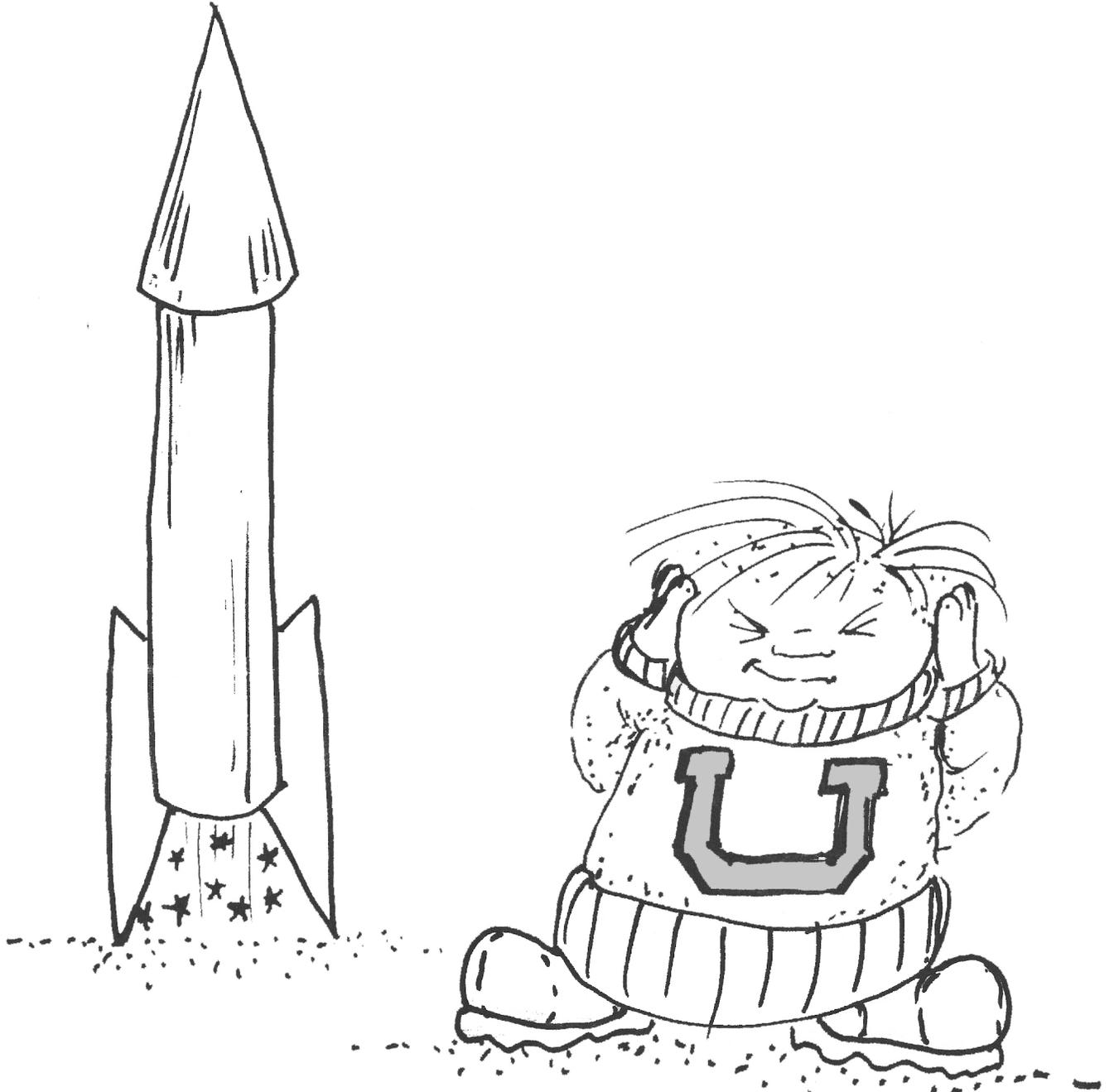


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PRE-OPENING/GATHERING ACTIVITIES

Word Count: How many words of three or more letters can you make out of “Rockets Red Glare?”

Our Presidents

Match the descriptions of the presidents with the choices listed below.

1. _____ Neither son nor daughter could this man claim. Yet as a father he attained great fame.
2. _____ A steadfast old-timer called “Old Hickory”, his home’s now a shrine in his own Tennessee.
3. _____ Americans most everywhere, young and old alike, know this five-star general whose nickname rhymes with “mike”.
4. _____ He once split rails, did sums on a slate, was born in a cabin became truly great.
5. _____ His initials might stand for United States, but the names are harder to spell. This general who lived a long time ago, knew Abraham Lincoln well.
6. _____ “Long Tom,” they say was six feet, two; he wrote the Declaration. A scholar, statesman, diplomat, a credit to our nation.
7. _____ Two cousins who had the same last name were very unlike, yet both won fame. Rough Rider was one, the President. The other, twelve years in the White House spent.

- A. Ulysses S. Grant
- B. Andrew Jackson
- C. Abraham Lincoln
- D. Dwight D. Eisenhower
- E. George Washington
- F. Theodore Roosevelt & Franklin D. Roosevelt
- G. Thomas Jefferson

Answers: 1-E, 2-B, 3-D, 4-C, 5-A, 6-G, 7-F

OPENING CEREMONIES

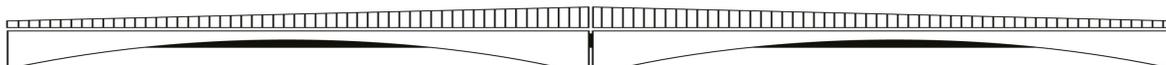
Amazing Flag

Equipment: Nylon flag, spotlight, heavy line or ribbon.

Set up: In a darkened room have a spot light on the flag in a very low position. Use as large a flag as possible. Roll the flag on pole and secure with ribbon or fishing line. On cue cut line and release the flag. The flag will begin to twirl as it uncoils. A large flag will do this for an amazingly long time and the effect is quite striking. This can be done in conjunction with music or narration of any kind. NOTE: The flag you use must be 100% nylon. As with any ceremony, practice this before you present it.

An American Boy

This is an American Boy. The American Revolution won him his freedom. (Den Leader Unbinds Him.) The Constitution guarantees him free speech. (Remove Gag.) A free education gives him the ability to see and understand. (Remove Blindfold.) Let us help Cub Scouting teach him to preserve and enjoy his glorious heritage and to become a good citizen.



(Spotlight Flag/Cub Scout Leads The Pledge Of Allegiance)

American's Creed

(A Den honor guard posts the U.S. and pack flags. The Denner or Den Chief then leads the audience in "The American's Creed," with the repeat-after-me method:)

"I believe in the United States of America / as a government of the people, / by the people, / for the people; / whose just powers are derived / from the consent of the governed; / a democracy in a republic; / a sovereign Nation of many sovereign States; / a perfect union, / one and inseparable; / established upon those principles / of freedom, equality, justice, and humanity / for which American patriots / sacrificed their lives and fortunes. I therefore believe / it is my duty to my country / to love it, / to support its Constitution, / to obey its laws, / to respect its flag, / and to defend it against all enemies."

Flag – Heroes

Arrangement: Colors are advanced in the normal manner. The flag speaks.

Flag: A great host of heroes, with the help of God, have kept me gallantly flying in the face of every threat and challenge to the democratic way of life which I represent.

The blood spilled at Valley Forge, Gettysburg, San Juan Hill, Bataan, Korea, Viet Nam and every other great battle fought on land, in the air and on the sea, is in my red stripes.

The shining light of sunshine is in my white stripes, penetrating the blackest night, which in the nation's darkest hours are filled with radiant light. The vast infinity of the heavens is in my stars; inspiring mankind to continue climbing courageously up the spiral staircase of history to a world of glowing promise.

I am the emblem of man's finest dreams. I am the last hope for peace on earth. I am the American Flag.

The Flag Of America

SETTING - Cut a 26" X 4" cardboard rectangle. Place it on an easel. From cardboard, cut 7 strips 2" X 24" and 6 strips 2" X 14" Color Strips. Cut a square of blue and add 50 stars. Back all building pieces with plenty of 2 sided tape. The flag is assembled on a base during the program.

PERSONNEL: 8 Cub Scouts or more.

CUB #1 - Our flag is sometimes called the Stars and Stripes. The stars and stripes are there for a reason.

CUB #2 - In the corner of the flag is a field of blue - like the sky.

CUB #3 - On this there is one star for each of the current United States.

CUB #4 - Once there were 13 stars here. Now there are 50.

CUB #5 - The stripes are red and white.

CUB #6 - George Washington said the red was taken from the red in the flag of England.

CUB #7 - And the white broke up the red to show America had separated from England.

CUB #8 - There are 13 stripes, one for each of the original colonies.

(As each colony is named, a stripe is added to the base.)

CUB #1 - Virginia

CUB #2 - North Carolina

CUB #3 - Massachusetts

CUB #4 - South Carolina

CUB #5 - New Hampshire

CUB #6 - Pennsylvania

CUB #7 - Maryland

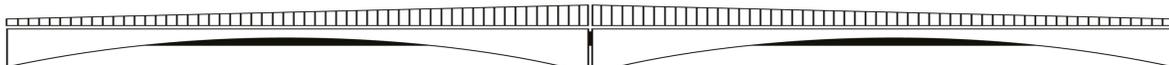
CUB #8 - Georgia

CUB #1 - Connecticut

CUB #2 - New York

CUB #3 - Rhode Island

CUB #4 - New Jersey



CUB #5 - Delaware

CUB #6 - The Stars and Stripes is a beautiful flag.

CUB #7 - Will everyone now rise and join us in singing "The Star Spangled Banner".

CUB #8 - Thank you. You may now be seated.

Honoring Our Flag

Personnel: 15 Cub Scouts, American flag bearer, Cubmaster

Equipment: American Flag, 7 red crepe paper streamers, 6 white crepe paper streamers, blue crepe paper rectangle, white cardboard five-pointed star.

(Seven Cub Scouts, each carrying a red crepe paper streamer, march in single file onto stage. In turn, each boy displays his streamer. It should reach from his head to his feet.)

7 Cub Scouts: (in unison) We are the seven red stripes in our flag. For hardiness and valor we stand.

(6 Cub Scouts enter, each carrying a white crepe paper streamer, and duplicate the actions of the first group. They stand alternating with the boys holding red stripes.)

6 Cub Scouts: We are the 6 white stripes in our flag. For innocence and purity we stand.

(A Cub Scout enters, carrying the blue crepe paper rectangle, which he holds up as he stands to the right of the first boy holding the first red stripe.)

Cub Scout: Now look at me, the field of blue. For vigilance, perseverance and justice true.

(Next Cub Scout enters carrying the large white star. He holds it against the blue field.)

Cub Scout: I am a five-pointed star shining bright. One for each state. When united, we have might.

(Flag bearer enters carrying the American Flag. He stands near group that made the crepe paper flag.)

Cubmaster: Behold the emblem of our country...the greatest flag of the greatest nation of the world. May it ever wave over free and liberty-loving people. May it ever represent the highest ideas of American boyhood and manhood. May its stars and stripes, blessed by God and glorified by the blood of our patriots, ever support the principles of democracy in America and around the world.

Cub Scout: Would you please rise and join me in saying the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Birth Of A Flag

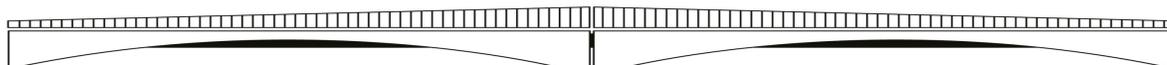
Materials:

- One large container (such as a box, wash pot, etc.)
- One roll each of one or two inch red, white, and blue crepe paper.
- Eight to ten stars or disks constructed of aluminum foil or a similar material
- One large spike or similar object to represent a needle (large enough to be seen by the audience)
- One piece of brightly colored yarn which should be attached to the needle.
- One American flag
- Five Scouts
- Narrator

The container is placed in the front center stage without backdrop. The U.S. flag should be concealed within the interior of the container (care should be taken to protect the flag from soiling or discretion during this procedure), The five Scouts are positioned or grouped around the container so that on cue during the narration each may deposit his property into the container. At the conclusion of the narration and at the beginning of the accompanying music, the five Scouts should, in unison, bend, grasp, and withdraw the U.S. flag and hold in proper position until the conclusion of the music; then withdraw from the stage with the flag (two Scouts should properly fold the flag after they are off stage)

Narrator: Have you ever stopped to think about how a flag is born? Today we are here to show how our flag was made!

First, we add the red for courage (first Scout raises red strip and deposits into container by holding loose end of roll allowing roll to "stream". The courage of those gallant men who have given their lives defending the freedom of our great country. Red is for the courage of those Scouts who have accepted the challenge of advancement and development of mind, body, and character.



Next we add some white for purity (next Scout raises white strip and deposits into container by holding loose end of roll allowing roll to "stream".) the purity of the birth of a new nation which struggled for life carved from virgin wilderness. The white is also for the purity of a new Cub Scout just beginning the great adventure of Scouting. Then, let us add some blue taken from the sky and the waters that surround our continent (next Scout raises blue strip and deposits into container by holding the end of roll allowing roll to "stream"). The blue represents the life-supporting elements that sustain our very existence. The blue sky and the blue water that beckon Scouts of all nations to enjoy God's great natural beauty.

Next, we will add just a dash of stars (next Scout drops stars in container) to represent the fifty states that make up this grand land we call the United States of America. Stars that shine in the eyes of a lad as he succeeds in the accomplishments and goals achieved in the Scouting program.

Finally, we add this needle and thread (next Scout drops needle and thread into the container) with which to finish our flag. The steel of the needle signifies the strength of our nation, and the thread represents the fiber of brotherhood (withdraw the flag as stated in the instructions) that binds us together in the united effort to continually defend the freedom our flag represents. Our flag! Old Glory! The Red, White, and Blue! Stars and Stripes Forever! The flag of the United States of America! May it always fly with honor and respect!

The Flag - Of Course I Can Talk

SCENE OPENS: (Three boys walking past the flag, discussing politics, baseball, football, etc.)

Suddenly the flag lights up and a voice (Preferably a microphone speaker inside the flag) says; "Go ahead and pass me by!" (Lights out)

The three boys stop, look around, stare at each other and say,

CUB #1: I'm sure I heard something.

CUB #2: I heard it too.

CUB #3: Did that flag say something?

CUB #1: I thought so too!

CUB #2: I was afraid to say something, I thought you would think I was crazy.

CUB #3: But can flags talk?

(Flag lights up and voice speaks.): Of course I can talk, I have always been able to speak. Since 1776 I have been speaking to those that would listen. I have had 200 years of public speaking to my credit. I have spoken to the free, the not so free and even to the enslaved. I have always preached the same sermon, I have said it to individuals, small groups, large crowds, and to the whole world. Anybody that cares for my flag waving can hear me and be much the better person for it. My story is simple, direct and to the point. Would you boys care to hear my story? (All boys together "Yes, Yes!!!")

Fine, then here it is. Through the years I have been insulted, used, ripped, torn, shot at, put on fire, pulled down, cut up, cried on, spit upon, disgraced, blood soaked, spied upon, buried, embarrassed, and in general tried to be put down as something not believed. But take my word for it, there are more people that believed in me than disbelieve. When people are in trouble, cast out, homeless and deprived, they look for my stars and stripes to lift them up from the depths of despair and raise themselves to any heights they so choose. I do not ask for much in return. A little respect, a bit of honor, and a few morsels of love and the right to throw my arms around the oppressed and downtrodden. Help people to become free thinkers and encompass love and passion for their fellow man. You three boys could help by starting all the people in this room with the pledge to you flag and country.

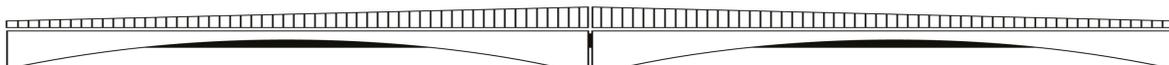
(Boys start the pledge, " I pledge....")

Mine Is The Voice

PROPS: Silhouettes of Washington, Lincoln, Baden-Powell; back lighted shadow screen; American flag; offstage microphone.

PERSONNEL: 3 adult voices; 2 or more Cub Scouts

(Room dimly lighted, shadow screen brightens to reveal shadow of George Washington)



VOICE #1: Mine is the voice of George Washington. You celebrate my birthday as father of our country on February 22nd. My dedication was to the unalienable rights of freemen. We won your FREEDOM through the American Revolutionary War. The Stars and Stripes have waved over our country for more than two centuries as the result of the sacrifices of patriots.

(Shadow screen dims and re-brightens to reveal shadow of Abraham Lincoln)

VOICE #2: Mine is the voice of Abraham Lincoln. You celebrate my birthday on February 12. We engaged in a great civil war to test whether a nation conceived in liberty and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal might long endure.

(Shadow screen dims and re-brightens to reveal silhouette of Baden-Powell.)

VOICE #3: Mine is the voice of another man born in February. I am Baden-Powell. My birthday is not celebrated as the birthday of a man but as the birthday of a great movement. Scouting came to America 89 years ago. Since that time millions of boys and men have been Scout trained for FREEDOM, PATRIOTISM, and EQUALITY--plus another virtue which we must fight to maintain--INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBILITY.

I would like to now call on some young friends of mine who know that the future of America ...and indeed the world ...depends on our willingness to preserve freedom in each generation. They will ask you to rededicate yourself to your country through your Pledge of Allegiance to your flag.

(Cubs Scouts come forward and lead Pledge of Allegiance)

FIELD TRIPS

Visit a Fort, museum, or Presidential Museum.
Go to a baseball game.
Visit a flag shop.
Attend a local fireworks display.



SERVICE PROJECTS

Make cards and write letters to be mailed to the military personnel.

HIKES

Color Hike – find Red, White and Blue nature items.
Craft Hike – find items needed for a nature project.

APPLAUSES AND CHEERS

Blast-off: Start: counting backwards from 6 to 1. Bend the knees a little more on each count until you are in a squatting position. Then, while saying, "BLAST OFF!", jump straight up in the air.

Sky Rocket: Make a motion of striking a match on your pants, lean over to light your rocket. Make a "SH, SH, SH" sound, point from the floor to the sky as if you were following it in flight with your finger. CLAP hands and say "BOOM" spread arms wide and say "AH___AH___AH".

America: A-M-E-R-I-C-A Cub Scouts, Cub Scouts USA!

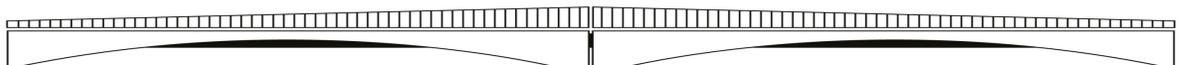
Constitution Cheer: We the people, APPROVE!

Firecracker: Strike a match on the leg, light the firecracker, make noise like fuse "sssss", then yell loudly "BANG!!"

Fireworks Cheer: "pssss...SSSSS (grows louder) BOOM!"

Statue Of Liberty Cheer: Stand and raise imaginary torch and say, "Welcome to America!"

Skyrocket Applause: Have everyone pretend to strike a match and pantomime lighting a rocket. Watch the rocket go up and say, "Ssssssss, BOOM, Ahhhhhhhh." Flutter your fingers to represent falling debris. Then place your right hand over your eyes and peer out exclaiming, "Isn't that lovely!"



JOKES/RIDDLES/RUN-ONS

- What stays in bed most of the day and sometimes goes to the bank?
A stream.
- Where can you find an ocean without water?
On a map.
- What do sea monsters have for dinner?
Fish and ships.
- What do you call a thing that sits on the bottom of the ocean and twitches?
A nervous wreck.
- When is a ship like snow?
When it's a-drift.
- Way do fish like salt water?
Because pepper makes them sneeze.
- What gets wetter the more it dries?
A towel.
- What kind of lights did Noah's ark have?
Floodlights.
- What is the best way to paint the ocean?
With watercolors.
- Where is the ocean the deepest?
On the bottom.
- What do you get when you cross a shark with an ice cream cone?
A frostbite.
- What do you get when you cross an elephant with a fish?
A swimming trunk.
- What did the tooth fairy leave for the shark's tooth?
A sand dollar.
- Why did the fish cross the river?
To get to the other tide.
- What do you call a fish with a couple of knees?
A two-knee fish.
- Did you hear about the pelican that switched from sardines to herring?
The smaller fish just didn't fill the bill.
- What do you call a whale that talks too much?
A bubblermouth.
- What's a shark's favorite food?
A submarine sandwich.
- Where do sharks come from?
Fin-land.

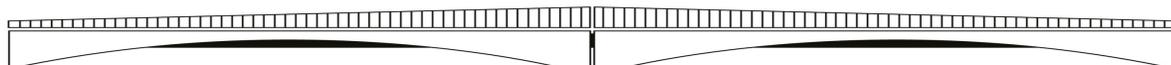


STUNTS/TRICKS/PUZZLES

Loose Thread: Shade your eyes and look around, Aha! You spot your friend in the audience. Go to him and shake his hand, slap him on the back and hug him. Then stare at his shirt and shake your head. You find a loose thread. Take hold of it and pull and pull and pull. The thread comes and comes and comes. Wind it around your hand, dance with it, pass it around the audience and let them pull.

The Trick: You and your friend get ready together, thread a needle with the end of a spool of thread. Put the spool inside your friend's shirt and run the threaded needle out through his shirt. Take off the needle and let the thread hang loose.

Flag Fun: Outline the United States flat on a piece of paper. Color the first stripe green. Color the next one black. Continue until the 13 stripes are all colored this way. Next color the field orange. Make five rows of black stars (10



in each row). Hang the flag on a white wall and stare intently at it for 2 minutes – try not to blink. Then look at another white wall and There is the U.S. Flag in its correct colors.

GAMES/DEN ACTIVITIES

Patriotic Colors: The leader sits in the middle of the circle, points to a player and calls 'red'. The player has to name an object that is red (e.g. tomato, fire engine) before the leader can count to 10 out loud. The same object cannot be repeated. If a player fails to think of an object before the leader has counted to ten, the two switch places. Use the patriotic colors 'red', 'white' and 'blue'.

Rockets And Interceptors: Materials: 1 Bucket or large tin, Large number of colored balls or plastic clothes pegs all the same color, Skittles or rope to mark off the target area.

This is played by two teams. The attacking team are called the rockets and the defending team are called the interceptors. The target area is marked off and the bucket or large tin is placed in the center. Only rockets are allowed to go inside the target area. Up to four interceptors are allowed to hover around the target area. The rockets have a base at which they pick up their warheads. Each rocket can carry only one warhead to the target area. If a rocket is tagged by an interceptor before going inside the target area, they must hand over their warhead and return to their base. 20 warhead units in the bucket or tin destroy the interceptor target area. All the colored balls count for 1 warhead unit. The five white balls are special multi warheads and count as 5 warhead units for each white ball. If the interceptor target area is not destroyed after 20 minutes then change over the teams so that everyone has a turn at attacking and defending. This game is best played where there is a bit of cover for hiding and creeping up on the target, or at night when visibility is reduced.

Rocket Relay: Equipment: 1 chair per Six. The Sixes line up with a chair at the head of each, facing away from the Six. The chairs are 'launching pads' and the first Cub or 'rocket' stands on the chair awaiting the countdown. When the leader reaches zero, the 'rocket' blasts off round the room, touching all four walls, and returns to the 'launching pad' where the next 'rocket' is waiting to be launched. The first 'rocket' lets off the second and returns to his Six.

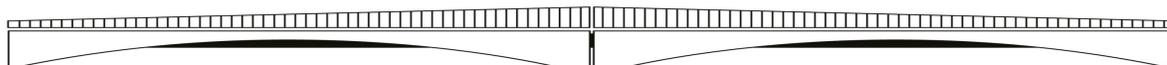
Independence Tag: As in all tag games, "IT" pursues the rest of the players and tries to touch one of them. When one has been touched, he must keep his hand on the spot where he was touched and pursue the others. His hand cannot be freed from this spot until he has tagged someone else. The idea is to tag people in inconvenient places...on the ankle, knee etc.

Zoom: Have players form a circle. Players must get in the zoom position (leaning into the circle, one foot in front of the other, both hands on the front knee) - "assume the zoom." Begin by passing the word "zoom" around the circle (verbally). You can't "pass" the "zoom" until you've received "it." Record the time it takes to get the word all the way around the circle. Ask for suggestions on how to improve your time. Try to beat your previous time. Incorporate any reasonable suggestions.

Stars And Stripes Tic Tac Toe: Cut squares of wood. Sand. May be stained and finished in one step by using liquid wax brown shoe polish. When dry mark evenly spaced crosshatch design using permanent markers. Game markers may be made by sawing ten slices from a dowel rod or wooden broom handle. Put stars on five markers and stripes on five markers. Play tic-tac-toe rules

Good Morning, Mr. Jones: Equipment: 1 blindfold; 1 pointer. Have the Cubs move around in a circle in the center of which 'Mr. Brown' stands blindfolded. When Mr. Brown raps on the floor with his stick, all players stand still. He then points his stick in any direction saying 'Good morning, Mr. Jones'. The nearest one to the line of the pointer replies in his natural voice, 'Good morning, Mr. Brown'. If Mr. Brown identifies Mr. Jones, they change places; if not, the players move around as before. If Mr. Brown fails three times, nominate a new Mr. Brown.

Uncle Sam: You will need 4-5 different color flags (pieces of cloth). Boys wear the flags tucked into their belts at their back. One player is "Uncle Sam." He stands in the middle. Other players stand at one end of the playing area. The players chant, "Uncle Sam, Uncle Sam, may we cross over to your great land?" Uncle Sam answers, "Yes, if you are wearing (blue)." Players wearing that color flag get a free pass to the other side. Then on the



signal "Go" from Uncle Sam, the rest of the players try to run to the other side, without getting their flags pulled by Uncle Sam. Flagless players become Uncle Sam's helpers. Begin again, but this time, Uncle Sam calls out another color. Keep going until all the players are caught but one. This player becomes the new "Uncle Sam."

Uncle Sam Hat Toss: Divide the boys into teams. You will need a hat for each team. It is the hat of Uncle Sam. Each boy flips the hat up in the air and tries to catch it on his head. Each player gets five chances, and then passes the hat to next person in line. Choose someone to keep score for the game. A player earns 10 points for having the hat land on his head, and two points if it hits his head but bounces off. At the end of the game add up the number of points for each team.

Fireworks Race: For each player, you will need a balloon filled with water and a 30-inch string. The players tie one end of the string to the balloon's neck and the other end to their ankle. On signal, all players move toward a finish line 20 feet away, dragging their balloons behind them. A player whose fireworks explode (balloon breaks) is eliminated.

Simon in the Water: When leader prefaces a command by saying "Simon Says," each player must follow instructions immediately. If he gives a command without saying, "Simon Says," no player may move. Commands may include; swimming, floating, ducking head, touching bottom, etc.

Cork Retrieve: Assign a small area of poolside to each player. Scatter a dozen or more small corks or blocks of wood on the water close to the far side of the pool. On signal, each player dives into the pool and brings back corks one at a time and places them in his area. The player who retrieves the most corks wins.

Turtle Float: Boys pretend to be turtles. They start standing in a circle in waist-deep water. On signal, they take deep breath, grasp their ankles and pull their knees against their chests. If their chins are kept on their chests, the boys will float with their backs out of the water.

SONGS

Cub Scout March

(tune: Row, Row, Row Your Boat)

March, march, march along
Hold the flag up high!
We're proud to be Americans free,
Cub Scouts you and I.

Down At The Flagpole

(tune: Down by the Station)

Down by the flagpole early in the morning
We will raise our flag to honor this great land.
We will play our bells as we march around it,
Ring, ring, ring goes our band.

Down at the flagpole early in the morning,
We will raise our flag to honor this great land.
We will play our drums as we march around it.
Rat-a-tat, rat-a-tat goes our band,

Down at the flagpole early in the morning,
We will raise our flag to honor this great land.
We will play our horns as we march around it.
Toot, toot, toot, toot goes our band.

Hometown Heroes

(tune: Yankee Doodle)

This month we've learned of
local heroes,
And we would like to shout it.
That heroes and cubs are much
alike,
And don't you ever doubt it.



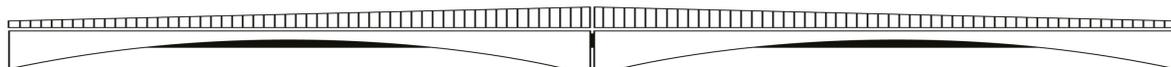
Chorus:

Hometown heroes and Cub Scouts too,
Both promise they will live right.
When they do the things they should,
Their memory makes the day bright.

I Love America

(tune: Battle Hymn of the Republic)

I love this great America,
The land that God has blessed.
Where the hope that stirs the hearts of men
Will never be suppressed.
Through the flame of faith came forth a nation,
Choice above the rest.
This great America!



Chorus:
Glory to the land of freedom!
Glory to the land of freedom!
Glory to the land of freedom!
I love America!
I love this great America,
The land of liberty,
For I know the price of freedom,
Countless others paid for me.
Do we hear their call to carry on,
And serve as valiantly?
This great America!
(Chorus)

May all men be united,
By the bonds of brotherhood.
May we learn to love each other,
For in every man is good.
Let us live in peace upon the land,
Where men of valor stood.
This great America!
(Chorus)

I love God's great America,
All equal in his sight.
May we be as one in spirit as we,
Reach up for the right.
And may, we have humility,
To match our power and might.
This great America!
(Chorus)

Hurrah For The Flag
(tune: Stars and Stripes Forever)

Hurrah for the flag of the free,
May it wave as our standard forever,
The gem of the land and the sea,
The banner of the right.
Let despots remember the day
When our fathers with mighty endeavor,
Proclaimed as they marched to the fray,
That by their might, and by their right,
It waves forever

I Went Into the Water
(tune: Battle Hymn of the Republic)

Oh, I went into the water,
And I got my feet all wet.
I went into the water,
And I got my feet all wet.
I went into the water,
And I got my feet all wet.
But I didn't get my (clap, clap) wet – yet.

Oh, I went into the water,
And I got my ankles all wet.
I went into the water,
And I got my ankles all wet.
I went into the water,
And I got my ankles all wet.
But I didn't get my (clap, clap) wet – yet.
Oh, I went into the water,
And I got my legs all wet.
(repeat refrain, up to your head: legs, knees,
waist, chest, shoulders, head)

Last stanza:
Oh, I went into the water,
But I didn't get it wet.
I went into the water,
But I didn't get it wet.
I went into the water,
But I didn't get it wet.
I didn't get my camera wet.

I'm A Citizen In Cub Scouts
(tune: I'm a Yankee Doodle Dandy)

Oh I'm a citizen in Cub Scouts
A good one I win try to be.
I'll keep Akela for my constant guide,
He will be watching o'er me.

Yes! I'm a citizen in Cub Scouts;
And I will always do my best.
I'll earn my Wolf – and then my Bear,
And Webelos will follow.

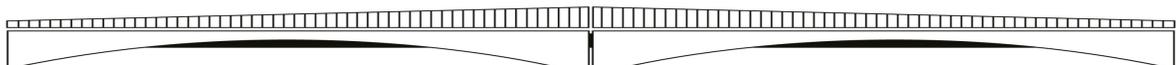
I'll wear my badges on my chest.
Yes, we're on the move in Georgia
Taking off in Canada
We're really setting records From Maine to Panama

Oh we're glad to be in Scouting
We are a happy family
Let's all sing out together
Scouting's 'opportunity'

Oh, When The Flags Come Marching In
(tune: When the Saints Come Marching In)

Oh, when the flags come marching in,
Oh, when the flags come marching in.
How we love to see our three colors,
When the flags come marching in.

First come the red, then white and blue,
First come the red, then white and blue.
How we love to see our three colors,
When the flags come marching in.



The Fourth Of July
(tune: Yankee Doodle)

Picnic, parades and fireworks, too,
Exploding in the sky.
This is how we celebrate
The Fourth Day of July.

This Old Flag
(tune: This Old House)

This old flag is my protection
This old flag is my birthright
This old flag is full of beauty
May it fly both day and night
It's an honor to salute it
And with pride we hold it high
We will keep it flying o'er us
Like a symbol in the sky

Ain't gonna allow no one to tramp it
Ain't gonna allow no one to shame
Ain't gonna allow no one to shun it
Ain't gonna allow no one to abuse
Ain't gonna allow no one to down it
For some other flag to use
Going to keep that ole flag flying

And we dare you to refuse.

Star Spangled Banner

Oh say, can you see by the dawn's early light,
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last
gleaming,
Whose broad stripes and bright stars, through the
perilous fight,
O'er the ramparts we watch'd were so gallantly
streaming?
And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof throughout the night that our flag was
still there.
Oh say, does that Star-Spangled Banner yet wave
O'er the land of the free and the land of the brave.

On the shore, dimly seen through the mist of the
deep,
Where the foe's haughty host in dread silence reposes,
What is that which the breeze, o'er the towering
steep,
As it fitfully blows, half conceals, hal discloses?
Now it catches the gleam of the morning's first beam,
In full glory reflected, now shines on the stream ---
'tis the star spangled banner. Oh long may it wave.
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave.

SKITS

The Great Seal

Scene: Group of Cub Scouts are talking.

1st Cub: Bet you never heard of the Great Seal of the United States.

2nd Cub: You lose. I certainly have heard of it.

1st Cub: Okay. I'll bet you don't know where to find a picture of it.

2nd Cub: You win. Where?

1st Cub: On a dollar bill. Look. (Holds up dollar bill.)

2nd Cub: You mean the picture of George Washington?

1st Cub: No, turn the bill over and look at the two circular designs.

2nd Cub: That's the Great Seal? Why are there two designs?

1st Cub: That's the front and back of the Great Seal, like the front and back side of a coin.

3rd Cub: What do the designs mean?

1st Cub: First there is the eagle. That's our national symbol. The shield over the eagle's breast has 13 strips.

4th Cub: For the 13 original states?

1st Cub: Right!

5th Cub: (Looking at bill.) What's the eagle holding in his beak?

1st Cub: It's a ribbon with the words "E pluribus unum" which is Latin for "one from many".

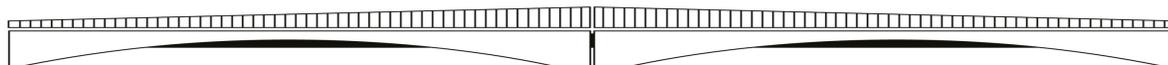
4th Cub: Meaning one nation from many states?

1st Cub: Right!

3rd Cub: What's the eagle holding in his claws?

2nd Cub: I know. There is an olive branch, the symbol of peace, with 13 leaves.

4th Cub: And he's holding 13 arrows in the other claw, which means that we intend to defend our freedom.



1st Cub: Do you know why the eagle is facing right?

2nd Cub: It means that peace is right. Peace is first.

3rd Cub: What does the pyramid mean?

1st Cub: The pyramid is a symbol of strength and lasting power. But notice that it's flat on top unfinished. That means the nation is unfinished. We still have a big job ahead.

4th Cub: What is that triangular eye above the pyramid?

5th Cub: I think it represents God watching over us.

3rd Cub: Gosh, I never realized there was so much crammed into the Great Seal.

1st Cub: And I'll bet you never realized it was right on a \$1 bill.

Rockets Away

1st Cub: I have some boards in my backyard. Let's make something.

2nd Cub: I can get some nails.

3rd Cub: My Dad said I could use his hammer and tools if I'm careful.

4th Cub: My brother has an old steering wheel in the garage. I'll get that.

5th Cub: How would you like a compass and some other good stuff?

6th Cub: I can get some tail pipes for the exhaust.

1st Cub: What can we use for fuel?

2nd Cub: Gasoline, kerosene or sterno.

4th Cub: I'm not allowed to use any of that stuff.

3rd Cub: I have an inner tube.

6th Cub: O.K. guys, let's all meet in Jack's yard in half an hour.

5th Cub: I'll bring some food.

(background noise - hammering, etc.)

1st Mother: I wonder how the boys are doing. Imagine! A rocketship.

2nd Mother: Ha, ha. Well, it kept them busy for a long time.

(in background all boys yell "Bye Mom" or "Tell my Mom good-bye.")

Mothers: Oh, sure! Bye, boys, have a nice trip. Ha, Ha.

(loud noise in the background. Curtains begin to blow.)

1st Mother: Look! They're leaving!

2nd Mother: Oh, No! Come back boys, come back!

(Mothers run offstage after Cubs.)



The Parachute

Two scouts "on stage" First Scout showing the other a backpack.

First Scout: This is our top of the line parachute, guaranteed to work.

Second Scout: What is this cord for?

First Scout: That's the rip cord, you pull that and the parachute opens.

Second Scout: What's this other cord for?

First Scout: That's the reserve chute, if the first one fails to open you pull that cord and the reserve chute opens.

Second Scout: What if that one fails to open.

First Scout: Bring it back and we'll give you another one, no charge.

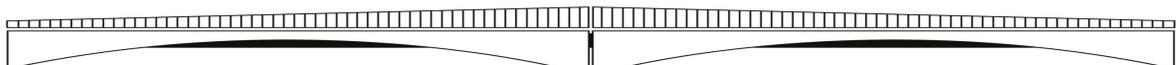
Old Glory's Past And Present

PERSONNEL: Narrator, George Washington, Captain Sam Reid (Naval Capt.), Henry Ward Beecher (Minister), Pres. Woodrow Wilson, 11 other Cub Scouts

EQUIPMENT: Several flags. They can be posters made by the boys (copied from the genuine flag), flags sewn for the occasion, or made on felt squares. Four Colonial wilderness flags, Grand Union flag, Betsy Ross or the First Stars and Stripes flag, Fifteen Stars and Stripes flag, 48 star flag, 2 each 50-star flags.

BOY #1: (Holding star): The star is a symbol of the heavens and the divine goal towards which man has aspired.

BOY #2: (Holding red stripe): The stripe is symbolic of the ray of light shining from the sun.



NARRATOR: (Standing by the American flag posted in a stand): Henry Ward Beecher said, "A thoughtful mind when it sees a nation's flag, sees not the flag, but the nation itself. And whatever may be its symbols, its insignia, he reads chiefly in the flag, the government, the principles, the truths, the history that belong to the nation that sets it forth. The American flag has been a symbol of liberty and men rejoiced in it."

BOY #3: Our Colonial forefathers adopted flags symbolic of their struggles with the wilderness. (Show representative flags) Beavers, pine trees, rattlesnakes were some of the symbols used on their flags.

BOY #4: (Shows flags with mottoes) These flags also had mottoes such as: Liberty, "Appeal to Heaven," "Don't Tread on Me."

NARRATOR: The first flag of the colonists to show any resemblance to the present stars and stripes was the Grand Union Flag sometimes call the "Congress Colors."

(Boy 5 stands in the middle with Boys 6 & 7 on either side.)

BOY #5: (Holding up Grand Union Flag) The Grand Union Flag has 13 alternating red and white stripes representing the 13 colonies with a blue field in the upper left-hand corner that had on it the crosses of St. George and St. Andrew suggesting union with the Mother Country, England.

BOY #6: This flag flew from the ships of the colonial fleet in the Delaware River, Dec. 1775.

BOY #7: The Grand Union Flag was the standard of the Continental Army when it was formed in January 1776.

NARRATOR: When the Star-Spangled Banner was flown by the Continental Army, George Washington said:

BOY #8 (George Washington): "We take the stars from Heaven, the red from our mother country, separating it by the white stripes thus showing that we have separated from her; and the white stripes shall go down to posterity representing liberty."

BOY #9: The first Army flag, popularly known as the Betsy Ross Flag (show flag) had the stars around in a circle based on the idea that no colony should be more important than another.

NARRATOR: As each new state was admitted to the union, a star and stripe was added (show 15 stars and stripes flag). In January 1794, a resolution was adopted that the flag should have 15 stars and stripes for the new states, Kentucky and Vermont. But, Captain Samuel C. Reid suggested to Congress:

BOY #10: (Capt. Reid): I suggest that the stripes on the flag remain 13 representing the Thirteen Colonies, and that a star be added to the blue field for each new state coming into the Union.

NARRATOR: On April 14, 1818, Congress passed a law that a star be added for each new state on the Fourth of July after its admission.

BOY #11: (Holding 48-star flag): When Arizona and New Mexico were admitted to the Union in 1912, we had a 48-star flag.

BOY #12: (Holding 49-star flag) In 1959, Alaska added the 49th star.

BOY #13: (Holding flag of 50 stars): In 1960, the new state of Hawaii gave our flag its 50th star.

Display present American flag in darkened room with spotlight shining on it. Two boys representing President Wilson and Henry Ward Beecher stand on either side of the flag.

NARRATOR: Our flag of 50 stars and 13 stripes has witnessed a great and ever-changing history. Two of our country's statesmen express their feelings for our American flag. In 1812 Henry Ward Beecher said:

BOY #14: (Henry Beecher): "As at the early dawn the stars shine forth while it rows light, and then as the sun advances that light breaks into banks and steaming lines of color, the glowing red and intense white, striving together, and ribbing the horizon with bars effulgent; so on the American flag, stars and beams of many-colored light shine out together..."

NARRATOR: President Woodrow Wilson on Flag Day 1917 added:

BOY #15 (Pres. Wilson): "This flag, which we honor and under which we serve, is the emblem of our unity, our power, our thought and purpose as a nation. It has no other character than that which we give it from generation to generation. The choices are ours."

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

The Start Of Something Big

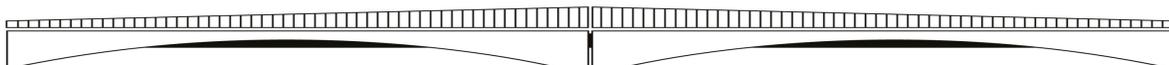
BETSY ROSS "Snip, snip"

JOHN HANCOCK "Sign here"

PAUL REVERE "Wake up"

GEORGE WASHINGTON "It's the truth"

One day in the early July of 1777, JOHN HANCOCK and BETSY ROSS were picnicking in the park beside the



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Potomac River. "You know," said BETSY ROSS, "Now that the Revolution is over, I've been rather bored. How about you, JOHN HANCOCK?"

"Well, now that you mention it, I really haven't even written anything good since the Declaration. I think maybe I should try to write a novel – maybe the story of PAUL REVERE'S ride. What do you think?" "Why JOHN HANCOCK, what ever made you think of writing about PAUL REVERE?" asked BETSY ROSS.

"Because I think that's him riding up now," he replied. It was PAUL REVERE. He tied his horse to a nearby tree, and sat down by BETSY ROSS and JOHN HANCOCK. "Hi! Anyone have any news or messages that they want me to deliver?" he asked. "Sorry, PAUL REVERE, but nothing much is going on these days," replied BETSY ROSS. Just then, GEORGE WASHINGTON walked up carrying a sheaf of papers. He had been folding sheets of it into airplanes and sailing them in the park, but they kept nose diving into the grass.

He asked the trio if anyone knew what was wrong with his planes. JOHN HANCOCK looked at one of them and concluded that the weight wasn't distributed evenly. PAUL REVERE took a silver dollar out of his pocket and offered it to GEORGE WASHINGTON, who then slipped it into the folded paper, took careful aim, and flew that airplane with the silver dollar clear across to the other side of the Potomac.

Well, the four of them got to talking about how peaceful and quiet it had been all year. Actually, things were down right boring. "You know, sometimes I feel just like marching right down Main Street, making as much noise as I can, just to put some life back into this city," shouted PAUL REVERE.

"I know how you feel," cried BETSY ROSS. "I'm so tired of making flags all day that sometimes I feel like hanging all that red, white and blue material on the telephone poles!"

"Well, my writing attempts have been so poor lately that I feel like tearing up all my paper and tossing it out the window!" lamented JOHN HANCOCK. "I'll be truthful," said GEORGE WASHINGTON. "Sometimes I get so tired of listening to stuffy old politicians that I feel like setting off fireworks!" PAUL REVERE looked at BETSY ROSS. BETSY ROSS looked at JOHN HANCOCK, who looked at GEORGE WASHINGTON. "Let's do it!" they cried in unison.

The very next day BETSY ROSS hung all her material on the telephone poles on Main Street. PAUL REVERE got a big drum and marched down the street, while JOHN HANCOCK threw bits of paper out of the window on him, and GEORGE WASHINGTON set off firecrackers. The people of the city thought it was the most marvelous sight and cheered and applauded.

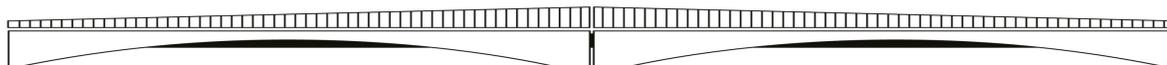
And ever since that day so long ago, American people have been hanging out red, white and blue strips of cloth like BETSY ROSS; and tossing bits of confetti out of windows like JOHN HANCOCK; and making lost of noise, playing instruments, and marching down the street with other people like PAUL REVERE, and of course, there's always someone who sets off firecrackers just like GEORGE WASHINGTON did on that first Fourth of July parade. At least that's the way I heard it!

Water

Narrator reads story. When audience hears a "water" word, they do a wave, like at sporting events.

One upon a time, there lived a poor merchant from Botany Bay. He sailed across the Seas to distant lands. He traveled with his dog, Bruno. During Ocean voyages, he missed his family. On one of these Sea journeys, the poor merchant traveled to the island of Catomania. He heard a loud caterwaul as he entered the Bay. The island had a terrible problem. Too many cats! The king begged him to help. The poor merchant let loose his trusty Bruno. Bruno chased the cats on board the ship in the Bay.

The poor merchant quickly set sail for the high Seas, with a shipload of cats. At the next port, the island of Micea, he found another island with a problem. They had never seen a cat before. The island was run over with Sea gulls. There was practically not a place to land his ship because the gulls covered the Water's edge. He was able to sell all



of the cats to the inhabitants of Micea. The cats who were hungry after the long Ocean journey, gobbled up all of the gulls but two who flew to the top mast of the poor merchant's ship in the BAY.

The merchant sailed for many days in the Ocean. When he reached America, he brought out his caravan of camels. They pulled his ship right to the Rio Grande River in Albuquerque. He found the pioneers wrestling with a plague of locusts. The quick-thinking merchant threw a stone at the giant gulls. They swooped down and hungrily devoured the locusts. The pioneers who were still settling in, didn't have much to trade, so he let his camels have a drink from the River and was on his way again.

The next stop was an island called Waterworld. There was so much Water, the islanders had a hard time eating, sleeping, working or playing. The camels smelled the Water as soon as they made port and stampeded. Soon, the excess Water was gone. The islanders thanked the merchant by presenting him with a cargo hold full of umbrellas. They wouldn't be needing them anymore.

When the merchant arrived home, his family Rained tears of joy. The tears poured for days and days. The wise merchant who knew it never Rains but it pours, sold the cargo hold of umbrellas to the good citizens, and became the now rich merchant from Botany Bay.

RECIPES

Stars and Stripes Munch Mix

Ingredients:

- 1 14-ounce bag potato chips,
- 1 7-ounce bag stick pretzels,
- 1 3.25-ounce can macadamia nuts
- 3 tablespoons butter
- 1 tablespoon peanut butter
- 2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon sesame oil

Preheat oven at 350°F. In a large pan, mix potato chips, pretzels and macadamia nuts together. Over low heat, melt butter, sesame oil, peanut butter and cinnamon. Stir well. When completely mixed and melted, drizzle over potato chip mixture. Bake for 10 minutes

Freedom Fizz

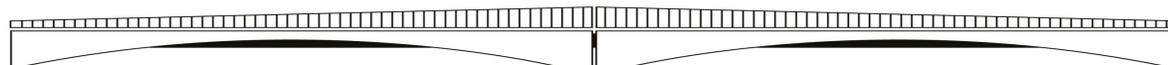
Place a scoop of vanilla ice cream in the bottom of a large glass. Pour cherry soda over top. Serve with blue plastic spoons or straws.

No Bake Patriotic Bars

Ingredients:

- 3 Cups miniature marshmallows
- ¼ Cup margarine
- Red and blue food coloring
- 4 Cups dry cereal (Rice Crispies, Cheerios, etc.)

In a large pan, melt the margarine and marshmallows. Stir well. Remove from heat and divide into three bowls. Add red food coloring to one bowl, blue to another and leave the third one plain white. Stir well to tint. Stir in 1 1/3 cup cereal into each bowl, coating well. Shape into balls with greased hands. Place on waxed paper in red, white and blue rows.



Popcorn Fireworks

Materials Needed:

- Air popcorn popper without lid
- A large clean sheet
- Popcorn

This is something everyone wants to do, but is afraid to do it....make popcorn without the lid and see how far it flies!

Spread the sheet out on the floor, and let the boys sit at the edge and watch. An adult fills the popcorn popper and turns on the machine. Make sure all boys stay back until the machine is turned off. Let them enjoy the popcorn.

Stars and Stripes

Bake a 9 x 13 cake and frost it with white icing or cool whip. Use strawberries to make the red stripes and blueberries to make the blue field.

Strawberry Pops

- 1 package strawberry JELL-O
- 1 package Kool-aid
- 1 cup boiling water
- 1 cup cold orange juice

2 cups water. Dissolve gelatin and Kool-aid in 1 cup boiling water and add orange juice and water. Pour into popsicle molds and freeze. If you do not have popsicle molds small Dixie cups with a popsicle stick freeze well too.

Apple butter on toast

- Apple butter: 5 to 6 fresh apples (peeled and cored) Winesap apples make tart apple butter.
- ¼ cup water
- ¼ cup sugar
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon

Slowly cook apples 20 to 30 minutes until tender in ¼ cup water. With rotary beater or blender mix cooked apples with cinnamon and sugar. Serve warm or cooled on toast. Makes about two pints

Dutch Oven BBQ Chicken

- 1 whole chicken cut into parts
- 1 bottle of your favorite BBQ sauce
- Salt and pepper

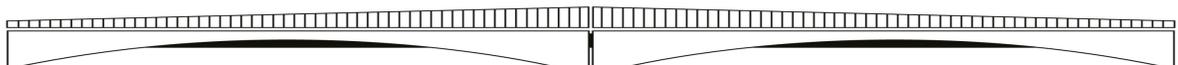
Put chicken in Dutch oven, salt and pepper, cover entire chicken with BBQ sauce. Cook over about 8 hot coals with about 16 coals on top of Dutch oven. Let cook for about 1 hour.

Or... Cook on the stove slowly until tender (about 1 hour)

Party Punch

- 2 cups orange juice
- 2 cups apple juice
- 1 cup grape juice
- 1 cup seltzer water

Combine all the juices in a pitcher. Just before serving add the seltzer water.



Strawberry Pancake Syrup

- 2 pints unsweetened strawberries
 fresh or frozen
- 1 cup water
- 1 Tbs. orange juice
- ½ teaspoon cinnamon
- 1 cup maple syrup



Puree strawberries, water, orange juice and cinnamon in a blender, then add the maple syrup. Pour the mixture into a sauce pan, and boil it over medium heat for about 5 minutes. Watch it closely so that the syrup doesn't burn. Remove from heat, pour the syrup into a clean 16 oz. air tight glass bottle, using a funnel, and tightly screw on the top when not using. Pour over your pancakes and top with a dab of Cool-whip and a fresh strawberry. Makes 1 ½ cups syrup.

Salsa

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| 4 large tomatoes | 3 T. fresh minced parsley |
| ¼ cup chopped onion | 2 T. vinegar |
| 1/8 teaspoon red chili powder | ½ tsp. salt |
| ½ 4 oz. can chopped green chilies | ¼ tsp. pepper |

Puree all the ingredients in a food processor or blender. If you like chunky salsa, don't whip it for long. Let the salsa sit for about 15 minutes before you serve it, so that the flavors combine well. Store in an jar in the refrigerator. Serve with your favorite nacho chips. Or..Tie a ribbon and flowers on the bottle and make it a nice gift for a special friend.

The Greater Mater

- 1 large tomato
- 1/3 cup cottage cheese
- sesame seeds

Slice off the very top of the tomato, and scoop out the seeds and pulp with a spoon. Fill the hole with cottage cheese, sprinkle with sesame seeds and eat!

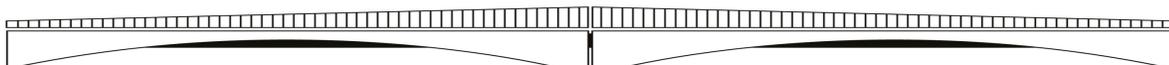
PROJECTS

U.S. Flag Tie Slide

- Materials:
- 1 – 3” x 4” piece of lightweight wood
 - Sandpaper
 - Paint
 - Star stickers or stencil pattern
 - Clear acrylic finish
 - Glue
 - .5 x .5 PVC pipe



1. Cut and sand wood.
2. Paint the appropriate design. (use taping to make straight lines and consider stars or make a stencil pattern)
3. Apply several coats of acrylic finish.
4. Attach PVC pipe to the back to form the loop.



Liberty Shaker

Materials:

- Tissue tube
- Small bells (available at craft stores)
- Two 1 1/2-inch-wide cardboard circles
- Clear report folder or clear acetate (available at art stores)
- Star stickers
- Colored tape

Fill a cardboard tissue tube with about a dozen small bells. Then seal the tube by taping the cardboard circles to the ends. Next, cut a 6- by 20-inch rectangle from a clear report folder or clear acetate (sold at art supply stores) and fringe the 6-inch edges by making a series of 8-inch-long cuts (a parent's job). Attach sticker stars to the fringe. Wrap the rectangle around the tube so that the fringe extends from the ends, and secure it with tape. Then your child can decorate the shaker with colored tape stripes and more sticker stars.

Block Flag Slide

Materials: 3"X4" block of wood, Glue, Pipe Cleaner, Paint

Paint stripes and stars on block of wood. With pen, write U.S.A. Glue pipe cleaner on back.

Flag Heart Slide



This slide might be a nice gift to give to your Cubs. The wooden hearts and paint can be found at craft stores. The pictured wooden heart is 2 inches at the widest point.

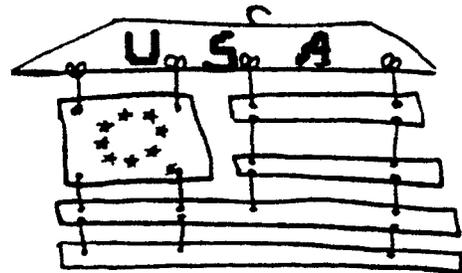
Directions: Base coat the heart with white paint. Then paint red stripes approx. 1/4 inch wide. Paint the left upper corner of the heart blue. Use the rounded tip of a paint brush to make the *stars* in the field of blue. My slide has a red piece of heavy suede as the backing. Although PVC pipe or taigon can be used as the backing for this slide.

Flag Mobile

Materials:

- Colored poster board
- String
- Coat hanger

Using pictures of US historic flags as models, cut pieces from colored poster board. Draw or otherwise decorate pieces as needed. Punch appropriate holes. Start from the top and tie first row onto coat hanger. Assemble flag by continuing downward, typing on the remaining flag pieces.



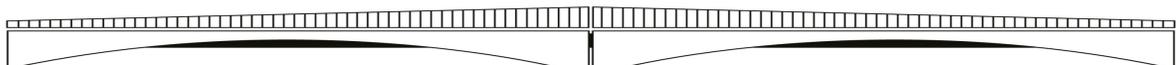
Lifesaver Firecracker

Make this into a slide, magnet or pin. This makes a fun gift too.

Materials:

- Pipe cleaner
- Roll of Lifesavers
- Masking tape
- Markers
- Foil stars (stickers or confetti)

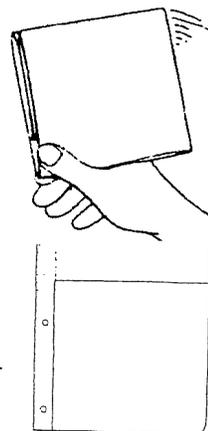
1. Cover roll of Lifesavers with strips of masking tape.
2. Color with markers and add stars.
3. Poke a piece of pipe cleaner into the top of the package for a wick.



Paper Fire Crackers

Using a plain piece of notebook paper, you can make a paper fire cracker that can give you a loud bang. It's all in the wrist!

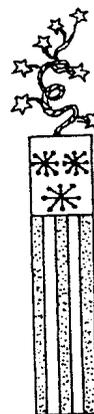
1. You will need a sheet of notebook paper, stiff wrapping paper or printer paper.
2. Cut out a square about seven or eight inches.
3. Fold the sheet in half so that the bottom edge of the sheet comes within a half inch of the top edge. Crease the fold well.
4. Fold the sheet in half again from side to side so the flap is on the inside. Crease the fold well.
5. Hold the paper tightly between your thumb and index finger at the open corner where the paper is only two layer thickness. You may want to decorate it with markers.
6. To make the firecracker bang, quickly flick your arm and wrist downward. The inside paper flap will pop out and make a loud snap. Just refold and go again.



Firecracker Neckerchief Slide

Materials: Half a craft stick (tongue depressor) with 2 straight ends
2" of gold mini star garland
Acrylic paint (bright red, navy blue and white)
1/2" PVC pipe

1. If desired, paint PVC section blue.
2. Paint stick white.
3. Draw red stripes and paint top navy blue.
4. With a toothpick draw stars on the blue with white paint. (If desired, dot ends of stars with a stylus.)
5. Curl garland around a paintbrush handle or pencil.
6. Glue garland on back of stick.
7. Glue PVC section on back.



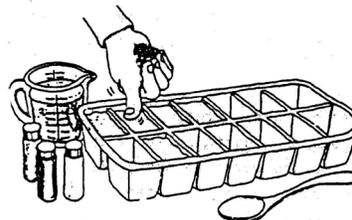
Wind Chimes

Materials:
Old Keys, Metal Orange Juice Can Lids, Screws, Nails, Metal Washers, nuts, Old Spoons, or Bottle Caps
Fishing line or thin wire
Scissors
Cardboard circle or hangers for hanger.

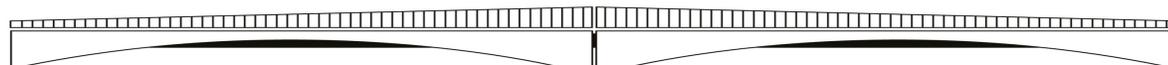
Tie items collected to different lengths of fishing line. Attach to base. If using cardboard circle, use nail to punch holes around out side edge. If using hanger, fasten two straight edges together to form an X and tie on wind chimes.

Soap Crayons

Materials:
Ivory flakes
Food coloring
Water
Measuring cup
Spoon
Ice Cube Tray



Put 1/8 cup of water into measuring cup and then fill to the top with Ivory Flakes. With a spoon, mix the water and soap together until you have a thick paste without any lumps. Add 30 to 40 drops of food coloring and stir



well. Scoop out mixture and press into ice cube tray. Press soap paste down until you have filled section to the top. Set in a warm dry place for one or two days or until hardened. Pop soap crayons out of the tray and they are ready to sue.

Soap crayons are made from pure soap and food coloring and will wipe of bathtubs, sinks, floors, windows - hands and faces.



Wind Socky

Materials:

Half gallon Ice Cream container
Construction paper
Ten ½" x 30" pieces of crepe paper – two colors
Four 10" pieces of red yarn
Hole punch

Glue strips of crepe paper on outside of container about 1" from the bottom. Glue construction paper around carton and cover crepe paper strips. Allow to dry. Decorate. Punch four holes around top of wind socky and thread yarn through holes and double knot. Tie all four strands together at top.

AUDULT LEADER RECOGNITION

Lollipop Award: for the person who can't be licked.

Spark Plug Award: for the person who is the "main" spark.

Live Wire Award: for the person who livens things up – spell out live wire on a board.

Fire Cracker Award – for the person who did a bang up job. Use red, white and blue small chenille stems and tie with ribbon.

Wet Sponge Award: for the new Den Leader to soak up all ideas and energies from the many people who help.

Ice Cream Cone: For someone who can really lick any job.

"I scream without your help!"

Star: "You are the star of our pack."

"You are one in a million."

"You really shine at what you do for the pack!"

Top Hat: "We tip our hat to you!"

ADVANCEMENT CEREMONIES

Strength In Unity

This ceremony can be used just before returning the colors or by itself to emphasize patriotism.

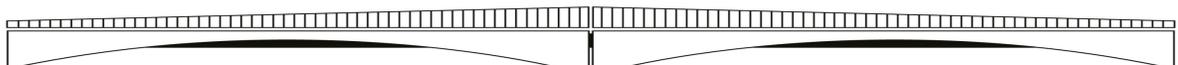
PERSONNEL: Cubmaster, Cub Scout color guard and bearer.

EQUIPMENT: A single wooden match and a bundle of five wooden matches, US flag.

ARRANGEMENT: Advance the flag to a prominent place beside the Cubmaster. As he speaks he demonstrates with matches what is said.

CUBMASTER: I hold in my hand several wooden matches. You can see that one match alone is easy to break (demonstrates by breaking in two a single match), but when I put five or more together, they are almost impossible to break (makes unsuccessful effort to break bundle of five matches). Each month we learn more about the wonderful freedom and responsibilities our national flag stands for. If it could speak, it could tell about many battles fought to maintain these freedoms we love. When our pack works together to uphold the wonderful traditions behind it, we, too, will be hard to stop.

The Value of a Badge



A badge in Cub Scouting is a piece of embroidered cloth. If you were to try to sell one of these badges, you'd find that it wouldn't bring much money. The real value of the badge is in what it represents...the things you learned to earn it...how to keep healthy, how to be a good citizen, good safety practices, conservation and many new skills. Does your badge truly represent all these things? Were you prepared to meet each test at the time you passed it, or did you try to get by? Maybe you were prepared when you passed the test, but through laziness and neglect, you have forgotten the skill by now. If this is true, then the badge you wear has very little value. Don't wear a cheap badge. Wear one that has real true value...one that represents what you can really do and know. Now we have some Cubs ready to advance along the Scouting trail and ready to receive their badges. (Call up parents and boys and present awards.)

Advancement Ideas:

- Have advancements on Stars – attached to large paper flag.
- Have awards attached to miniature flags – one for each boy.

CLOSING CEREMONIES

I CAN

- I CAN...stand tall, in my heritage and believe fully in America!
- I CAN...strive for the highest pinnacle...or any other spot I so choose...it is my decision, to be freely arrived at!
- I CAN...worship at the church of my choice...read whatever books, articles, or newspapers I choose... select my own home, friends, job and associates!
- I CAN...sleep peacefully...free from the fear of midnight persecution. ... secure in the protection of my rights!
- I CAN...fail as well as succeed...this is true freedom!
- I CAN...shape my own destiny...have my visions realized...achieve anything I really believe I can!
- I CAN...fail and still be counted a man...gain strength and experience through mistakes...lose it all, and start over again as many times as my spirit is willing...until my dreams are reality!
- I CAN...grow as large as my dominant aspirations... be as big as I am willing to pay the price to become!
- I CAN...own my own home...start a business...invest in my future... climb to the stars by constructing my own staircase!
- I CAN...compete and receive in direct proportion to my efforts...thank others for assistance in my success...but look only to myself for my failures!
- I CAN...raise my family in freedom...and freely change homes, jobs, friends, tastes... location, vocation, and avocation... but, most importantly... I can change myself!
- I CAN...because I am an American!

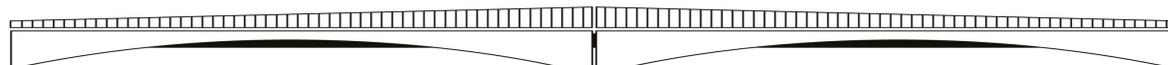
America Is

- CUB #1: America is the sound of fireworks on the Fourth of July.
- CUB #2: America is the smell of freshly mown lawns on a cool summer night.
- CUB #3: America is the red-orange hue of the desert sunset.
- CUB #4: America is the sound of school children at recess.
- CUB #5: America is the crunch of snow under a child's sled.
- CUB #6: America is the peal of church bells on a quiet Sunday morning.
- CUB #7: America is the smell of a country bar-b-que simmering over the fire.



America's Promise

- Cub Scout #1: Twenty million immigrants came to America through the station gates of Ellis Island. For all of them citizenship in our country was a dream they wanted very much to come true.
- Cub Scout #2: They left their homelands usually with very little knowledge of America except that it promised a life of freedom and opportunity they would not ever have in their native land.
- Cub Scout #3: All of the immigrants who passed through Ellis Island crossed the Atlantic in "steerage." The lowest fare class on the ships. Despite laws to protect them, passengers often suffered from overcrowded quarters, inadequate food and neglected facilities.



Cub Scout #4: The immigrants were exhausted at the end of their 3 week ocean voyage. But when land was sighted, weariness was forgotten and they caught the first glimpse of their new home—the New York skyline and then the Statue of Liberty.

Cub Scout #5: The railroad ticket office on Ellis Island sold thousands of tickets each day to immigrants seeking to join their families or to find work. Many of them spent their last money on food and train fare before heading out across our country. America's promise now to be fulfilled.

Cub Scout #6: America has given the promise of freedom and opportunity to me and you. Most of us will never know the sacrifice for citizenship that the travelers to Ellis Island knew, but our citizenship should not mean any less to us. America is a blessed nation, and we are her grateful recipients.

Cub Scout #7: Please stand as we retire the colors tonight.

Independence Day

Everybody loves the Fourth of July. In many communities it's a time for parades, fireworks, ball games and picnics. Real fun! But we ought not to forget what the Fourth of July really is - the birthday of our country - because that's when the Declaration of Independence was adopted in 1776, over 200 years ago. Here's a trick question for you. How many stars were in the US flag on the first Fourth of July? You're probably going to say 13, because there were 13 colonies in America then, but that's wrong.

In fact, there weren't any stars in the flag. The colonists were using the Grand Union Flag, which used the British union symbol and 13 red and white stripes. You can see a picture of it in your Official Boy Scout Handbook. Stars representing the states first appeared in the US flag 11 years later. Since then, stars have been added each time states have joined the union.

Today we honor this emblem of our country with its 50 stars and 13 stripes because it is the symbol of the nation's unity. We use flag ceremonies so often that it's easy to forget what the flag means and what the Fourth of July means in this country's history.

Now I'm going to ask our honor patrol to retire the colors. As they do it, let's think about the brave men who signed the Declaration of Independence and the love of country they passed on to us.

CLOSING THOUGHTS

Taking Freedom For Granted: We shouldn't take our freedom for granted or our right to free speech and assembly. There was a time in our history when men could only hope for these freedoms. They are a reality here in the United States. Let's remember that!

First Amendment: As we come to the end of another Pack Meeting, let us reflect for a moment on how fortunate we are that we are able to come to this (location--church, club, school, etc.) and meet together.

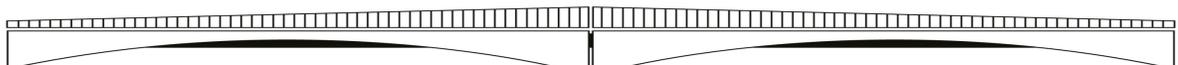
The First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States promises us that:

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press, or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.

The First Amendment promises us that we can go to any church, believe anything we choose, and that the government will not tell us what to believe or how to worship. This was the number one reason our forefathers came to the new world; it is no coincidence that the first statement in the first amendment addresses freedom of religion.

The First Amendment assures us that we as Scouts or any other group with any interest can meet peaceably, any time, any place.

The First Amendment allows us to read any newspaper we want. Further, we can write or publish anything we desire.



The First Amendment allows us the freedom to listen to or participate in any radio talk show, any television show, read any book, surf the Internet, or write letters to newspaper editors.

The First Amendment allows us to contact our law makers and tell them exactly what we think of them, favorable or otherwise. As we know from our own country's history, "freedom is not free." With freedom comes responsibility.

Closing Thought: America promises us freedom to worship, to learn, to assemble, and to debate any issue. It is a land where people from other countries can find a home, where there is work to do, where we can express our opinions, and where we are free to come and go as we please. Our wonderful heritage, earned for us by our forefathers, is sometimes taken for granted. Unless we cherish this legacy and use it wisely, it may be lost to future generations. People working together with imagination, vitality, and persistence, have produced marvelous inventions and wonders of technology beyond anything our forefathers might have dreamed of. Working together, we can preserve and protect our beautiful land for future generations.

Declaration of Independence: As we come to the end of our Pack meeting, I would ask that you stop for a moment and think with me about the 56 men who signed the Declaration of Independence over 200 years ago. Five were captured or imprisoned in the war that followed. Nine died of wounds or hardships. Twelve lost their homes. Seventeen lost everything they owned. Every one of them was hunted. Most were driven into hiding. They were offered immunity, rewards, the return of their property or freedom of loved ones if they would give up their cause. Their cause was freedom. Not one did. Not one man broke his pledge. Because of men like that...men of dedication and purpose...we enjoy living in a free country today.

