chance.

<u>Shooting Stars</u>: Use an 8" x 10" piece of heavy cardboard, plus a clip type clothes pin and 2 stars cut from a plastic bottle. Stars should be 1" in diameter. Using a magic marker, draw a 1 on one side of the first star and a 3 on the backside. On the other star, draw a 2 on one side and a 4 on the other side.

Tape clothespin in lace centered about 1" from the edge of the cardboard with prong extending outward. Rule off a 3" wide strip along each 8" side of the cardboard. Divide each strip in to equal sections and number 1 to 6.

To play the game, the player places a star on the closed end of the clothespin and hits the prong of the clothespin with his fist. If the shooting star lands on one of the numbered spaces, the score is the sum of the number on the cardboard plus the number on the exposed side of the star. Player then shoots second star. First player to reach 50 points is winner.

<u>Make a Constellation:</u> Toss wire start onto hooks on a peg-board to form at least a fire starred constellation shape. Each person then chalks a connecting line to form an original constellation which must be named.

<u>Planet Toss</u>: You will need a large cardboard box with 5 holes cut into it representing 5 planets and scores written beside each planet hole, and beanbags or small balls to use for tossing. Players take turns tossing balls or beanbags and score their success as illustrated on target box.

Star Puzzle: The player has ten buttons representing the planets and the

sun. The object of game is to see how

many points and junctions you can cover with the buttons. To start place a button on any point or junction, then move in a straight line past one point or junction to the next. Take the next button and starting at any empty point move it in a straight line past one pint or junction (either occupied or unoccupied) to the next vacant junction. Continue with the other buttons, following the same procedure. The last space may be filled without jumping.

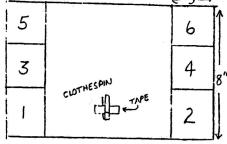
<u>Rising Stars</u>: Boys are divided into pairs. Each pair, with arms interlocked, sits back to back on the floor and tries to get on their feet. Pairing required the least amount of time to rise, wins.

<u>Space Stations</u>: Two chairs are placed facing each other about eight feet apart. The Space Stations are made with a blindfolded player sitting in each chair. The boys stand in a single file. On signal from the leader, one player from each team tries to go silently through the "strait". If either one of the blindfolded players hears anything, he points to the location of the sound. If he is right, he joins the team of the detected player and the detected player becomes the Space Station. The team getting the most players through the strait at any given time is the winner.

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<u>Star Race</u>: Each player needs a construction paper star and half a straw. Set up start and finish lines. Play as a relay or all at once. First player to cross or team to finish wins. Players must inhale on straws to lift start and walk across the room and deposit their star.

<u>Star Makers:</u> Need one timekeeper and a judge. Give everyone a piece of paper about 5" square. At the signal to go, each player rips the paper, trying to make a five-pointed star. When 30 seconds are up, the judge call, "time" and everyone has to stop – finished or not. The judge inspects them and awards the prize to the best.

<u>Snowball Toss</u>: Each player needs three ping pong balls. A small box is placed in the center of the room. Players form a circle around the box. Going around the circle, each player tosses one ball into the box as his turn comes. If the ball misses, it is returned to the player. Tossing is continued until one player has no more balls left – he is the winner.

<u>Musical Packages</u>: A small package is wrapped in masses of paper and string. Players are seated in a circle and the packaged is passed as music plays. When the music stops, boy holding the package tries to unwrap it. No tearing or ripping is allowed. If music starts again, the boy holding the package must pass package on around circle. Game continues until one player is able to completely unwrap the package. Small prize is in the package for the winner.

<u>Holiday Charades</u>: Divide the boys into two teams. The leader gives each team a slip of paper with suggested holiday parts (decorating the tree, handing stocking, etc.) Each team in turn is to act out their part while the other team guesses what they are doing.

<u>Stir the Holiday Cake</u>: You will need a wooden spoon and a chair for all but one player. One player is chosen to be the cook. Arrange chairs in a circle. The cook stands in the middle of the circle and says, "First we have to stir the holiday cake. We will stir and stir and stir...." When the spoon is dropped, everyone has to change chairs, the cook runs for a chair, too. The one left without a chair is the new cook.

<u>Snowball Relay</u>: Each boy gets a plastic stray. One large box is filled with cotton balls and a small box for each team is placed 8 to 10 feet away. On signal, each one player from each team picks up a cotton ball by sucking their straw and racing to their box to drop their cotton ball into. If the cotton ball drops, it must be picked up with the straw, no hands allowed.

<u>Holiday Handshake</u>: Call the Cub Scouts to attention and give each five holiday stickers or candy canes. On signal, each boy is to introduce himself to five parents other than his own. Each time he must leave a sticker or candy cane with them. (Parents do not accept it until the introduction is complete and the boy can repeat your name.) The first Den to complete the project and assemble as a Den wins.

<u>Tree Decorating</u>: Players are seated in rows with equal number in each row. They are numbered consecutively from front to back and each No. 1 is given a piece of chalk. On signal, No. 1 players run to a blackboard (or large piece of poster board on wall) and draw the base for a Christmas tree. They return to their seats and hand the chalk to No. 2 players, who must draw the branches. No. 3 players add a designated number of candles. No. 4 players add a certain number of ornaments. No. 5 players add a star to the top of the tree. No. 6 players write "Merry Christmas" under the tree. Team to complete their picture first wins.

SONGS

Dreams

May all your dreams bloom like daisies in the sun May you always have stars in your eyes May you not stop running not until your race is run And may you always have blue skies

A dream is something you can make to keep within your heart

To build on when you're sad, or when you're world's been torn

apart

A dream is something all your own that no one else can steal

A dream is something you can make come real

May all your dreams bloom likes daisies in the sun May you always have stars in your eyes

May you not stop running not until your race is run And may you always have blue skies

You can share a laugh with any stranger you may meet

You can share your money...with a beggar on the street

But you can only share a dream when love has set it free

Please won't you share yours with me.

Light The Stars

Light the stars waiting overhead; Light the fields all around us spread; Light the hills, Light the sea, Light our hearts with faith and purity.

<u>Oh Give Me The Sky</u> (Tune: Home On The Range)

Oh, give the sky, where I like to fly. Where the birds and the airplanes go by.. Where often is heard just a whirlybird. And the skies are not cloudy all day.

Chorus: Up, up in the sky. Where the birds and the insects go by, Where often it's heard just a whirlybird. And the skies are not cloudy all day.

How often at night when the skies are bright, With the light from the glittering stars, Have I stood here amazed and asked as I gazed, If I could touch one of those hot stars.

Chorus

Oh, give me a sky where the bright yellow sun, Glows brightly down long, long sunbeams, Where graceful white kites, go gliding along Like white sheets in my silly day dreams.

Chorus

Where the sky is so pure, the west winds so free, The breezes so balmy and light. That I could always fly my plane in the sky. Through all of the big cities bright. Chorus

<u>On To Two Star</u> (Tune: On Wisconsin)

On to Two Star, on to Two Star, Climbing all the while, Do your best, just show the rest, And wear a real Cub Smile, (keep striving) Blaze the trail that others follow, Follow to your call, On Cubs, then on, until-We're Two Star All.



<u>Star Trekkin'</u> Star Trekking, across the universe, On the Starship Enterprise, under Captain Kirk. Star Trekking, across the universe, Boldly going forward, 'cause we can't find reverse.

Lt. Uhura, report!

Uhura: There's Klingons on the starboard bow, starboard bow, starboard bow. There's Klingons on the starboard bow, starboard bow, Jim.

Analysis, Mr. Spock!

Spock: It's life, Jim, but not as we know it, not as we know it, not as we know it. It's life, Jim, but not as we know it, not as we know it, Captain.

Medical update, Doctor McCoy!

McCoy: It's worse than that, he's dead, Jim. Dead, Jim. Dead, Jim. It's worse than that, he's dead, Jim. Dead, Jim, Dead.

Starship Captain, James T. Kirk!

Kirk: Ha-ha! We come in peace, shoot to kill, shoot to kill, shoot to kill. We come in peace, shoot to kill, shoot to kill, men.

Engineer, Mister Scott!

Scotty: Ye canna change the laws of physics, laws of physics, laws of physics! Ye canna change the laws of physics, laws of physics, yet

[Repeat verses, sing as a round, chorus, etc...]

Na..na..na..na..Na..na..na

Na..na..na, Na..na..na Na..na..na..na..Na..na..na Na..na..na, Na

Star Trekking, across the universe, On the Starship Enterprise, under Captain Kirk! Star Trekking, across the universe,

<u>The Stars Tonight</u> (Tune: Deep In The Heart Of Texas)

The stars tonight are outta sight, (clap, clap, clap, clap) Here at our Cub pack meeting

The skits Scouts do will amaze you, (clap, clap, clap, clap) Here at our Cub pack meeting

The songs they sing will laughter bring (clap, clap, clap, clap) Here at our Cub pack meeting

So everyone, come join the fun, (clap, clap, clap, clap) Here at our Cub pack meeting

Boldly going forward, and things are getting worse!

<u>I am Special</u> (tune: Frere Jacques)

I am special, I am special Yes I am! Yes I Am! I am very special No one else is like me. I am me! I am me!

<u>Christmas Song</u> (Tune: Rudolph The Red Nosed Reindeer)

Here's to the Cubs in our den, As they follow, help and give; All of the boys in our den, Know just how a Cub should live.

Now it's time for Christmas, We've been very helpful boys, We've gathered lots of old things, Fixed them up like brand new toys.

Saved our pennies every meeting, Brought a lovely Christmas Tree; Trimmed it up to take to our Den-adopted family. When they see our shiny toys; We'll he happy that we shared our Christmas joys with other boys.

Do Your Best - Jingle Bells (Tune: Jingle Bells)

Do your best, do your best, In everything you do. Keep the Promise and the Law, Be a Cub Scout true. Do your best, do your best, Be a loyal Scout. Do your duty to God And help your country out.

<u>I'm A Snowflake</u> (Tune: Clementine)

I'm a snowflake, I'm a snowflake, I'm a snowflake yes I am. And I'm falling, yes I'm falling, Right upon your little head.

Oh, I'm melting, Oh, I'm melting Oh, I'm melting yes I am. Aren't you glad that I'm not yellow, But white like I am.

<u>Kum Ba Yah</u>

Kum Ba Yah, my lord Kum Ba Yah Kum Ba Yah, my lord Kum Ba Yah Kum Ba Yah, my lord Kum Ba Yah Oh lord, Kum Ba Yah.

Someone's crying lord, Kum Ba Yah Someone's crying lord, Kum Ba Yah Someone's crying lord, Kum Ba Yah Oh lord, Kum Ba Yah.

Someone's singing lord, Kum Ba Yah Someone's singing lord, Kum Ba Yah Someone's singing lord, Kum Ba Yah Oh lord, Kum Ba Yah.

Someone's praying lord, Kum Ba Yah Someone's praying lord, Kum Ba Yah Someone's praying lord, Kum Ba Yah Oh lord, Kum Ba Yah.

Bright and early Christmas morning



Let There Be Peace On Earth

Let there be peace on earth And let it begin with me. Let there be peace on earth The peace that was meant to be. With God as our Father Brothers all are we Let me walk with my brother In perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me Let this be the moment now With every step I take Let this be my solemn vow: To live each moment and love each moment In peace eternally Let there be peace on earth And let it begin with me.

Santa ITune: BINGO)

Every Cub Scout has a friend And Santa is his name, sir S-A-N-T-A, S-A-N-T-A S-A-N-T-A And Santa is his name. Sing song through six times, the first time just spelling out the name S A N T A; second time, spell out first four letters and clap the A etc.

SKITS

Star Gazing

A scout walks to the center of the campfire looking up at the sky, keeping his head and neck very still. Soon he is joined by another scout and then another and so on. Each scout looks around and then begins to look toward the sky. The last scout enters and asked the scout next to him, "what are we looking at. He answers "I don't know." and then that scout asked the next until the question and get to the original scout. The original scout replies: "I don't know. I've got a stiff neck!"

The Rocket

The rocket crew sits in two rows of chairs behind each other. All are very serious, as if they were in a real spaceship.

Commander: (holding imaginary steering wheel) Wow! This is the best! Look at those start! First Crewman: Look at the Milky Way! Awesome! Second Crewman: Watch it! We're tipping to the right (All boys lean left.) Third Crewman: Look out, we're heading toward Earth! We're going to crash! (All lean far forward.) Fourth Crewman: Whew! We didn't crash – we made it down safely1 (All straighten up in seats.) All: Thank heavens! Fifth Crewman: Anybody got another quarter?

Good Deeds

Personnel: 5 cub Scouts Equipment: Stars of different sizes for boys to hold.

Cub 1: Lord Baden-Powell, the founder of Scouting, said to Scouts everywhere:

Cub 2: "I often think when the sun goes down, the world is hidden by a big blanket from the light of heaven...

Cub 3: "but the stars are little holes pierced in that blanket by those who have done good deeds in this world.

Cub 4: "The stars are not all the same size, some are big, some are little, as some men have done great deeds and some have done small deeds...

Cub 5: "But when they have all made their holes in the blanket by doing good before they went to heaven."

Santa Knows About Rudolph's Nose

Characters: Santa Clause; 6 Elves (wearing Santa hats made from red crepe paper); Rudolph (wearing cardboard or paper band around head with horns attached.)

Scene: Santa sitting in an easy chair by fireplace reading newspaper. It is Christmas Eve.

- Elf 1: (Comes running to where Santa is sitting and breathlessly says:) Oh Santa, come here. Bad news I must tell. Rudolph's nose is all frozen. Not a thing can he smell!
- Elf 2: (Running in as other elf exits.) Hey Santa, listen here, while sad news I tell you. Poor Rudolph's nose is cold and it's turning all blue.
- Elf 3: (Hurrying in as 2nd elf leaves.) Oh Santa, I've come to tell of Rudolph's plight. He has a cold in his nose that has put out his light!
- Elf 4: (Follows 3rd, etc.) Santa, Oh Santa! I'm sorry to tell. Rudolph's nose is all warm and he doesn't feel well!
- Elf 5: (Same as above) There's something I must say, but I'd really rather not. You see, poor Rudolph has a nose that's very hot!
- Elf 6: (Same) Santa, please come! See Rudolph's burned nose! It's all black like charcoal, not red like a rose!
- (After all elves have entered, spoken their parts and left, then Rudolph comes in and Santa holds up his hand to keep him from speaking.)
- Santa: (While Rudolph hangs his head.) No! Don't say anything, but please let me guess. Your friends were all lying, so you've come to confess. I knew all the time that it was only a plot. For how could your nose be both cold and hot?
- Rudolph: Well you see, Santa Claus, I was feeling quite low, and decided on our trip I didn't want to go. But now I've learned a lesson. The truth is always best. It could have saved me from this embarrassing mess!
- (Santa pats Rudolph on the head. Rudolph smiles and scampers off stage.)

Looking For Christmas

As the narrator reads story, Cub Scouts arrive with the appropriate items and stand on stage.

Narrator: Once upon time there was a den of Cub Scouts. The boys decided to go out and find Christmas and bring it back to their den.

The first Cub Scout thought he had found Christmas and came back with a Christmas tree.

The second Cub Scout also thought he had found Christmas and came back with a gift for his family.

The third Cub Scout thought he had found Christmas and came back with a stocking.

The fourth Cub Scout came back to the den singing a carol.

The fifth Cub Scout thought he, too, had found Christmas and he brought back some snow.

- The sixth Cub Scout was sure he had found Christmas because he came back to the den with Santa Claus.
- Now the seventh Cub Scout searched a long time but he couldn't find anything that he thought was Christmas. So he came back to the den with nothing. But his heart was full of love and goodwill, and so he truly had brought back Christmas.

Let us enjoy that Christmas spirit of love and goodwill all year round. Christmas greetings from Den ___!

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

The Fire Of The Dragon

ORION: "Char-r-r-ge" PEGASUS: "Nei-i-i-gh" BIG DIPPER: "DRIP - DRIP" LITTLE DIPPER: "drip - drip" DRAGON: "Fire & Brimstone" MILKY WAY: "Moooo"

On a clear night in the winter months, you can look up in the sky and see something happening, if you use your imagination. We are going to do just that tonight. Pay attention now, so you won't miss any of the story.

Once upon a time, on a very dark night, a great hunter named ORION started out to hunt a DRAGON. Now everyone knows that a DRAGON can set almost anything on fire and ORION knew this, so he took along with him the BIG DIPPER and the LITTLE DIPPER and the MILKY WAY.

As he mounted his horse, PEGASUS, he spilled the MILKY WAY and had to dismount and refill the BIG DIPPER and the LITTLE DIPPER. Once again he mounted PEGASUS and away they flew, because PEGASUS

had wings and could fly through the sky. "Now to find the DRAGON," thought ORION. "He must be around here somewhere," and just then he saw him. He was really hard to miss as the DRAGON was up to his old trick of breathing fire just to scare people.

"Whoa, PEGASUS," said ORION. "We must sneak up on him or he'll burn us up before we can put out his fire." PEGASUS stopped and ORION got off and took with him the BIG DIPPER and the LITTLE DIPPER. Very carefully, ORION made his way toward the DRAGON, then just as he was about to pour the MILKY WAY from the BIG DIPPER and the LITTLE DIPPER on him, the DRAGON turned and saw him and started spouting dreadful fire at him.

When PEGASUS saw what was happening, he flew over the DRAGON, beating his wings. At the same time, ORION threw the MILKY WAY from the BIG DIPPER and the LITTLE DIPPER on him and put out his fire. The DRAGON, with his fire out, turned and fled into the darkness and to this day he will only appear in the daylight. Today he is known to us as the sun.

A Trip Through Santa's Workshop

Narrator: Hi folks. We've had a special invitation from old Santa himself to come up and visit his toyshop at the North Pole. He told me that we must make our trip through the toyshop as quietly as possible, so we won't disturb the elves or the toys. You see, the toys come to life when they see visitors, so if they spot us we may have to pretend we're toys too. The elves get very nervous when they see people. So you just follow me and do exactly as I do and we'll be able to visit without disturbing anyone.

Come on. Let's follow Santa. (Walking in place) on a trip through his toyshop. Since the hour's late, we can't take time to stop (hold finger to lips and hump over, pretending to sneak by). Sh-h-h, the jack-in-the-box is sound asleep, so come on quietly and past him we'll creep.

Look! There's the dancing ballerina (point ahead with finger) standing on one toe. Oh no! She saw us! So round and round we go (hold one hand over head and turn around several times.) Now that the ordeal is over, let's continue on our way (walking in place); we want to see some more but too long we cannot stay.

Look over there to the right, (shade eyes with hand, point to right) back in that corner dark; I think that I can see a very tiny spark (pretend to be quietly sneaking up on something). Oh, it's an elf I see, building a Rudolph toy. Oh, oh, he sees us! Pretend you're not a boy! (Cup hand over nose to simulate Rudolph's large nose while saying "blink, blink, blink").

Whew! That was a close call (wipe brow with hand) but we fooled him I guess. We'd better follow Santa (walk in place) before we get into a mess. Oh, Santa has stopped again (stop walking and hold up hand in halt sign). I wonder what he sees. Uh oh, look out, I think I'm going to sneeze! (Hold finger under nose while saying a-a-a-a-choo!") Oh my goodness, that did it! Come on, we'd better run (start running in place). Let's hurry and get out of here, or it may not be such fun!

Come on and blink your nose (all do as before while running in place) as past the Rudolphs we run, just to make the elf think that we are one. There's the ballerina, dancing on her toe. Let's twirl around once (all twirl while continuing running) so past her we can go. Here's the jack-in-the-box, let's get down low and crouch, (get down low and sneak quietly by. Here's the jack-in-the-box, let's get down and crouch, (get down low and sneak quietly by). Out he comes with a b-o-i-n-g! (All shout "boing" as they spring up high in the air and then sit back down in chairs) Now we're back home on the couch! (Drop in chair with hands hanging down sides; wipe brow.

Why Santa Has A Beard

SANTA, (Holds hands on stomach while saying HO-HO) NORTH POLE: (Fold arms, holding self while saying "BRR-R-R') SLEIGH: (Wave right arm once while saying 'SWOOSH-H-H)



Workshop: (Cover ears while saying "BANG, BANG, CLATTER, CLATTER) You've all heard many stories about SANTA and his Workshop at the NORTH POLE. You have also heard stories about his SLEIGH and reindeer. But there is a story about SANTA that very few people know, so if you listen very closely, I'll tell you about how SANTA decided to grow a beard.

Everyone knows the weather is very, very cold at the NORTH POLE where SANTA has his Workshop. He works very hard throughout the year with his little elves, making toys for his Christmas Eve visit. Like everyone else, SANTA needs relaxation, and a chance to get away from it all. His way to relax is to take a leisurely ride in his SLEIGH.

With such cold weather at the NORTH POLE, SANTA always had to bundle up tightly before taking a SLEIGH ride. Once he forgot to wrap his heavy wool scarf around his face while he went SLEIGH riding. When SANTA returned from his SLEIGH ride and walked into the Workshop where Mrs. Claus and the elves were happily working, he had icicles hanging down the sides of his face and chin, just like a beard.

When Mrs. Claus looked up and saw him, she squealed with delight, "Why SANTA you look absolutely marvelous with your sparkling white icicle beard." Well, when SANTA saw how much this please Mrs. Claus, he was very flattered and decided right then and there to grow a long, flowing white beard and mustache. And that is what he did.

By doing this SANTA caused two things to happen. He made himself so handsome that whenever Mrs. Claus passed him by at the NORTH POLE Workshop, she gave him a big smile. This made SANTA blush so much, that to this day, he is still blushing. That's why his cheeks always look rosy. And now he doesn't have to wrap a scarf around his face when he goes SLEIGH riding at the NORTH POLE. Mrs. Claus has even started going on SLEIGH rides with SANTA because she is so very happy that he grew his beard.

RECIPES

Recipe for Child Raising

1 cup Proverbs 22:6 2 Tbsp. Proverbs 19:18 Dash of proverbs 23:13 Pinch of Ephesians 6:9 1 tsp. Proverbs 3:5 $\frac{1}{2}$ cup Titus 2:3 – 7



Mix all ingredients, add a pound of persistence, one cup of love and whip until right consistency.

Edible Snowman

Ingredients: 2 unfrosted cupcakes Coconut Large marshmallow White frosting Red cinnamon candies 1" gumdrop Peppermint stick



Stack cupcakes with a layer of frosting between. Frost all sides except bottom. Sprinkle with coconut. Stack marshmallow on top with layer of frosting for head and attach red cinnamon candies for eyes, mouth and buttons with dots of frosting. Use peppermint stick broken in half for arms and a 1" gumdrop for hat – attach with frosting.

Cheesy Cereal Mix

Melt #T. Oleo or butter Toss with 2 cups Rice Cereal

When coated toss with ¹/₄ cup Parmesan Cheese. Put in a shallow baking pan and bake 15 min. at 300 degrees. Stir occasionally. Remove from oven and let cool

Christmas Crispies

1 6oz. package semi-sweet butterscotch pieces ¹/₂ cup peanut butter 5 cups crisp cereal

Stir the butterscotch bits and the peanut butter in a pan, over low heat, until the butterscotch melts. Pour mixture over the cereal and stir together gently. Drop by teaspoons onto wax paper. Chill for two hours or overnight.

Buried Treasure

1 package (4 serving size any flavor JELL-O BRAND Instant Pudding . COOL WHIP topping unthawed Gummy animals

Prepare pudding as on the package. Scoop out 4 balls of frozen whipped topping and place in each of 4 dessert glasses. Drop several gummy animals in around the Cool Whip. Spoon pudding over whipped topping in glasses Chill. Makes 2 2/3 cups

Instant Chocolate Milk Mix

2 lb. Nestles Quick
11 cups packaged dry milk
5 oz. Preem (Coffee Creamer)
½ cup sugar (optional)

Mix all ingredients. For Chocolate Milk fill cup $\frac{1}{2}$ full of mix. Fill cup with hot water and stir. Garnish with mini marshmallows.

Holiday Punch

1 qt. apple juice 2 cups cranberry juice cocktail ¹/₄ cup brown sugar 2 cinnamon sticks ¹/₂ teaspoon whole cloves 1 slice lemon

Combine all ingredients and simmer 15 minutes. Serve hot.

Reindeer Sandwich Bread Peanut Butter Pretzels

Cherries Raisins

Cut bread in half, making triangles. Spread with peanut butter. Place a pretzel on each side of mid- point at top of bread, a cherry for the nose and raisins for eyes. Fun to eat.

Ribbon Pasta

3 cups Ribbon Pasta 3 cups chopped broccoli, cauliflower, red pepper ¹/₂ cup Italian dressing

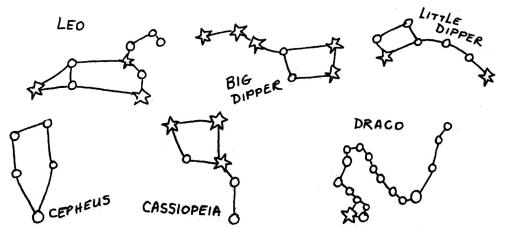
Cook pasta according to package directions. Drain and cool. Add chopped vegetables and dressing. Toss and chill. (Vegetables may be pre cooked or served raw.) (Idea: Before cooking the pasta you could have a lesson for science. Measure pasta before and after it is cooked. Discuss why there is a difference.)

CRAFTS

Tin Can Constellation Lanterns

Use any size tin can. Fill with water to ¹/₄" below the rim and place in freezer for 1 to 2 days, until the ice is very hard. Then place a heavy piece of paper around the tin can and draw on your constellation pattern. Attach the pattern with masking tape. Place can on a folded towel and using a hammer and nail, nail out constellation. Once the ice has melted, place a candle in your completed lantern and your constellation will light up. The outside of the can could be painted with black paint and then with a nail scratch in the lines that connect the stars so that the silver can shows through.

Sting A Constellation



Using various size of nails and tacks and some sting, you can make an attractive display board of the major constellations. Paint corrugated cardboard for a backing. Insert tacks in position for stars and run string from one to the other, outlining each constellation. Pain the heads of the tacks silver for smaller stars; cover the heads with gummed stars for larger stars.

Another idea is to have each member of your group string the constellation that is his birth sign.

Moon Neckerchief Slide

Materials: 1 medium Styrofoam ball 1 American flag on a toothpick Potato peeler Ivory Flake detergent Gray Tempra Paint Glue



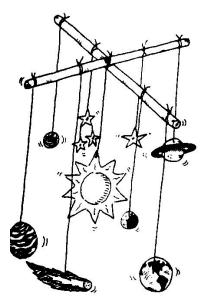
Cut a hole through the Styrofoam ball, approximately $\frac{1}{2}$ diameter, so that the neckerchief could slide through. Mix the detergent, paint and glue together with water to form a paste. Cover the ball with the mixture to make it look like the moon. (Don't forget the craters.) Put a little glue on the end of the toothpick and push it part way into the ball. Set aside to dry.

Creature Tie Slide

Cut 4 creatures out from cardboard. Glue 2 together, making sets. When dry, join the sets. Paint, add yarn stripes as indicated. Add glasses, bow tie, and toes of contrasting colors. Use vinyl strip on the back for the loop to put tie through. <u>Solar System Mobile</u> ****Dec 26***

Make a mobile of the solar system that will s how the difference in the sizes of the planets. Copy the circles. Cub them out of cardboard. Hang from string on sticks or a hanger.

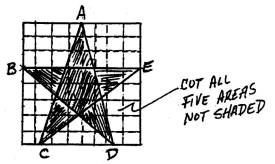
Space Mobile



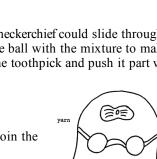
Materials: Scissors Cardboard or heavy paper Decorations – paint, aluminum foil, stickers Pin Thread or nylon line Two dowel rods or sticks

Cut out and color shapes to make planets, stars and spaceships and other objects found in outer space. Use interesting materials such as glow-inthe-dark paint, aluminum foil and glitter. Using a pin make a small hole in each shape and tie a piece of thread through hole. Next, cross one dowel rod over the other at right angels and tie dowel rods together. Tie the shapes to the dowel rods at different heights. Finally, tie a strong thread around the dowel rods to hand your mobile from.

How to Make a Star



Make a grid which is equal number wide as long and plot the points of the star.

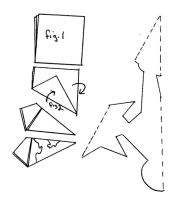




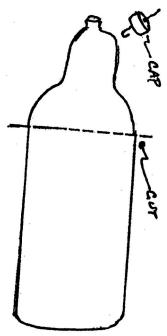
The Friendship Star

Materials: 8 ½" square piece of light to medium weight white paper Pencil Small scissors Markers or crayons

Fold the paper in half and fold in half again. Turn the paper so that the unfolded corner is at the top, on the left hand side. Divide paper into thirds. Fold the first third toward the front and over the center third. Fold the last third toward the back and over the center third. Trace the pattern and cut it out. Draw around the pattern (solid lines only) on the folded paper. Cut out the friendship star, cutting only on the solid lines. Unfold the star and color it.



Plastic Bells



Cut top from plastic bleach bottle. Make a hole in each cap to attach cord and Christmas ball clapper. Spray with metallic paint. Trim with tinsel, rick-rack, and/or ribbon.



White Marshmallow Snowflakes Materials:

18 small marshmallows1 large marshmallow9 toothpicksHeavyweight thread or nylon fishing line

Break 3 toothpicks in half, leave the other whole and assemble snowflake as shown. Loop thread and use to secure ornament to tree.



Pretzel Wreaths

Glue pretzels together. When dry, thread ribbon through pretzels. Tie the ribbon in a bow at the top.

Popcorn Santa

Pop corn as usual and let stand overnight. Cut out Santa head from cardboard – about 21" high – and punch hole for hanging. Paint face pink and add red paper hat. Glue on raisin eyes, gumdrop nose and paper mouth. Use popcorn to trim hat, make eyebrows, mustache and beard.

Pinecone Reindeer

Use large pinecone for body and smaller (1 ¹/₂" long) ones for legs, neck and head. Fit the smaller cones between the scales o the body cone and glue into place. Add paper ears and nose, bead eyes and pipe cleaner antlers and tiny tail.

Holiday Card Bells

Use leftover Holiday cards to make colorful, four sided bells. From the picture portion of the Holiday cards cut out eight identical bells. Place two cutouts back to back with the picture sides out (double thickness). Punch small holes around the edge and blanket stitch around edges. Next, attach the four sides of the bells by stitching along the edges. Slide a pipe cleaner up through the top of the bell and glue or stitch in place, bending into a hook for hangtag. Push a suitably sized plastic foam ball onto the other end for the clapper (or glue on a pom pom).

AUDULT LEADER RECOGNITION

Spark Plug: Attach a spark plug and give to the person who "sparks" up your meetings. An old plug painted gold could be used.

Bounce Award: a sheet of "Bounce" clothes softener for the Den Leaders to give them bounce and soften their hearts.

Heart & Soul Award: Fro the person who puts their heart and "sole" into their work (small heart on a leather sole of a shoe).

Life Saver Award: For the person who saved you (mounted Life Saver).

Candle Award: For the person who really lights up (mount small candle).

Star Award: For someone who really shines at a job.

ADVANCEMENT CEREMONIES

North Star Ceremony

The lights are dimmed and the Cubmaster beams a flashlight through a pinhole planetarium at the ceiling or wall showing the Big Dipper and North Star.

CUBMASTER SAYS: For thousands of years, men have known that the North Star is fixed. Shepherds knew it before the time of Christ, and seamen have used the North Star and other heavenly bodies to guide their ships to port since they dared leave the sight of land. Even today, the stars are important in navigation for ships, jet planes and space ships.

Cub Scouts don't need the stars to find their way. But even so, we do have our guiding stars to help us through life. There is Church for instance, and school, and Cub Scouting. In Cub Scouting, our navigational aids are the Promise and the Law Of The Pack. They tell us how we should act and what we should do for ourselves and for others.

The Promise and the Law Of The Pack are just like the stars by which the seamen steers his ship.

Tonight we honor Cub Scouts who navigated straight and true on the Cub Scout trail. With their parent(s) help, they have advanced a rank and have shown that they live by the Promise and the Law Of The Pack. (Call advancing boys and parent(s) forward; present awards.)

One Small Snowflake

PROPS: One small snowflake for each award with the award attached. One cut out snowflake for each Cub and parent.



CUBMASTER: Snowflakes always appear as six-sided crystals. If you use your imagination just a little, you can see that there are six areas in the climb to the top of the Cub Scouting experience.

1) Will all Bobcats please come forward with their parents.

(awards chairman presents the award and gives each a snowflake)

- 2) Tiger Cub (same as above)
- 3) Wolf (same as above)
- 4) Bear (same as above)
- 5) Webelos (same as above)
- 6) Arrow points (same as above)

Have all boys remain at the front of the room until all the awards are presented.

CUBMASTER: With this group of people gathered here, we have made a snowstorm out of a lot of small snowflakes. Just as the wind blows snow into a storm, parents provide a force to make a Cub Scout from all facets of his life as he grows into a bigger, stronger person both physically and mentally.

Stars Of The Show

CUBMASTER: Our first act stars a group of young men who have been practicing and memorizing their lines just for tonight. Now that they have their act together, they are ready to receive their Bobcat badges. Will the following stars and their agents (parents) please come forward (calls names of boys receiving Bobcat).

Your performance in the den has been great. Your stage manager den leader says that you are ready to receive your Bobcat badge. Before I present this badge to your agents, please join me as we say the Cub Scout Promise. This is the first of many performances of your Cub Scout career. I am pleased to present this badge to your agents, who will present it to you.

Our stage crew has been very buys learning the business of Cub Scouting. They are shining stars in the field. (Call up Tiger Cub and parents.) Have their agents (parents) present the badge.

Next, we have an act that has been in the making for almost a year. Will the following stars and their agents please come forward? (Call boys receiving Wolf badge.) These stars had to learn 12 acts in the Wolf book. They have completed their part and are ready to receive the Wolf badge. I am pleased to present this badge to their agents. Will you please present the star his Wolf badge? Congratulations. You now have the Wolf star on your door. Some of these Wolf stars have learned extra lines in the Wolf book. They are to receive some arrow points. (Cubmaster presents these. The Bear badge and arrow points are handled in the same manner.)

And now ladies and gentlemen, we have a stupendous act, which takes great skill and requires work and patience as these young stars climb to great heights in their career. Their agents have put forward great effort to help these virtuosos attain stardom. Will the following stars and their agents please come forward? (Call boys receiving Webelos badges and Activity Pins, parents and Webelos leader forward.)

WEBELOS LEADER: These boys have attained the next highest award in Cub Scouting. There is one more, for which they will start rehearsing tomorrow. I am pleased to present your agents with your Webelos badges as they present them to you. (Present badges.) Some of you have earned encores in the form of Activity Pins that you have earned. (Present Activity Pins.) Congratulations.

CUBMASTER: And now ladies and gentlemen, the act for which you have all been waiting –our young stars who have completed the requirements for Arrow of Light, the highest award in Cub Scouting. Tonight we give special honors for the heights to which these stars, with the help of their agents, have climbed. It is a privilege to introduce the participants in this outstanding performance. (Calls the stars, agents, and Webelos leader forward.)

WEBELOS LEADER: These young stars have shown superior knowledge of mental, physical, and outdoor skills. As these stars step into our spotlight, let's give them a roaring round of applause.

North Star Advancement

Equipment: Pinhole planetarium punched for the Big Dipper and the North Star (instructions in Bear Book). Flashlight. (If your meeting place does not lend itself to dimming the lights, this ceremony can also be performed with a backdrop of dark blue or black and stars taped in position for the Big Dipper constellation and the North Star.) The lights are dimmed; Cubmaster beams the flashlight through the pinhole planetarium at the ceiling or a wall, showing the Big Dipper and the North Star.

Cubmaster: For thousands of years, men have known that the North Star is fixed. Shepherds knew it before the time of Christ, and seamen have used the North Star and other heavenly bodies to guide their ships to port ever since they first dared leave the sight of land. Even today, the stars are important in navigation for ships, jet planes and spaceships.

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(Call advancing boys and parents forward and give badges to parents to present to their sons.)

Star of the Show

Cubmaster dressed as reporter at the Oscars with microphone in hand. Assist. Cubmaster dressed in tuxedo jacket; white envelopes with awards inside.

- Cubmaster: Ladies and Gentlemen, tonight is the night when all the start come out to see who gets Cub Scouting's grandest prize. Look, look there's (name boys getting awards) would you fellows and your bodyguard please come forward. (Have boys and parents come forward.)
- ACM: I'm so excited, who can the winners be? He opens envelope and announces each boy's name and hands out the award to thief "bodyguard". (All of this is done to flashing of the camera.)
- Cubmaster: What a night, what a night, I've never seen a more deserving group of Cub Scouts. Ladies and Gentlemen, let's give them all a big round of applause.

The Milkyway Advancement

Props, Paper clips, pre-cut stars (different colors for each rank)

- Staging: Cut out a star for each boy advancing in rank, punch a hole on the top and two bottom legs. Put the boys name and rank on each star.
- Procedure: Have one large star cut out with Lord Baden-Powell's name or picture on it. Hang a star with the Cubmaster's name on it and have the Den Leader's hang their stars below the Cubmaster. As each boy advances, he adds his star to the appropriate den leader crating a star mobile.

CLOSING CEREMONIES

I am a Star

Dim light, each boy holds a flashlight to turn on to show his face as he speaks (careful not to shine into eyes.)

Cub 1: I am a Cub Scout. Cub 2: I will do my best.

Cub 3: I will do my duty to God. Cub 4: I will do my duty to my Country. Cub 5: I will do my duty to my family. Cub 6: I am a Cub Scout Star. Goodnight.

A Guiding Star

Personnel: Akela, 8 Cub Scouts

Equipment: Small campfire, blue paper or cardboard 3 feet square, with cutouts for stars in the shape in the shape of the Big Dipper and the North Star; eight small or pen-light flashlights, one for each Cub Scout. Arrangement: Akela and the 8 Cub Scouts stand near the campfire with the figure of the Big Dipper and the North Star at one side of the fire. Cub Scouts stand behind the figure with their lights, which they flash behind the star in the Big Dipper as they speak.

Akela: For thousands of years people have grouped the stars together as figures in constellations. This was probably done by the early shepherds as they lay on the grass looking at the sky while tending their sheep. There they could see pictures, of heroes, kings, queens men, maidens and monsters in the stars. The constellations we know best is the Big Dipper.

Taking the start that form the outer edge of the Big Dipper, now eight upward, and the bright star you see is the North Star, which for centuries has been the guiding star for travelers. (One Scout flashes his light in the cutout for the North Star.) It remains in the same place all the time. Let the North Star be our guiding star representing our God. Keep your eyes on the North Star. Each star in the Big Dipper can help you keep your eyes on the North Star – to become your guide for living. Then let your light so shine that you can help others find their way.

Now each of seven Cub Scouts will tell you what each star in the Big Dipper represents to him in his quest to finding the guiding star.

(As each boy speaks, they flash their light behind their star.

Cub 1: The Holy Bible.

- Cub 2: My minister (pastor, priest, or rabbi, etc.)
- Cub 3: My Mother and Father
- Cub 4: The Cub Scout Promise and Law of the Pack
- Cub 5: My Del Leader
- Cub 6: My Cubmaster
- Cub 7: My Den Chief

Akela: All of these are excellent guides for us to follow on our Cub Scout trail. Let each one help you as you travel onward. Goodnight.

These Are Boys

Den Leader: We will try to show you the many sides of the little boys we so proudly call son, but remember, all these boys are found in each boy.

Cub 1: I'm the one full of dirt, so very sure that soap and water will hurt.

- Cub 2: I'm the one who lives in his dreams, always off on a cloud, at least that's how it seems.
- Cub 3: I'm the show-off and athlete, I just can't stand to be beat.
- Cub 4: I'm the pouter, so sensitive and shy, but I try to make people think I'm a real tough guy.
- Cub 5: I'm the angel, neat and obedient. Mom wouldn't trade a day with me for all the money in the mint.
- Cub 6: I'm the Cub Scout, the on we boys like best. That's because I'm different that all the rest.

Den Leader: They're all these boys and even more. There are lots of surprises for you in store. So love them, protect them, and try to understand, it's a very hard job growing up to be a man.

Do Your Best

Cub Scouts hole up card with slogans as they read their lines.

- Cub 1: Do Your Best in everything you do on life's way.
- Cub 2: Always Be Friendly to brighten others' day.
- Cub 3: Give Away Your Smiles for 'tis rewarding indeed.
- Cub 4: Be Prepared to help others in their daily need.
- Cub 5: Be Honest and Sincere towards others you meet.
- Cub 6: Be Loyal and True a most commendable feat.
- Cub 7: Count Your Blessings being thankful for each day, for life's wonderful opportunities that come your way.
- Cub 8: Good night to each and everyone of you. May these thoughts stay with you your whole life through.

A Cub Scouts Pledge to Himself

Arrangement: Pack flag is placed in center of stage. Ten Cubs in uniform, in turn, come on stage, stand near the flat and recite one of the statements. Upon finishing, each Scout salutes the flag and retires to rear of stage where horseshoe is formed.

- Cub 1: May I grow in character and ability as I grow in size.
- Cub 2: May I be honest with myself and others in what I do and say.
- Cub 3: May I learn and practice my religion.
- Cub 4: May I always honor my parents, my elders and my leaders.
- Cub 5: May I develop high moral principles and the courage to live by them.
- Cub 6: May I strive for health in body, mind and spirit.
- Cub 7: May I always respect the rights of others.
- Cub 8: May I set a good example so that other may enjoy and profit from my company.
- Cub 9: May I give honest effort to my work.
- Cub 10: May I regard my education as preparation for the future.

After all Cubs are finished with their lines, all present can join hands for the Living Circle and repeat the Cub Scout Promise.

Seven Virtues of Life

Personnel: Webelos Den Leader, Webelos Den Chief, 7 Webelos Equipment: Arrow of Light ceremonial board, 7 candles

Webelos Den Leader: Cub and Webelos Scouts, the emblem that you see before you represents the Arrow of Light award. It is the highest award in Cub Scouting. The seven candles represent the rays in the Arrow of Light. As they are lighted by den chief (name), you will hear how they stand for the seven great virtues of live. (Each boy reads a single virtue.)

- 1. Widsom wisdom does not necessarily mean superior knowledge. It means putting to the right use the knowledge that one possesses.
- 2. Courage courage is not the quality that enables men to meet danger without fear, it is being able to meet danger in spite of one's fear.
- 3. Self- Control self-control isn't limited to the control of one's temper, but control of one's self in all things; eating, playing and even working and talking.
- 4. Justice justice is practice of dealing fairly with others without prejudice or regard to race, color or creed.
- 5. Faith faith is the conviction that something unproved by physical evidence is true. One 8-year old boy said faith was when you turned on the light switch you knew that the light would go on.
- 6. Hope hope means to expect with confidence. Always hope for better things to come. A man without hope is little good to himself or his company.
- 7. Love There are many kinds of love love of family, love of home, love of fellowman, love of God, and love of Country. All these loves are necessary for a full life.

Webelos Den Leader: For some of you it might be too hard to remember the meaning of these seven virtues word for word, but long ago, someone very eloquently summed them up in these few words: "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." We know these words today as the Golden rule. They are a worthwhile guide for living – not just during the holiday time, but all year long.

CLOSING THOUGHTS

I'd Rather See a Sermon

I'd rather see a sermon than hear one any day. I'd rather one would walk with me, than merely tell the way. The eye's a better pupil and m ore willing than the ear. The best of all preachers are the men who live their creeds. For to see good put in action is what everybody needs. I soon can learn to do it, if you'll let me see it done. I can watch your hands in action, but your tongue too fast may run. The lectures you deliver may be wise and true, But I'd rather get my lessons by observing what you do. I may not understand the high advice you give, But there's no misunderstanding how you act and how you live.

<u>Horizons:</u> We often speak of horizons...not one, but plural, horizons. Did it ever occur to you that there are more than one? When you have worked and planned to reach you horizon, you stop to rest and look up to see before you still another horizon just as far away as the last. When that horizon is within your grasp, wonder of wonders, still another is waiting. Few men ever reach all horizons...some never even reach the first...and still others never start. Look at what they miss. All they ever see is the small area around them. This is not the Cubbing way. Cub Scouts must reach a series of horizons on their climb to the Arrow of Light. Small horizons, but they lead to the farther horizons of Scouting and manhood.

<u>Heart of a Boy</u>: Put me in touch with the heart of a boy - let me study his doubts and fears. Let me show him a way of life and help him avoid its tears. For the heart of a boy in its buoyancy is one that is pure and free. So, put me in touch with the heart of a boy...the heart of a man to be.

<u>Spirit of Scouting</u>: The Spirit of Scouting is within each boy. The promise, the law are all part of it, but, also pride. Pride in ones self, his den/pack, family/nation; pride in his accomplishments. The awards are hollow and meaningless unless he met his trials with determination and did his best to overcome them. The pack and its leader exist only for the boys, to challenge them to bigger challenges and honor them for their accomplishments.

Shine: As stars always shine in the day and night, so does your Cub Scout spirit always shine. Whether you're in uniform, den meeting, or pack meeting, being a Cub Scout does not end. It is with you always. Continue to Shine.

