

Year 2000 Program Themes

February 2000 - - Turn Back the Clock

Pre- Opening

Lots of pre-openings elsewhere in the book.

Ceremonies

How to make magic candles: Use a tall white candle. Drill ½ " diameter holes every two inches down opposite sides of the candle. Place scrapings of blue and gold crayons in the holes. Melt paraffin and whip with eggbeater. Cover candle with whipped paraffin using a fork to give the candle a rough decoration. As the white candle burns, it will drip blue and gold wax decoratively down the side of the candle. Use in ceremonies.

The Story of the Cub Scout Colors (an Advancement Ceremony)

Personnel: Akela, two Indian Braves, A narrator.

Equipment: Tripod with pot suspended over fire, small container such as a coffee can that will fit inside the large pot and hold a Cub Scout neckerchief and any awards. Dry ice to pack around the small container, it will vaporize and cause a smoking effect and look as if the pot were boiling. The smoking increases when water-alcohol solution is added. You will need two clean bottles. Fill with 2/4 water and ¼ alcohol and add yellow food coloring until you have the shade you desire. Repeat with the other bottle, using blue food coloring. Have an Indian headdress for Akela.

Narrator: (Speaking to audience, seated in a circle with Akela standing behind the smoking ceremonial fire.) Many, many moons ago, the great Chief Akela called a council to see what could be done to make the Webelos tribe the best of all the tribes. After many hours, Akela called his two most trusted braves to the council fire.

(He continues as two braves come in and stand on each side of Akela.) He told the first Indian Brave to climb the mountain and tell the great eagle to fly high into the sky and bring back the beauty of the sun. (First brave leaves.)

He told the second brave to go into the forest and tell the sparrow to fly high into the sky and bring back part of the beauty of the sky. (Second brave leaves. Then both braves return quickly, each carrying a bottle of colored water, which was just outside the room. They come in and kneel, one on each side of the fire, holding up the bottles of water for all to see.)

Akela: Speaking to first brave. Pour some of the beauty of the sun into our council mixing pot. (He does so, carefully so not to get the neckerchief wet.) (Raising his hand, Akela speaks) From this day forward, blue will stand for truth and loyalty. Yellow will stand for warm sunlight, happiness and good cheer. (He reaches into pot and pulls a Cub Scout neckerchief out. He holds it open so everyone can see it and speaks.) And this is why the Cub Scouts use the colors blue and gold. Now let us meet the Cub Scouts and their parents who have helped us keep Scouting alive this month. He stirs the pot and takes out the awards.

Blue and Gold Birthday Party Advancement Ceremony

Props: All awards have been individually wrapped in blue and gold paper and ribbon as birthday gifts.

Setting: Narrator presents awards from front of room with stack of birthday gift awards on the table in front of him.

Narrator: Tonight being Scouting's 90th birthday party, we're going to give some birthday presents. The first presents go to new Cub Scouts who have earned the Bobcat badge. (Read names and present gifts)



And now, to celebrate the time and effort spent by these boys, we would like to give presents to those who have earned Wolf badges. (Read name and present gifts.)

Next, a group of boys who richly deserve this gift if they have completed the requirements for the Bear badge. (Read name and present gifts.)

(Webelos badge and activity badges are presented in same manner.)

Enjoy these small gifts from Scouting that you have worked to achieve, but remember, a gift is much richer when you give than receive. So please give what you have learned in Cub Scouting to others.

Birthday Book

For presenting advancement awards, make a Birthday Book by covering an old wallpaper sample book with blue and gold paper. Fasten awards to be given on left-hand pages and the statement to be read on the right-hand pages.



Closing Thoughts

As we close our meeting here tonight, let's give a thought to what the blue and gold colors of Cub Scouting means. Did you know that the blue and Gold you see on the Cub Scout uniform was not selected merely because it was attractive? You see, each color has a definite meaning. Blue stands for truth and spirituality and for steadfastness and loyalty, and for the sky above. Gold stands for the warm sunlight, good cheer, and happiness. So, may the meaning of these two colors shine forth in our lives as we bring the Scouting program into the lives of our boys.

Did you know?

Did you know that millions of boys and men have been part of the Boy Scout movement since its beginning in 1910? Many of you dads were Scouts and today your sons are Cub Scouts. What a vast force to be crusading each day, at work or play for those things America holds dear! As we light the candles on our birthday cake, over all is the spirit of Scouting and below this, three candles representing Boy Scouting, Cub Scouting, and Exploring. Let us resolve that as someone, someplace helped us get started in Cub Scouting, so will we, together and as individuals, help more boys and institutions have Cub Scouting. Repeat with me the response to our Cub Scout motto: "WE'LL DO OUR BEST." Now sing "Happy Birthday to You".

Audience Participation Stories & Skits

1930 Den Meeting Skit

When Cub Scouting began in the United States in 1930, 'the book' called for the den chief to lead the den. There was no official adult den leader. That system didn't last long because it was found that most den chiefs weren't capable of fully supervising a den. To show an early den meeting, have your den pantomime making a shambles of the meeting place - dripping paint on tables, accidentally breaking furniture, throwing a ball through a window, etc. As the climax, the lady of the house arrives, throws up her hands in horror and cries, "What are you boys doing! Out! Out!" Denner replies, "Aw, Mrs. Smith, Cub Scouting is supposed to be fun!" The boys traipse out while Mrs. Smith buries her head in her hands.

Quick Skits:

Cub Scout 1: How come you didn't wait to see the second act of the play?

Cub Scout 2: Didn't have time. The program said it took place a year later.

Cub Scout 1: What's the date today?

Cub Scout 2: I don't know."

Cub Scout 1: Look at the newspaper

Cub Scout 2: That's no use. That's yesterday's paper.



Librarian: Please be quiet, little boy. The people near you can't even read.
 Little boy: Then what are they doing in the library?

Cub Scout 1: (running on stage): They're after me
 Cub Scout 2: Who's after you?
 Cub Scout 1: The squirrels! They think I'm nuts.

Cub Scout 1: (enters dragging a rope)
 Cub Scout 2: Why are you dragging the rope?
 Cub Scout 1: Have you ever tried pushing one?

Fortune Teller: That will be \$20 for two questions.
 Client: Isn't that a lot of money for two questions?
 Fortune Teller: Yes, it is. Now what is your second question?

Radio Announcer: We interrupt this program for a spot announcement."
 Dog (offstage) Arf, Arf, Arf, Arf
 Announcer: Thank you Spot.

Cub Scout 1: Did you hear how my mother strained herself?
 Cub Scout 2: No, how did she do it?
 Cub Scout 1: She ran through a screen door.

Hospital Skit

A den chief is the narrator. Cub Scouts play all rolls in pantomime. Actors are the Patient, Surgeon, Assisting Surgeon, and Nurse. All are appropriately costumed.

Den Chief: You are about to witness surgery by Dr. Akela and his assistants, who will attempt to turn an ordinary boy into a Cub Scout. Ah, I see our patient is here." (Patient comes in wrapped in a sheet to conceal his Cub Scout uniform. He lies down on a table covered by another sheet. Under this sheet are the articles to be removed from him.)

Den Chief: Now Dr. Totem will administer laughing gas. (he does so)

Den Chief: We need to take out hate. (Surgeon removes stone from under sheet)

Den Chief: We need to put in love. (Surgeon takes large cardboard heart from tray held by Nurse and puts it under sheet.

Den Chief: We need to take out selfishness (Surgeon removes sign reading "ME")

Den Chief: And put in cooperation (surgeon puts in sign reading "WE")

Den Chief: We need to take out idle hands." (Assisting surgeon removes pair of old gloves.)

Den Chief: And put in busy fingers. (Surgeon puts in glove stuffed with cotton.)

Den Chief: We need to take out laziness (Surgeon removes old rag.)

Den Chief: And put in ambition (Surgeon puts in inflated balloon, which he bursts with a pin)

Den Chief: We also need to add duty to God and Country. (Surgeon puts in a small U.S. Flag)

Den chief: And family!.(Parent comes in and stands by the table)

Den Chief: A den leader! (Den leader joins them)

Den Chief: And a gang! (Uniformed Cub Scouts enter)

Den Chief: And now, we have a new Cub Scout!!!! (Patient stands and drops sheet covering his uniform.



Surgeons and Nurse congratulate each other and shake hands with parent and leaders.)

Blue and Gold Skit

(Boys hold up cards with the letters B L U E G O L D on them with their verses taped to the back and say them in order.)

B is for BOYS ñ Bobcats, Wolves, Bears, and Webelos.
 L is for LEADER ñ The Cubmaster who guides us
 U is for UNDERSTANDING -- we learn to help others
 E is for EXCELLENCE ñ we try to Do Our Best.

G is for GOALS ñ for which Cub Scouting stands
 O is for OPPORTUNITIES ñ for boys to learn and do
 L is for LIBERTY -- in the years to come
 D is for DEN LEADERS ñ who guide us along the right path

WE WELCOME YOU TO OUR BLUE & GOLD CELEBRATION

Another Blue and Gold Skit

SETTING: The narrator, the 'spirit of Lord Baden-Powell' is a Den Chief in full uniform wearing a campaign hat. He reads the script from a lectern , while Cub Scouts in uniform come on stage one by one.

Narrator: I represent the spirit of Lord Baden-Powell, the founder of Scouting. I am also the spirit of Scouting past and present. Here is our future, the Cub Scouts of America.

(1st boy enters in complete uniform)

The two colors of the Cub Scout uniform have a meaning. Blue stands for truth and loyalty; gold for good cheer and happiness.

(2nd boy enters carrying Wolf book and Kipling's "Jungle Book")

Early Cub Scout ceremonies were based on Kipling's Jungle Tales. When Cub Scouting was organized in America in 1930, Indian themes were used.

(3rd boy enters with a craft project of wood.)

Cub Scouting means fun. We have lots of fun. But the boys like making things. Real boy projects -- things they can play with or that follow the monthly theme.

(4th boy enters carrying a nature collection)

Cub Scouts like to go on hikes and collect things for their nature collection or the den museum. They like the outdoors.

(5th boy enters carrying a 'buddy burner'.)

Most Cub Scouts like to go on picnics. All boys like to eat. It is even more fun when they can cook their own food.

(6th boy ñ the smallest Cub Scout ñ enters holding an American Flag.)

Cub Scouts are proud to be Americans. They are proud of their flag. They are also proud of their pack flag (points to it) because it reminds them they are part of 90 years of Scouting. They belong!

Yes, I represent the past and the present. These boys, Cub Scouts now, are the men of tomorrow. They will be the preservers of our American heritage. Please stand and join us in singing "God Bless America".



Applauses

WOLF APPLAUSE: Give a Wolf howl four times, each time turning one quarter of a turn, to make one full turn.

BEAR APPLAUSE: Growl like a bear and turn turn each time. Make four growls and two complete turns.

PACK YELL: Clap your hands!! (Clap hands five times) Stomp your feet! (Stomp feet five times) Pace ____ can't be beat!!!

CUBBY APPLAUSE: Yell "What's the best den?" and have all the other dens yell back the winning den number.

Tiger Cheer

Give me a T T

Give me an I I

Give me a G G

Give me an E E

Give me an R R

Put it together and what does it spell?

TIGER

What does it say?

ROAR

Games

Shere Khan:

Shere Khan is the tiger who figures in "The Story of Akela and Mowgli" in the front of the Wolf Cub Scout book. The game named for him is best played outdoors but can be played in any large area.

One Cub Scout is Shere Khan. Other players line up at one end of the playing space. Shere Khan stands in the middle and calls out, "Who's afraid of Shere Khan?" The other players say, "NO one!" and immediately run across the open space, trying to reach the other goal line while Shere Khan tries to tag them. Those tagged join Shere Khan in trying to tag the players on their subsequent runs. The game continues until all are caught. The last one caught becomes Shere Khan for the next round.

Snatch The Kerchief:

Today's Boy Scouts call this game Steal the Bacon. Divide the den into two teams and line them up across opposite ends of the room. Each team counts off from "One" through the number of players on the team. Put a rag or neckerchief in the center of the room and call out a number. The player with that number on each team runs to the center and tries to grab the neckerchief and run back to his line without being tagged by his opponent. Score one point for his team if he makes it, a point for the other team if he is tagged before getting back safely.

Pencil And Gold Relay

At signal, first player in each relay team pushes the gold (a lemon) across the room with a pencil until it touches the opposite wall or crosses a goal line. He then picks up the lemon and brings it back to the next player on the team. Don't try to push the gold too fast -- it will spin and slow you down. Easy does it.



Songs

I've Got That Cub Scout Spirit

I've got that Cub Scout Spirit, up in my head,
 Up in my head, Up in my head,
 I've got that Cub Scout Spirit, up in my head
 Up in my head, to stay.

Replace "up in my head" with other words in the next four verses

2nd verse: Deep in my heart

3rd verse: Down in my feet

4th verse: All over me

5th verse: I've got that Cub Scout Spirit
 up in my head, deep in my heart, down in my feet,
 I've got that Cub Scout Spirit
 all over me, all over me, to stay!

Birthday BSA

(tune: On Top of Old Smokey)

We were all at the banquet
 On blue and gold day;
 The whole family came there
 To eat and to play.

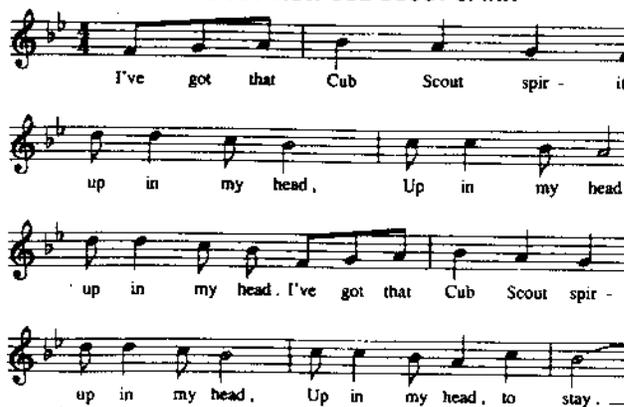
Then somebody told me
 We're 70 years old.
 I could not believe
 What I had been told.

Then they brought out a cake
 With candles on top.
 I counted the candles,
 And I didn't stop.

Now how could a Cub Scout
 Be age 70?
 When I get that old
 I won't be alive.

Then somebody told me
 An astonishing fact
 That the Boy Scouts of America
 Is much older than that.

I'VE GOT THAT CUB SCOUT SPIRIT



My den leader told me
 That I shouldn't fret,
 That's the age of Cub Scouting,
 I'm not that old yet.

Cub Scout Vespers

(Tune: Oh, Tannenbaum)

As the night comes to this land,
 On my promise I will stand.
 I will help the pack to go,
 As our pack helps me to grow.
 Yes I will always give goodwill.
 I'll follow my Akela still.
 And before I stop to rest,
 I will do my very best.

Oh, Blue and Gold

(Tune: Oh, Tannenbaum)

Oh, Blue & Gold, Oh, Blue & Gold,
 You know it stands for truth untold,
 Oh, Blue & Gold, Oh, Blue & Gold,
 The youth that wear it aren't so old,
 So carry on your colors bright,
 Until the whole world you will light,
 Oh, Blue & Gold, Oh, Blue & Gold,
 The memories live though we grow old.

That's Why We're in Cub Scouting

(Tune: Deep in the Heart of Texas)

The fun things in life,
 Our family's delight!
 (Clap hands four times)
 That's why we're in Cub Scouting!



We do our best,
To pass each test,
(Clap hands four times)
That's why we're in Cub Scouting!

Just me and my son,
Work, play and have fun,
(Clap hands four times)
That's why we're in Cub Scouting!

We think our Pack's great,
To keep it first-rate,
(Clap hands four times)
That's why we're in Cub Scouting!

Tiger Cub Welcome

(Tune: Be Kind to Your Web-Footed Friends)

Oh, be kind to striped tiger friends,
For they are you're young
Scouting brothers,
They come with their dads and their moms,
To join in our Blue & Gold songs
You may think that they are quite small
But they'll grow!!!!

Cub Scout Fun!

(Tune: Jingle Bells)

Dashing down the street,
My Den Leader's house is near,
Lots of friends to meet,
Scouting fun and cheer!

We'll earn our whit'lin chip,
Then tie our knots real tight,
To have some fun now here's a tip,
Den meeting is tonight!

(chorus)
Oh!
Cub Scout fun! Cub Scout fun!
Cub Scouts all the way!
Come and see what we're about,
We hope that you will sta-ay!
Cub Scout fun! Cub Scout fun!
Cub Scouts all the way!
Come and see what we're about,
We hope that you will sta-ay!

Always do your best
Is the motto of a scout,
Meeting ev'ry test
Helping others out,
We earn our Bobcat rank,
Then Tiger, Wolf and Bear,
For Webelos, we give our thanks,
For Boy Scouts we're prepared

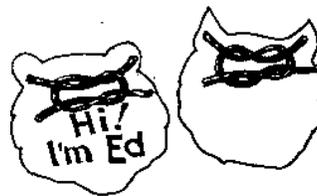
(Chorus)



Crafts

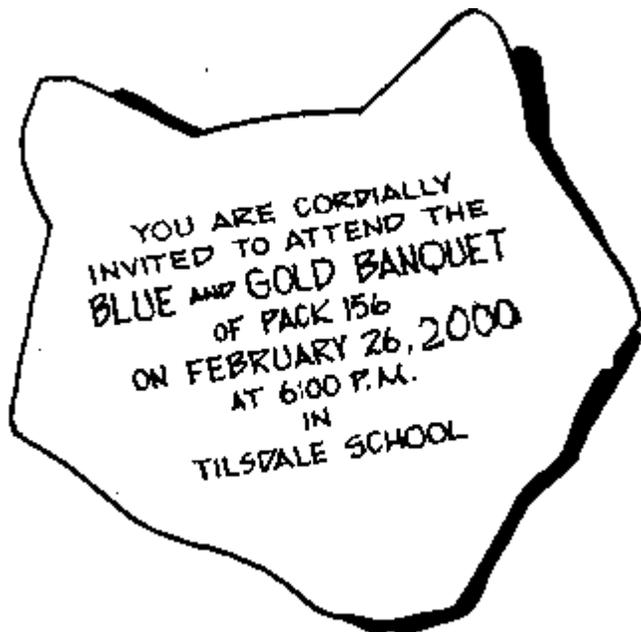
Name tags:

Cut silhouette of Wolf or Bear from construction paper. Tie knots with heavy string and spray paint blue or gold. Glue knot on tag. Tape safety pin on back .



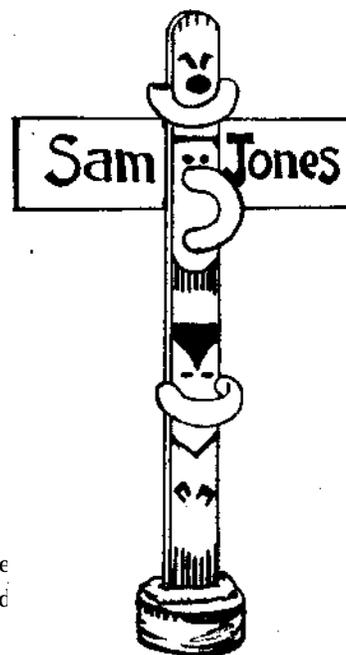
Wolf Badge Banquet Invitation

Boys use silhouette of the badge of their rank.



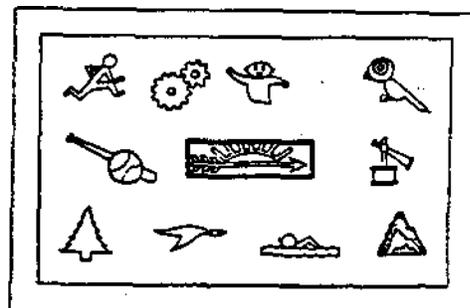
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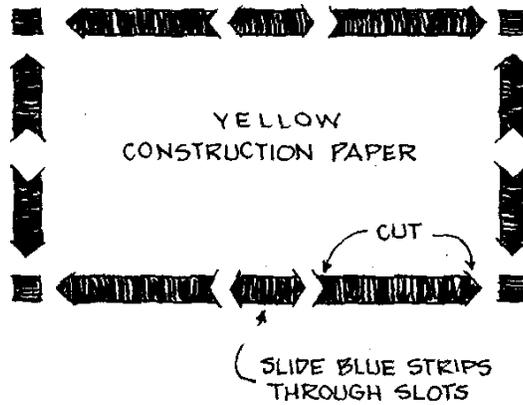
The "pole" is a popsicle stick or tongue depressor stuck in a wide bottle cap base with plaster or clay. Decorate with bright paints or glue on pieces of colored macaroni. Glue on cardboard wings with boy's name on them.



Colorful Place Mats:

Make from blue and yellow construction paper. Den number may be written on mat. If you want the mats to be reusable, cover them with clear plastic protective sheets, available at hardware stores. May also use Cub Scout clip art.



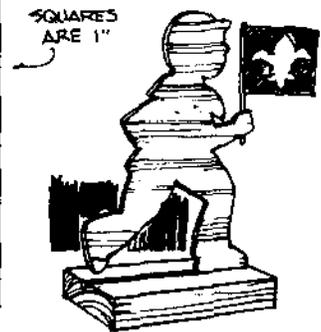
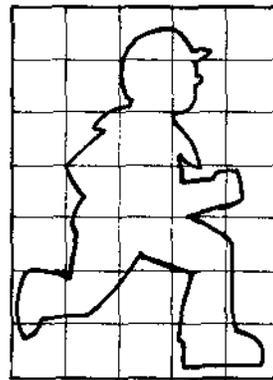


Centerpiece

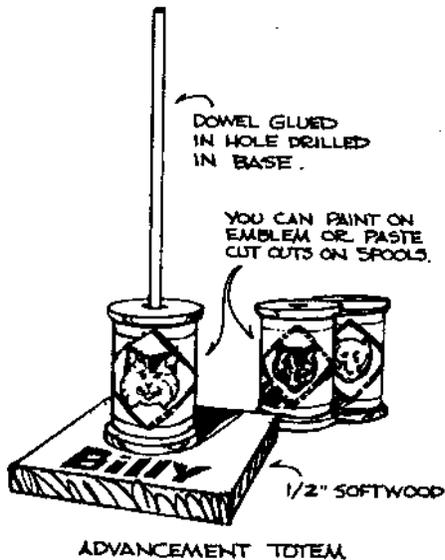
Using grid method, enlarge figure and cut from 1/8 inch plywood. Cut slot in scrap wood base and glue in figure. Glue thin dowel to hand for flagstaff. Decorate as desired.

Advancement Totem Place Card:

For base, cut 4-inch square from 1/2 inch thick scrap wood. Drill hole in center for 1/8 inch dowel stick about 7 inches long. Write Cub Scout's name on the base. As the boy advances, he paints or pastes the new symbol of rank on a thread spool and puts in on a dowel. After the blue and gold banquet, keep the totem at home or in the den meeting place.



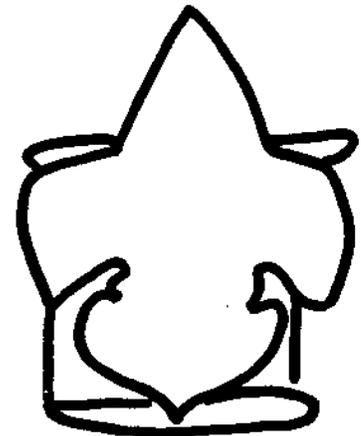
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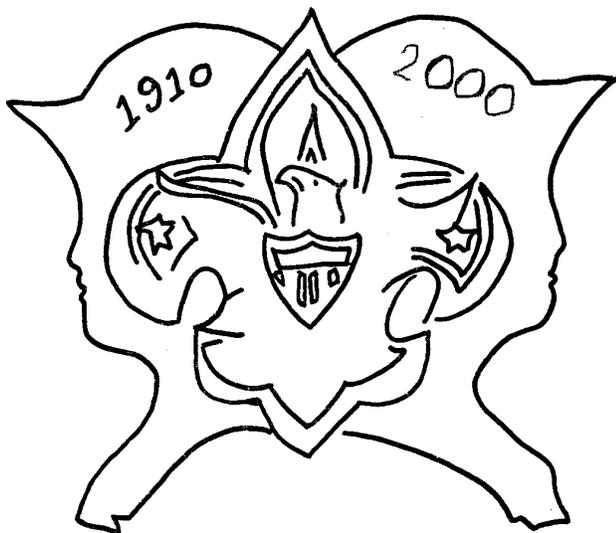


Napkin Ring

Material needed: Blue and gold (yellow) paper

Cut strips 1 inch wide and 4 inches long. Choose a scout design or one of your own and roll strip into a round. Place design on top of joined opening, and staple or glue design on. Use with blue or yellow napkins.





Invitations

Cut out the boy's outline on yellow construction paper. The Scout emblem is to be cut out on blue construction paper. The details of the Scout emblem can be added by tracing with carbon paper. After both pieces are cut out, match the Scout emblem on top of the yellow outline and lightly trace the OUTLINE only of the Scout emblem -- This will serve as a guideline for the boys to put their information down. The inside can have Date, Time, Place, etc. After the information is on the yellow outline, glue the very top tip of the Scout emblem to the yellow outline. When dry, lift up the Scout emblem gently making a crease and read.

Cub Magazine Centerpiece

- Materials: 1 Reader's Digest magazine
 12 " gold cord
 Heavy white paper
 Yellow felt (neckerchief)
 1 can blue matte spray paint

- 1 Styrofoam ball 3", pink head
 1 Styrofoam ball 3 " , (cap)
 1 white chenille stem
 Black construction paper
 White glue

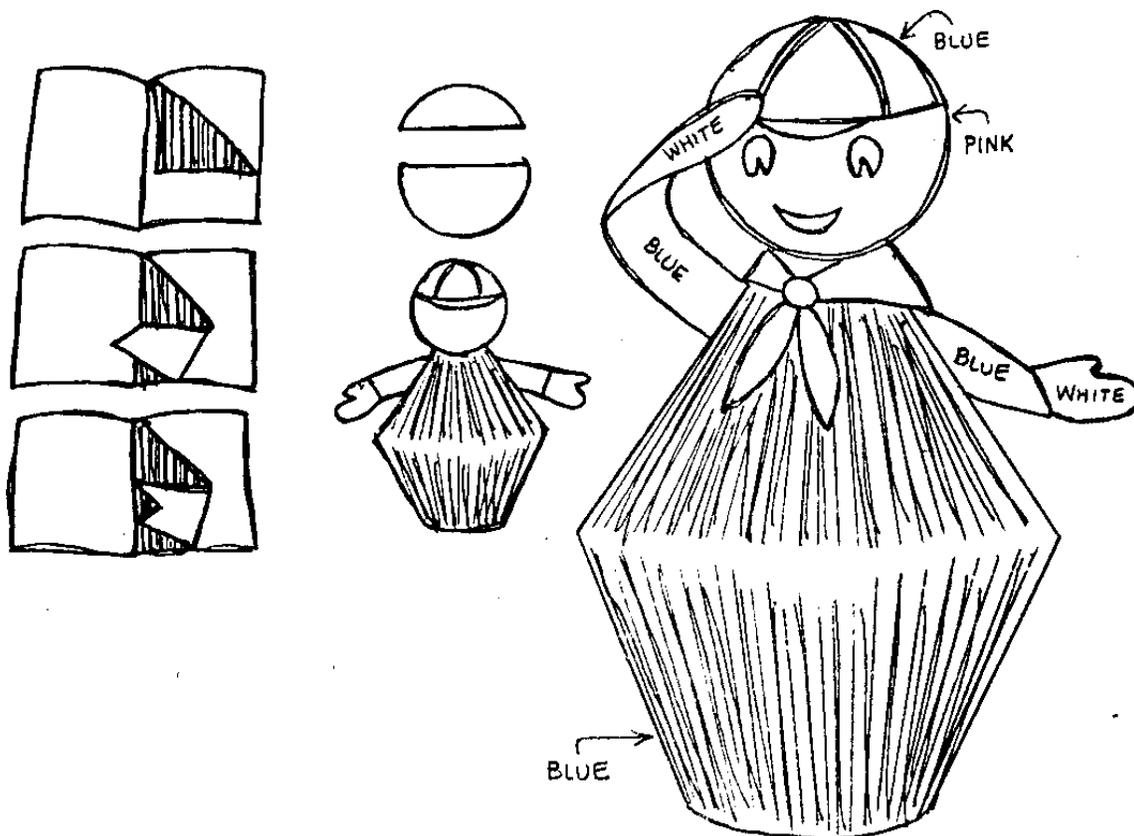
Fold the magazine as shown below. When folded, stand it up and open in a complete circle. Glue a disk of cardboard to bottom of book to hold pages in place. Spray paint blue.

Stick 6" piece of chenille stem into pink Styrofoam ball for head and neck. The other end of the chenille stem is inserted into the body. Glue together.

Cut a 1 inch slice off other Styrofoam ball. This will be the head. Cut a hat brim of heavy white paper and glue to hat. Paint hat blue. Slice off top of head. Glue hat to head. Cut gold cord into 3 pieces and glue to top of hat. Cut eyes and mouth of black construction paper and glue to face.

Arms are heavy white paper. Paint sleeves blue. Glue arms to book. Glue one hand to forehead in a salute. Cut a triangle of yellow felt for neckerchief, and tie around neck.





Cubs in the Kitchen

Golden Cookies

(For use at Blue and Gold Dinner)

Ingredients:

- 1 sticks (3/4 cup) unsalted butter, softened
- cup sugar
- 1 egg
- 1 tsp. vanilla extract
- 1 tsp. grated lemon peel
- ° tsp. salt
- 2 cups all purpose flour
- corn syrup
- Gold edible glitter or yellow sugar crystals

In a large bowl with electric mixer on high, beat butter and sugar until light and fluffy. Beat in egg, vanilla, lemon peel and salt on low. Gradually beat in flour until well blended.

Divide the dough in half. Form into 2 flattened disks, wrap in plastic and refrigerate until firm, about hour. (You can prepare to this point up to 2 days in advance.)

Heat oven to 350 degrees F. Lightly grease 2 baking sheets. Working with one disk of dough at a time, roll out to 1/8 " thickness between two sheets of waxed paper. Using 1" to 1-1/4 round cookie cutter, cut out circles, re-rolling scraps.

Place the circles 1" apart on baking sheets. Bake 6 to 8 minutes until lightly golden. Transfer to wire racks.



Make sure the cookies have cooled completely before decorating them.

To decorate, brush tops of cookies with corn syrup; immediately press into gold glitter.

Put 3 cookies in center of a 6 or 8 inch square of blue colored plastic wrap or tulle. Gather edges and tie with a gold ribbon-bow.

Field Trips/activities

Scouting Anniversary Week: The week that includes February 8, the birth date of the Boy Scouts of America, is always celebrated as Scouting Anniversary Week. Your pack can observe it appropriately in several ways. Here are suggestions:

1. Have a den open house for prospective new members and their families.
2. Post invitations to join your pack on bulletin boards at elementary schools and at your chartered organization.
3. Ask Cub Scouts to wear their uniforms to school one day of the week, perhaps their den meeting day.
4. Attend church or temple in groups and in uniform on Scout Sunday or Scout Sabbath. If possible, arrange for the boys to take part in the service by ushering, as greeters, or by singing during the service.
5. Stage a demonstration of Cub Scout games and crafts for a classroom or a school assembly.
6. Raise and lower the U.S. flag at school each day with a Cub Scout color guard.
7. Do a Good Turn for the school where most of your Cub Scouts attend.
8. Stage a live demonstration of Cub Scouting or have a window display in a store or public building, such as a library, showing some activities and projects.



