# SPARKLERS





## INTRODUCTION

Sparklers are tools for adding fun and excitement to your meetings. They can be simple jokes and run-ons, to more elaborate songs and skits. Add a sparkler when there is a lull in the program, such as the time before you are ready to organize a game. Let the boys pick a song or skit to perform, and have them practice it before performing it to a larger audience.

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Dinosaur Jokes, Songs and Fingerplays www.bry-backmanor.org/dinosaurs/dinos.html

## March 2004: Walk In My Shoes

## **SKIT**

# Goodbye In Any Language

Cast: Many speakers of foreign languages, one leader

Setup: The leader stands on the stage, and is greeted by the boys who say goodbye

in different languages.

Boy1: Hi, how are you?

Leader: I'm good. How's your Dad?

Boy1: He's good. Hasta Luego! (Turn to leave)

Leader: What does that mean?

Boy1: Oh, that means 'goodbye' in Spanish.

Boy2: Hi, how are you?

Leader: I'm good. How's your Mom?

Boy2: She's good. Buon Giorno! (Turn to leave)

Leader: What does that mean?

Boy2: Oh, that means 'goodbye' in Italian.

Boy3: Hi, how are you?

Leader: I'm good. How's your Brother? Boy3: He's okay. Au revoir! (*Turn to leave*)

Leader: What does that mean?

Boy3: Oh, that means 'goodbye' in French.

Boy4: Hi, how are you?

Leader: I'm good. How's your Sister?

Boy4: She's fine. Sayonara! (Turn to leave)

Leader: What does that mean?

Boy4: Oh, that means 'goodbye' in Japanese.

Boy5: Hi, how are you?

Leader: I'm good. How's your Uncle Tom?
Boy5: He's good. Atom Bomb! (*Turn to leave*)

Leader: What does that mean?

Boy5: Oh, that means 'goodbye' in any language!

# Tongue Twisters:

I thought a thought.
But the thought I thought wasn't the thought
I thought I thought.
If the thought I thought
I thought I thought I thought had been the thought I thought,
I wouldn't have though so much.

Of all the felt I ever felt, I never felt A piece of felt that felt the same As that felt felt when I first felt felt. Betty Botter bought some butter.
"But," she said, "the butter's bitter.
If I put it in my batter,
It will make my batter bitter,
But a bit of better butter,
That would make my batter better."
So she bought a bit of butter
Better than her bitter butter,
And she put it in her batter,
And the batter was not bitter.
So t'was better Betty Botter
Bought a bit of better butter.

## **SONGS**

Bring Back My Neighbours To Me (Tune: "My Bonnie Lies Over the Ocean")

Last night as I lay on my pillow Last night as I lay on my bed I stuck my feet out the window Next morning my neighbors were dead!

Bring back, bring back, Oh bring back my neighbors to me to me Bring back, bring back, Oh bring back my neighbors to me.

Muff the Tragic Wagon (Tune: "Puff the Magic Dragon")

#### Chorus:

Muff the tragic wagon, lived by the street, And rolled along the boulevard, through rain and snow and sleet. Little Tommy Pumpkin loved that wagon Muff, And rolled him home and filled him up, with toys and other stuff.

Together they would travel, along the avenue, Tommy hanging out his leg would scuff his Sunday shoe. Taxi cabs and buses would honk as they went by, Tragic wagons never seem to need to stop for gas. Children live forever, but not so children's toys, Wagons can't forever be a friend to little boys. And one gray day it happened while Tommy took his nap, A garbage truck ran over Muff and turned him into scrap.

Little Tommy Pumpkin said just off the cuff, There will never be another tragic wagon Muff.



# **April 2004: Cubservation**

## JOKES/RUN -ONS

- ❖ What stays in bed most of the day and sometimes goes to the bank?
  - > A stream.
- ❖ Why do fluorescent lights always hum?
  - > Because they don't know the words.
- ❖ Where can you find an ocean without water?
  - On a map.
- ❖ What did one campfire say to the other?
  - Let's go out one of these days.
- ❖ What 10-letter word starts with G-A-S?
  - Automobile.
- ❖ What can run but not walk?
  - Water.

#### SONGS

The Ants Go Marching

The ants go marching one by one,

Hurrah! Hurrah!

The ants go marching one by one,

Hurrah! Hurrah!

The ants go marching one by one,

The little ones stop to suck their thumbs,

And they all go marching

Out of the door,

Down the lane,

'Round the corner.

Down the drain.

Two—tie their shoes

Three—look at a tree

Four—close the door

Five—and close their eyes

Six—pick up sticks

Seven—look to heaven

Eight—shut the gate

Nine—pick up a dime

Ten—say "the end"

Home Is Our Earth

(Tune: "Home on the Range")

Home, home is our Earth,

Where the children and animals play.

Were seldom is heard

Any wasteful words,

We reuse and recycle all day!

Home, home is our Earth,

And we're proud to be caring for her.

We love all her trees.

The birds and the bees,

And the sky unpolluted all day!

## **SKIT**

Keep America Beautiful Contest (Otherwise known as "The Contest")

Cast: 6 Cub Scouts

Setting: 5 Cub Scouts sitting in their clubhouse (indicated by appropriate signage),

playing a game.

Props: Clubhouse signs; comb; large box marked "TRASH"

Cub 1: (runs in, very excited) Hey, you guys! Did you hear about the big contest?

Cub 2: What contest? What's it about?

Cub 1: The "Keep America Beautiful Contest," that's what!

Cub 3: Are there prizes? A contest is no good without prizes.

Cub 1: Sure, lots of prizes. Neat ones, like bicycles and radios and lots of other good

stuff.

Cub 4: (gloomily) I bet it's hard. Contests with neat prizes are always hard.

Cub 1: Nope! It's easy. Even the rules say it's SIMPLE – in big letters. The winner is the one who picks the easiest way.

Cub 5: The easiest way to do what?

Cub 1: The easiest way to keep America beautiful. That's what I've been talking about.

(with a swagger) Ha! Then I'm a cinch to win!

Cub 1: Why's it so cinchy for you? What's your great way to keep America

beautiful?

Cub 6: (takes out comb and combs his hair) See! That's the easiest way to keep

America beautiful!

The others look at him, then at each other. Quickly, they surround him, carry or drag him to the TRASH box, and dump him in.

Cub 1: Like he said, guys, we're a cinch to win! That's the easiest way I know to keep America beautiful.

They exit, laughing, while Cub 6 stands up in the trash box with a disgusted look on his face.

## Energy Savers

Cub 6:

As the scene opens, Den Leader is sitting at a table on stage. Cub Scouts all arrive together for the den meeting. Den Leader greets them and then says, "This month's theme is 'Cubservation.' Let's take turns and tell how many different ways we can help to conserve energy in our homes and elsewhere."

- Cub 1: Oh, I know of a way. My mom doesn't use her clothes dryer as much as she used to. She uses a new solar energy devised called a clothesline and hangs her wash outside to dry in the sunshine.
- Cub 2: My dad said that if we fill a plastic bottle with water and put it in the toilet tank, it would cut down on the amount of water used for flushing.
- Cub 3: Did you know that if you take showers, you will use a lot less water than if you take baths? Mom even uses a timer on us, and we have learned to take 3-minute showers at our house.
- Cub 4: Speaking of water, we wash more clothes in cold water now. Mom says there are less wrinkles in the clothes; and, besides, the water heater doesn't have to work as much heating all the water.
- Cub 5: Someone told us to keep our damper in the fireplace closed whenever we weren't using it for a fire. If it's left open in the winter, the warm air in the house escapes up the chimney, and that's dumb.
- D.L.: (to last Cub Scout in group) Johnny, don't you have anything to add about saving energy?

(Johnny is fast asleep) I guess he's the best energy saver of us all!



## May 2004: My Home State

## **JOKES/RUN-ONS**

- **❖** What did Delaware?
  - > She wore her New Jersey.
- ❖ What did Idaho?
  - > She hoed her Maryland.
- ❖ What did Tennessee?
  - She saw what Arkansas.
- ❖ Which is the friendliest state?
  - O-hi-o.
- ❖ What do people from Minneapolis call a small soda?
  - A mini-soda.
- ❖ Where do cow go on vacation?
  - ➤ Moo York.
- ❖ Who should call when you find Chicago, Ill?
  - Baltimore, MD.
- ❖ Can you name the capital of every state in the union in less than fifteen seconds?
  - > Yes, Washington, D.C.
- ❖ Which five ex-U.S. presidents are not buried in the United States?
  - Ford, Carter, Reagan, Bush, and Clinton.
- Cub 1: I bet you didn't know that Davy Crockett had three ears.
- Cub 2: Three...are you sure?
- Cub 1: Yep. He had a right ear, a left ear and a wild "front-ear"!

## SONGS

What Did Delaware, Boys?

Oh, what did Delaware, boys, oh, what did Delaware?

Oh, what did Delaware, boys, oh, what did Delaware?

Oh, what did Delaware, boys, oh, what did Delaware?

I ask you now as a personal friend, what did Delaware?

She wore her New Jersey, boys, she wore her New Jersey.

She wore her New Jersey, boys, she wore her New Jersey.

She wore her New Jersey, boys, she wore her New Jersey.

I tell you now as a personal friend, she wore her New Jersey.

Continue verses with other states:

Florida: Oh, how did FLORI-DIE (Flora die), boys?

Missouri: She died in MISSOURI (misery), boys.

Iowa: Oh, what does IO-WA (Io weigh), boys?

Washington: She weighs a WASHING-TON, boys.

Idaho: Oh, what does IDA-HO (Ida hoe), boys?

Maryland: She hoes her MARY-LAND, boys.

*Tennessee:* Oh, what does TENNES-SEE, boys?

Arkansas: She sees what ARKAN-SAS (Arkan saw), boys.

Oregon: Oh, where has ORE-Gon (Ore-gone), boys?

Oklahoma: She's gone to OKLA-HOMA (Okla-home-a), boys.

*Massachusetts:* Oh, what did MASSA-CHEW, boys? *Connecticut:* She chewed her CONNECTI-CUD, boys.

## **SKIT**

Gold is Where You Find It

Cast: A prospector and 4 sons.

Setting: Prospector, panning for gold.

1<sup>st</sup> Son: (walks up to Prospector) Pa, what are you doing?

Prospector: Panning for gold.

(1<sup>st</sup> Son walks away, flipping a golden rock)

2<sup>nd</sup> Son: (walks up to Prospector) Pa, what are you doing?

Prospector: Panning for gold.

(2<sup>nd</sup> Son walks away, carrying a hatful of golden rocks.)

3<sup>rd</sup> Son: (walks up to Prospector) Pa, what are you doing?

Prospector: Panning for gold.

(3<sup>rd</sup> Son walks away, carrying a bucket of golden rocks.)

4<sup>th</sup> Son: (walks up) Pa, what are you doing?

Prospector: Panning for gold.

4<sup>th</sup> Son: What does it look like? Prospector: It's a shiny yellow stone.

4<sup>th</sup> Son: Oh! Like those that my brothers are using to build their dam downstream? (Prospector screams and swoons.)

#### **SONGS**

I Love You, California

(from: California State Homepage. http://www.ca.gov)

## **First Verse**

I love you, California, you're the greatest state of all. I love you in the winter, summer, spring and in the fall. I love your fertile valleys; your dear mountains I adore. I love your grand old ocean and I love her rugged shore.

#### Chorus

Where the snow crowned Golden Sierras
Keep their watch o'er the valleys bloom,
It is there I would be in our land by the sea,
Every breeze bearing rich perfume.
It is here nature gives of her rarest. It is Home Sweet Home to me,
And I know when I die I shall breathe my last sigh
For my sunny California.

## Second Verse.

I love your red-wood forests - love your fields of yellow grain. I love your summer breezes and I love your winter rain. I love you, land of flowers; land of honey, fruit and wine. I love you, California; you have won this heart of mine.

## Third Verse.

I love your old gray Missions - love your vineyards stretching far. I love you, California, with your Golden Gate ajar. I love your purple sun-sets, love your skies of azure blue. I love you, California; I just can't help loving you.

## Fourth Verse.

I love you, Catalina, you are very dear to me.
I love you, Tamalpais, and I love Yosemite.
I love you, Land of Sunshine, Half your beauties are untold.
I loved you in my childhood, and I'll love you when I'm old.



Going to Day Camp (Tune: "Oh, Susanna")

Chorus:

Going to Day Camp, So don't you cry for me. I'll come back good and dirty, So you'll never know it's me.

I scrubbed the night before I left, My hair was nice and clean. My mother was so proud of me, But not for long you see.

While hiking out at Day Camp, I found the perfect pet. But I had to leave my friend behind, Because he scared the Vet. Poppies, Golden Poppies

Poppies, golden poppies Blooming in the sun, Closing up at evening, When the day is done.

Pride of California, Flower of our state, Growing from the mountains To the Golden Gate.

## AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Out Where Men are Men

Once upon a time, there was a COWBOY who went out on the Mojave Desert, riding his HORSE. Far off in the distance, he could hear the TIMBER WOLF. The COWBOY made camp and went fast asleep, first making sure his HORSE was secure.

Now, creeping along through the desert, came CHIEF RED JACKET, riding his MULE, Sitting Bull. He was pursued by the SHERIFF and his DEPUTY. In his pocket, CHIEF RED JACKET had a trained RATTLESNAKE, whose name was Emma. This RATTLESNAKE, Emma, was trained to creep up and bit the COWBOY and his HORSE. While CHIEF RED JACKET crept up, the HORSE grew afraid, the TIMBER WOLF howled, the COWBOY snored, and Sitting Bull, the MULE, was eating cactus.

In the meantime, the SHERIFF and his DEPUTY SHERIFF were almost ready to capture old CHIEF RED JACKET. Just as Emma, the RATTLESNAKE, was about to bite the COWBOY and his HORSE, the SHERIFF and his DEPUTY SHERIFF, sprang their trap. "Halt, you are my prisoner!" shouted the SHERIFF and his DEPUTY SHERIFF. The COWBOY woke up and mounted his HORSE. This frightened the TIMBER WOLF and also Emma, the RATTLESNAKE. Away went old CHIEF RED JACKET on his faithful MULE, Sitting Bull, and away, in pursuit, the SHERIFF, his DEPUTY SHERIFF, the COWBOY and his HORSE. But old CHIEF RED JACKET led them into a blind canyon...and that was the last that anybody ever saw of these imaginary characters!



## June 2004: Cub Rock

## JOKES/RUN –ONS

Scout1: You should never pull on a dinosaur's tail.

Scout2: Why Not?

Scout1: Because to the dinosaur it's just a tail, but to you it could be the end.

Scout1: Why did the dinosaur cross the road?

Scout2: I give up. Why did the dinosaur cross the road?

Scout1: To get his copy of "The Hong Kong Weekly Newspaper."

Scout2: I don't get it.

Scout1: I don't get it either. I read "The New York Times."

- ❖ Did you hear about the rock that ran away from the quarry?
  - ➤ He was angry because everyone took him for granite.
- ❖ If you have 3 dinosaurs in your bedroom, 2 dinosaurs in your living room, and 3 dinosaurs in your kitchen, what do you have?
  - ➤ A very, very large house.
- ❖ Why don't dinosaurs go bowling on Saturday night?
  - ➤ Because no one has size 1000X bowling shoes.
- ❖ What did the tyrannosaurus rex do after he drank up all the water in Toronto?
  - ➤ He started to drink Canada Dry.
- ❖ How do you make a dinosaur sandwich?
  - First, you start with two very large pieces of bread.
- ❖ What do you call a person who is brave enough to stick his right hand into the mouth of a dinosaur?
  - Lefty.
- ❖ Why did the dinosaur go to night school?
  - ➤ He wanted to be able to read in the dark.
- ❖ What do pterodactyls have that no other prehistoric animals have?
  - **Baby** pterodactyls.
- ❖ What dinosaur knows more synonyms than any other?
  - A Thesaurus.
- ❖ What dinosaurs direct traffic?
  - > Tricera-cops.
- ❖ What do you get if you cross a pig with a dinosaur?
  - ➤ Jurassic Pork.
- \* What was the dinosaurs' favorite movie?
  - The Lizard of Oz.
- ❖ What dinosaur was a great boxer?
  - ➤ Muhammad Ali-saurus.
- ❖ What sounds did sleeping prehistoric creatures make?
  - Dino-snores.

- ❖ What dinosaur wore lots of gold chains and was in "Rocky 3?"
  - Mr. T-Rex.
- ❖ How do dinosaur demolition workers blow up rocks?
  - With dino-mite.
- ❖ What do you call the head of the dinosaur FBI?
  - > Spy-rannosaurus Rex.
- ❖ What's the weather report when it's raining dinosaurs?
  - > Very heavy showers.
- ❖ How did the stegosaurus liven up the party?
  - > She spiked the punch.
- ❖ What do dinosaurs pay their bills with?
  - > Tyrannosaurus checks.
- ❖ Who's at the keyboard in the reptile band?
  - Piano-saurus Rex.

## **SONGS**

The Dinosaurs Go Marching (Tune: The Ants Go Marching)

The dinosaurs go marching one by one, Hurrah, hooray.

The dinosaurs go marching one by one, Hurrah, hooray.

The dinosaurs go marching one by one,

The little one stopped to stand in the sun, And they all go marching round and round and up and down.

## Other verses:

Two: To admire the view. Three: To eat from a tree.

Four: To give a roar.

Five: To stay alive.

Six: To gather some sticks. Seven: To look to heaven.

Eight: To kiss his mate. Nine: To scratch his spine.

Ten: To feel the wind.

Dinosaurs Ruled the Earth (Tune: Wheels on the Bus)

Dinosaurs once ruled the Earth, Ruled the Earth, Ruled the Earth, Dinosaurs once ruled the Earth, Many years ago.

# Other Verses:

Stegosaurus swished it's tail... Brontosaurus was very big...

The Brachiosaurus lived in the water...

Apatosaurus stomped so hard... The Trachodon had 2000 teeth...

Triceratops had 3 horns...

Tyrannosaurus Rex was the king...

Where Did The Dinosaurs Go?

(Tune: Where Has my Little Dog Gone?)

Oh, where, oh where did the dinosaurs go?

Oh, where, oh where can they be?

They were much too big to just disappear.

It sure is puzzling to me!

#### **SKITS**

## Dinosaurs

(Have the audience repeat the motions)

Dinosaurs lived long ago.

Some walked (Stomp in place) Some swam (Pretend to swim) Some flew, you know! (Flap arms at sides) (Hold hands high) Some were big Some were small (Hold hands low) Some were gigantic (Stretch arms out wide)

V-e-r-y tall! (Stretch arms up high)

## Five Huge Dinosaurs

(Have a different Cub Scout act out each part)

Five huge dinosaurs, looking fierce and mean The first one said, "I eat things that are green" The second one said, "I hatched from an egg" The third one said "I have big, strong legs" The fourth one said "I can fly through the air" The fifth one said "I give everyone a scare!" THUMP THUMP came Tyrannosaurus Rex that day, And the five huge dinosaurs all ran away!

## Dinosaur Hunt

(Have the audience repeat the motions)

Going on a dinosaur hunt. (*Slap thighs*) And I'm not afraid. (Point to self)

There's a tall mountain. (Look with hand over eyes)

Can't go under it. (Move hand down) Can't go around it. (Move hand around)

Guess I'll go over it. (Reach hands as if climbing)

There's a river. (Hands over eyes)

Can't go over it. Can't go under it

Guess I'll swim across it.

(Move arms as if swimming)

There's some tall grass.

Can't go over it

(Shake)

Can't go around it

Guess I'll go through it (Slap hands up and down in front)

There's a cave! Can't go over it Can't go under it. Guess I'll go in it

It's dark and spooky in here

It's cold in here! (Wrap arms around self and shiver)
I feel some scales (Pretend to rub something)

I feel some scales (Pretend to rub something)

I feel some big teeth! (Pretend to touch something)

OH! It's a Dinosaur! (Scream)
Run out of the cave (Slap thighs)
Go through the grass

Swim across the river (Move arms as if swimming)
Climb the mountain

Run home (Slap thighs)
Open the door

Jump into bed

(Cover head with arms as if hiding under a blanket)

I went on a dinosaur hunt And I wasn't afraid!



# July 2004: Fin Fun

## JOKES/RUN -ONS

Scout1: I've eaten beef all my life and now I'm as strong as an ox.

Scout2: That's funny. I've eaten fish all my life and I can't swim a stroke.

A grumpy man walks into a restaurant and asks the maitre 'd: "Do you serve crabs here?"

Maitre 'd: "Why certainly, sir, have a seat."

- ❖ 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.

## **SKITS**

## Submarine Attack

Cast: Submarine captain and crew.

Scene: A submarine

Setup: Crew is seated in a line, one behind the other. The captain is in front, and the

gunner is last in line. The gunner passes word up to the front: "Can I fire now?" Each sailor passes the question to the person in front of him until it reaches the captain. The captain sends back the message, "No. Not yet."

Repeat this chain message several times.

Ending: The captain finally passes the order down the line: "Okay, FIRE!" The

gunner fires. The entire crew turns to watch the torpedo go. Then they break into a cheer, and sing, "We've sunk a rowboat!"

## SONGS

## Lobster Mash

I was down by the ocean late one night When my eyes beheld an unusual sight Hoards of lobsters began to rise And suddenly to my surprise

(they did the mash) They did the lobster mash (they did the mash) It was a seaside smash (they did the mash) It caught on in a flash (they did the mash) They did the lobster mash

From my front-row seat at sandcastle west To the briny deep, beyond the wave crests The fish all came from their humble abodes To share in the dance and twinkle their toes

(they did the mash) They did the lobster mash (they did the mash) It was a seaside smash



(they did the mash) It caught on in a flash (they did the mash) They did the lobster mash

The dophins were having fun, the party had just begun The guests included Marlin and Nemo, his only son.

The scene was rocking, all were digging the sound Of the lobster claws clicking as all twirled around. The whales and jellyfish were starting to scream When a wave crashed loudly, and I awoke from my dream

(of the mash) It was the lobster mash (oh yes the mash) It was a seaside smash (you know the mash) It was gone in a flash (it was the mash) My dream lobster mash.

## Crawdad

You get a line, I'll get a pole, honey (honey). You get a line, I'll get a pole, babe. You get a line, I'll get a pole, We'll go fishin' at the crawdad hole, Honey, sugar baby mine.

Whatcha gonna do when the Scouts arrive, honey (honey)? Whatcha gonna do when the Scouts arrive, babe? Whatch gonaa do about those Cub Scout boys? Cover my ears to block the noise. Honey, sugar baby mine.



## *Popeye the Sailor Man*

I'm Popeye, the sailor man. I live in a moving van. I go where I'm sent And I save on the rent, I'm Popeye, the sailor man.

I'm Popeye, the sailor man.
I live in a caravan.
I open the door
And fall through the floor
I'm Popeye, the sailor man.

I'm Popeye, the sailor man. I live in a garbage can. It's cramped and it's crude, But I get lots of food, I'm Popeye, the sailor man.

I'm Popeye, the sailor man.
I'm doing the best I can.
I eat all my spinach,
I fight to the finish.
I'm Popeye, the sailor man.

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.

Jaws

(Tune: Do Re Mi)

JAWS a mouth, a great big mouth TEETH the things that make a crunch BITE the friendly shark's "Hello" US his favorite juicy lunch BLOOD that turns the ocean red CHOMP oh what a tasty treat GULP that means the shark's been fed That will bring us back to JAWS! JAWS! JAWS! JAWS!

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.



# **August 2004: Scouting the Midway**

## **JOKES/RUN-ONS**

- ❖ When does Friday come before Thursday?
  - ➤ In the dictionary.
- ❖ Why did the clown tell a joke to the eggs?
  - > He wanted to crack them up.
- ❖ Why was Sunshine the clown staring at an orange juice can?
  - ➤ Because it said, "Concentrate."
- ❖ Why can't clown noses be 12 inches long?
  - > Because then they would be a foot.
- ❖ Why did Rainbow the clown eat a dollar bill?
  - ➤ It was his lunch money.
- ❖ Why did Silly Willy hold his ears when he walked by the hen house?
  - ➤ He didn't want to hear the fowl language.
- Why don't cannibals eat clowns?
  - > They taste funny.

#### **SKITS**

# The Candy Contest

Cast: Candy store owner, kids eating candy, leader.

Scene: A candy store. Table with jars of candy.

Setup: Kids come into the store and start buying candy. One asks for a dozen

licorice sticks, and eats them all at once. Another asks for twenty gumdrops and gobbles them up. A third buys fifteen candy canes and crunches them up. (You can add more characters, buying other types of candy) Have the kids mime this massive candy-eating binge. They stuff themselves with an assortment of candy until all begin to look ill and hold their stomachs.

The leader of the candy eating gang comes into the store:

Leader: "We've got to go now."

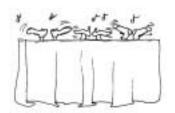
Owner: "Why is that?"

Leader: "Oh, we're on our way to a candy-eating contest. We just came for the

practice."



## The Upside Down Singers



The singers are onstage. An announcer explains that they are going to sing upside down! The singers duck behind the curtain (a sheet held up by two accomplices). Placing their hands in their shoes, they wobble the shoes above the curtain top. It should look like they are having trouble standing on their heads and are about to topple over as they sing – choose a

song that everyone knows. Getting the movements right requires practice and you may need a director to help get the motions right. To end the skit, let one of the curtain holders become distracted and 'accidentally' drop the curtain revealing the "upsidedown" singers in action.

#### **SONGS**

Clown Song

(Tune: I've Been Working on the Railroad)

I am walking through the circus, Happy as can be.
I am walking through the circus, Just to see what I can see.
I can see the clown laughing.
I can see the elephant, too.
I can see the lion sleeping.
Look out! He sees you.

Funny Clowns
(Tune: Frere Jacques)

Funny clowns, funny clowns, Jump around, jump around. Sometimes making faces, Sometimes running races. Funny clowns, funny clowns, Funny clowns, funny clowns, Spin around, spin around. Sometimes with a big nose, Sometimes with two big toes. Funny clowns, funny clowns.

Take Me Out to the Circus (Tune: Take Me Out to the Ballgame)

Take me out to the circus
Take me out to the show
Buy me some peanuts and crackerjacks
I don't care if I ever get back.

Cause it's clap, clap, clap for the jugglers and laugh, laugh, laugh for the clowns

For it's one, two, three rings of fun at the old big top.

Silly Clowns

Five silly clowns, jumping all around, Jump so high, then touch the ground. One silly clown said, "I can't stay," So he turned around and hopped away.

Repeat with four, three, two, one.

# **September 2004: Time In a Capsule**

## **JOKES/RUN-ONS**

- ❖ Why did they find bones on the moon?
  - > The cow never made it.
- ❖ How does a man on the moon get his hair cut?
  - Eclipse it.
- ❖ What did the alien say to the gas pump?
  - Take your fingers out of your ears and listen to me!
- ❖ What goes up and never comes down?
  - Your age.

## **SKITS**

## Short Skit

A person comes on stage, looking up at the sky. Each following person comes in, looks at the first person, then looks up at the sky and continues looking. They continue this for a while, until the last person asks the one ahead of him what he's looking at. He doesn't know, and asks the one ahead of him and so up so the first one, who says, "I'm not looking at anything. I have a stiff neck."

#### Mission Control to Astronauts

Characters: One (or more) persons at Mission Control; 5 astronauts

Setting: Mission Control is in one location, talking to astronauts in space capsule.

1<sup>st</sup> Astronaut: Mission Control...do you read me?

Mission Control: This is Mission Control. We are ready to give the new orders for

today.

2<sup>nd</sup> Astronaut: We read you loud and clear. What are your orders?

Mission Control: Telemetry is green for all systems. You are approaching us over the

coast of California. Your speed is 17,500 miles per hour.

3<sup>rd</sup> Astronaut: We read you Mission Control.

Mission Control: You will need to adjust your trajectory 10 degrees.

4<sup>th</sup> Astronaut: Okay, Mission Control. At 2100 hours we will adjust 10 degrees. Mission Control: The read camera is getting too much light. Can you adjust the shade

over it?

5<sup>th</sup> Astronaut: Roger. We'll see what we can do. Any other orders?

Mission Control: Yes. Today is the day you change your underwear. Conrad, you

change with Bean; Bean, you change with Shepherd; Shepherd, you change with Erwin; Erwin, you change with Armstrong; Armstrong,

you change with Conrad.

#### SONGS

My Stomach Has Had It

(Tune: "My Bonnie Lies Over the Ocean")

My breakfast lies over the ocean, My dinner lies over the sea, My stomach is in a commotion, Don't mention my supper to me.

#### Chorus:

Bring back, bring back, Oh bring Back my bucket to me, to me, Bring back, bring back, Oh bring Back my bucket to me, to me!

I really felt rotten this morning, They tell me I really looked pale, My stomach gave adequate warning, To lean far out over the rail.

The sound of a stomach in motion, A murmuring noise inside me, I looked down and there on the water, Was breakfast and dinner and tea.

## The SPAM Song

99 pieces of spam in your mail, 99 pieces of spam! Delete them all And whaddayaknow? 99 pieces of spam in your mail.

(Repeat as many as time as you want)

The Astronaut Song (Tune: "Ten Little Indians")

One brave, two brave, three brave astronauts.

Four brave, five brave, six brave astronauts.

Seven brave, eight brave, nine brave astronauts,

Ten brave astronauts all!

They flew to the moon and found it cheesy, Flew to the moon and found it cheesy, Came back to earth where life was easy, Ten brave astronauts all!

Moon Stepping

(Tune: "The Hokey Pokey" – Do the movements slowly)

You put your moon foot in, You put your moon foot out, You put your moon foot in And you shake it all about. You moon step here and you moon step there. That's what it's all about!

(Continue, substituting other body parts: moon arm, moon fingers, moon head, etc.)



## October 2004: It's A Circus of Stars

## **SONGS**

Boom Boom Ain't it Great to be Crazy

## Chorus:

Boom Boom, ain't it great to be Crazy? Boom Boom, ain't it great to be Crazy? Giddy and Foolish all day long Boom Boom, ain't it great to be Crazy!

Way down south where bananas grow
A flea stepped on a elephant's toe
The elephant cried with tears in his eyes
"Why don't you pick on someone your own size?"

Way up north were there's ice and snow There was a pengin and his name was Joe He got tired of black and white So he wore pink slacks to the dance last night!

A horse and a flea and three blind mice Sat on the curbstone shooting dice The horse, he slipped and fell on the flea Woops! said the flea, there's a horse on me!

I bought a suit of combination underwear Guaranteed not to rip or tear I wore them six months and to my consternation I couldn't get the darned thing off, I'd lost the combination!

I love myself. I think I'm grand. When I go to movies, I hold my hand. I put my arm around my waist, And when I get fresh, I slap my face. I call myself on the telephone
Just to hear my musical tone.
I ask myself for a heavy date,
And I pick myself up at half past eight.

Fuzzy Wuzzy was a bear, And Fuzzy Wuzzy cut his hair. So, Fuzzy Wuzzy wasn't fuzzy. No, by Jove, he wasn't, was he?

I take a swim in my swimming pool.

I jump from the board 'cause that's the rule.

I hit my head on cement and mortar.

Forgot to look - there was no water.

That one-eared cat who used to sit Watching Grandma rock and knit Swallowed a ball of bright red yarn, And out came kittens with red sweaters on.

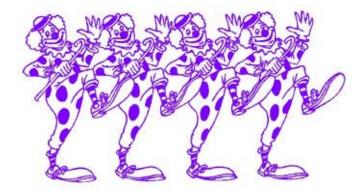
## **AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

#### На На На

Have 8-14 members of the audience form in a circle. The first person says, "Ha." The second person says, "Ha-ha." The third person says, "Ha-ha-ha," and so on, each person adding another "ha." Each "ha" must be pronounced solemnly. If any person laughs or fools around, he or she must drop out of the circle, but out, anything goes. The eliminated players are free to do anything they can think of to make the others laugh. No touching is allowed.

# Hilarious Handkerchief

Six or more members of the audience form a circle. One of them stands in the middle, throws a handkerchief up into the air, and starts laughing. Everyone in the circle laughs too, until the handkerchief hits the floor. At that moment there is complete silence - anyone who is still laughing is out.



# **November 2004: Cub Scout Collectors**

## **JOKES/RUN -ONS**

- ❖ What kind of horse collects stamps?
  - A hobby horse.
- ❖ Why do elephants have trunks?
  - > Because they don't have pockets to put things in.
- ❖ What is the best way to carve wood?
  - ➤ Whittle by whittle.
- ❖ What is the difference between an old penny and a new dime?
  - Nine cents.

# Poem:

# Thanksgiving Poem

May your stuffing be tasty,
May your turkey be plump,
May your potatoes and gravy have nary a lump,
May your yams be delicious,
May your pies take the prize,
And may your Thanksgiving dinner stay off of your thighs!

## SONGS

'Twas the Night Of Thanksgiving (Tune: Night before Christmas)

'Twas the night of Thanksgiving, but I just couldn't sleep. I tried counting backwards, I tried counting sheep. The leftovers beckoned, the dark meat and white, But I fought the temptation with all of my might.

Tossing and turning with anticipation,
The thought of a snack became infatuation.
So I raced to the kitchen,
flung open the door,
And gazed at the fridge,
full of goodies galore.



**SPARKLERS** 

I gobbled up turkey and buttered potatoes, Pickles and carrots, beans and tomatoes. I felt myself swelling so plump and so round, 'til all of a sudden I rose off the ground.

I crashed through the ceiling, floating into the sky,
With a mouthful of pudding and a handful of pie,
But I managed to yell,
as I soared past the trees,
"Happy eating to all...pass the cranberries please!"

# My Favorite Things

Raindrops on roses and whiskers on kittens, Bright copper kettles and warm woolen mittens, Brown paper packages tied up with string, These are a few of my favorite things.

Cream colored ponies and crisp apple strudels, Doorbells and sleigh bells and schnitzel with noodles, Wild geese that fly with the moon on their wings, These are a few of my favorite things.

Girls in white dresses with blue satin sashes, Snowflakes that stay on my nose and eyelashes, Silver white winters that melt into springs, These are a few of my favorite things.

When the dog bites, when the bee stings, When I'm feeling sad, I simply remember my favorite things, And then I don't feel so bad.

Butterfly Collection

(Tune: "Ten Little Indians")

Do substitute whatever items are pertinent to your scouts (and change the final # to something that makes good sense)

One lovely, two lovely, three lovely butterflies, Four lovely, five lovely, six lovely butterflies, Seven lovely, eight lovely, nine lovely butterflies, Ten makes my collection complete!



Backyard Treasures (Tune: Clementine)

In the backyard, there are treasures, There are treasures all around, If I look hard in my back yard, All the treasures can be found.

Found some pine cones and an ant hill, And a toad all squashed and dead. I can hide them in my pocket, And I'll keep them 'neath my bed. Momma found them in my pocket, So she yelled and screamed and cried. "You can keep those rotten pine cones, But can't keep the toad that died."

So I took them to the backyard, To her flower bed to rest. I'm so glad she didn't find that Beetle hidden in her desk!



# **December 2004: Holiday Food Fare**

## **JOKES/RUN-ONS**

Driver: Hi, is your name Jell-O?

Hitchhiker: Uh... no.

Driver: Too bad, 'cause there's always room for Jell-O!

Diner: Waiter, there's a fly in my butter!

Waiter: No, there isn't.

Diner: I tell you there is a fly in my butter!

Waiter: And I tell you there isn't; it isn't a fly, it's a moth and it isn't butter, it's

margarine.

Diner: Waiter, I can't eat this!

Waiter: Why not sir?

Diner: You haven't given me a knife and fork.

Diner: Waiter, this lobster only has one claw.

Waiter: I think he's been in a fight, sir. Diner: Well, bring me the winner!

Diner: Waiter, bring me a fried egg with finger-marks in it, some luke-warm greasy

chips and a portion of watery cabbage.

Waiter: We don't do food like that, sir!

Diner: You did yesterday.

(A Dad and his son are eating hamburgers at McDonalds)

Son: Daddy, What are these little things on the hamburger buns?

Dad: They are tiny seeds and they're okay to eat.

(After a long pause)

Son: Dad, if we go home and plant these seeds in our backyard, we will have

enough hamburgers to last forever.

❖ A Zen Buddhist walks into a pizza parlor and says, "Make me one with everything."

- ❖ Indigestion is what you get when a square meal doesn't fit in a round stomach.
- ❖ A cheesecake is something that turns to pound cake when you eat it.
- ❖ A big sign is posted in a fast-food restaurant that reads, "No bills larger than \$20 will be accepted." The woman in front of the line points to the sign and remarks, "Believe me, if I HAD a bill larger than 20 dollars, I wouldn't be eating here."

- ❖ What do you get if you divide the circumference of a pumpkin by its diameter?
  - > Pumpkin Pi.
- ❖ Did you hear about the cannibal who loved fast food?
  - ➤ He ordered a pizza with everybody on it.
- ❖ What do you call a stolen yam?
  - A hot potato.

# Foreign Foods:

- ❖ In America, if you want to split the cost of an evening out, you say you are "going Dutch," since the Dutch are well known for their frugality. The Dutch, on the other hand, call the same arrangement "op z'n Amerikaans" (going American) because the Americans are known for their egalitarian nature!
- ❖ In English, the bird "turkey" was named as though it came from Turkey. In Turkish, the bird is named "hindi" as though it came from "Hindistan", which is Turkish for India. (Any Hindi speakers wish to comment on the Hindi name of a turkey?)
- ❖ French fries aren't really French. In fact, they were invented by the English (so greasy, you know), who call them chips. The French call them "pommes frites" or "fried apples [of the earth]".
- ❖ In Wien (the German name for Vienna), they like to eat Frankfurters. In Frankfurt, they eat the same thing, but call them Wieners.

# Stupid Food Laws:

- ❖ In Arizona: It is unlawful to refuse a person a glass of water.
- ❖ In Illinois: A law forbids eating in a place that is on fire.
- ❖ In Washington: All lollipops are banned.
- ❖ In Florida: It is illegal to sell peanuts after sundown on Wednesday.
- ❖ In Alabama: Putting salt on a railroad track may be punishable by death.

## SKITS:

## You're a Bad Cook

You Know You're a Bad Cook When...

- You go on a picnic, the ants bring Rolaids.
- Your kids ask you to make reservations instead of dinner.
- You use the smoke alarm as a cooking timer.
- Your dog goes to the neighbors' to eat.
- Your microwave display reads "TILT."
- Your two best recipes are meatloaf and apple pie, but no one can tell which is which.
- Your pie filling bubbles over and eats the enamel off the bottom of the oven.
- Your tuna noodle surprise glows in the dark and melts the silverware.

# Your family prays AFTER they eat!

## Have It Your Way

An elderly couple is relaxing on a park bench beside a large pond. Across the pond, food vendors are selling a variety of food of tasty food from carts.

Wife: You know, I really would like an ice cream cone.

Husband: Well, I'll go get you one.

Wife: But you'll forget what I want. You should write it down.

Husband: No I won't; what flavor do you want?

Wife: Hmm. Get me a strawberry cone with chocolate sprinkles, please. Husband: Okay, a strawberry cone with chocolate sprinkles. See, I'll remember.

Several hours pass and finally the husband returns.

Wife: What took you so long? Did you get lost? Husband: No, I did not, and I even got what you wanted.

Wife (Opens bag, and frowns): I knew you should have written the order down.

Husband: What do you mean? Everything is there.

(Wife removes cheeseburger and fries from bag, shows cheeseburger to husband)

Wife: Oh, no it's not! Look, you forgot the pickles!

## **SONGS**

Chanukah - Dreidel, dreidel, dreidel

I have a little dreidel It has a lovely body

I made it out of clay

And when it's dry and ready

Then dreidel I shall play!

With legs so short and thin

And when my dreidel's tired

It drops and then I win!

(Chorus)

Chorus:

Oh - dreidel, dreidel My dreidel's always playful I made it out of clay It loves to dance and spin And when it's dry and ready A happy game of dreidel

Then dreidel I shall play! Come play now, let's begin!

(Chorus)

# 12 Days of Fast Food

On the first day of Christmas, My drive-thru gave to me: A Big Bacon Classic with cheese.

On the second day of Christmas, My drive-thru gave to me: Two Happy Meals, And a Big Bacon Classic with cheese.

On the third day of Christmas, My drive-thru gave to me: Three Biggie Fries, Two Happy Meals, And a Big Bacon Classic with cheese.

4<sup>th</sup> Day: Four Egg McMuffins 5<sup>th</sup> Day: Five Onion Rings 6<sup>th</sup> Day: Six Chocolate Milkshakes 7<sup>th</sup> Day: Seven Pints of Cole Slaw 8<sup>th</sup> Day: Eight bowls of chili 9<sup>th</sup> Day: Nine Polish hot dogs 10<sup>th</sup> Day: Ten baked potatoes 11<sup>th</sup> Day: Eleven pounds of blubber 12<sup>th</sup> Day: Twelve bags of Pepto Libraries Are No Place to Eat
By Dennis Perry, Wilson Library, Western
Washington University
(Tune: Santa Claus is Coming To Town)

You better not eat, you better not chew, you better not munch, we're talkin' to you! Libraries are no place to eat.

You better not drink, you better not dine; if offered some food, politely decline. Libraries are no place to eat.

You don't come here for bathing, you don't come here to smoke; so don't come here to eat your lunch - if you do we'll make you choke.

So put down that Coke, that apple, and cake; eating it here's a major mistake. Libraries are no place to eat.

You better not bite, ingest, or consume; just take it outside - there's plenty of room. Libraries are no place to eat.

We see you when you're snacking, we hear you when you gulp; we're gonna take your taco chips and mash them into pulp!

We've taken an oath all munching to squelch; you better not gobble, gurgle, or belch.

Libraries are no place to eat.

We don't care how great your grandmother cooks; we don't want those fingers touching our books.
Libraries are no place to eat.

The next time your stomach's craving some food, remember these points we've carefully reviewed.

Libraries are no place to eat!

# **January 2005: Cub Scouts Spread the News**

## JOKES/RUN –ONS

- ❖ Why can't you send a telegram to Washington?
  - > Because he's dead.
- ❖ What does a train hear with?
  - ➤ It's "engine-ear"!
- ❖ What has a mouth but cannot talk?
  - A river.
- Cub 1: How did you break your arm?
- Cub 2: Playing football with a telephone booth.
- Cub 1: What?
- Cub 2: I was trying to get the quarter back.

## **SONGS**

Spread the News

(Tune: "Row, Row, Row Your Boat")

Spread, spread the news To good friends far and near Look and see how merrily Cub Scouts gather here.

The Silly Reporter

(Tune: "Hail, Hail, the Gang's All Here") Appoint a reporter to fill in the blank—

Perhaps point to someone different at the end of each verse

Hail, hail, the reporter's here.	Hail, hail, the reporter's here.
What's he going to tell us?	What's he going to tell us?
What's he going to tell us?	What's he going to tell us?
Hail, hail, the reporter's here.	Hail, hail, the reporter's here.
Now he says the weather's	Now he says it's time for
Hail, hail, the reporter's here.	Hail, hail, the reporter's here.
What's he going to tell us?	What's he going to tell us?
What's he going to tell us?	What's he going to tell us?
Hail, hail, the reporter's here.	Hail, hail, the reporter's here.
Now he says the coolest Pack/Den is #	Now he says this song is DONE!

# February 2005: It's a Scouting Celebration

## **SKITS**

# Bailing Out

Cast: A Boy Scout, a priest, the Worlds-Smartest-Man, an airplane pilot

Scene: A crashing plane.

Setup: The group is flying in an airplane. The Worlds-Smartest-Man starts

showing off his knowledge, telling the passengers all about the airplane, all about the country they are flying over, etc. He keeps bragging that he is the Worlds-Smartest-Man. Make it clear that one of the passengers is

a priest and one is a Boy Scout.

Pilot: "I'm sorry folks, but the plane is going to crash. You'll all have to bail

out. I'm afraid there aren't enough parachutes for everyone on board.

But I've got mine! Good luck."

(Pilot jumps out and disappears offstage in a free fall.)

Smartest-Man: "Well, the Worlds-Smartest-Man isn't about to get caught without a

parachute ... I've got mine!"

(He freefalls offstage.)

(Priest offers last parachute to the Boy Scout)

Priest: "Here son, you take the last parachute."

Boy Scout: "Thanks, but it's no problem. I've got a parachute. The Worlds-

Smartest-Man took my backpack!"

(The priest and the Boy Scout jump with their parachutes)

## The FBI Office

Cast: A Cub Scout den, an FBI agent

Scene: An FBI office with mug shots on the wall.

Setup: A Cub Scout den is visiting an FBI office and stopped to look at the

photographs of the ten most-wanted criminals.

(One of the Cub scouts points to a mug shot on the wall)

Scout: "Is that really a most-wanted criminal?"

FBI Agent: "Yes, it is."

Scout: "Then why didn't you keep him when you took his picture?"

## **SONGS**

Our Cub Scout Family I
By Becky Wong
(Tune: The Aadams Family)
- Add sound effects & snap fingers
between verses

Our Cub Scout pack is growin' With lots of Cub Scouts showin' The Cub Scout Spirit glowin' Our Cub Scout family.

With Tigers, Wolves, and Bears And Webelos who care To live the Cub Scout Promise Our Cub Scout family. Our Cub Scout Family II
(Tune: The Brady Bunch)
- Adjust for # of boys in Pack

Here's the story
Of our Cub Scout Family
Filled with 30\* very active Cub Scout boys
All of them had lots of fun in their dens
Making lots of noise.

Once a month all the Cub Scouts go together In our monthly pack meeting With songs and games and lots of fun With out Cub Scout Family.

Our Cub Scout Family, Our Cub Scout Family, Lot of fun with our Cub Scout family.

God Bless My Underwear (Tune: God Bless America)

God bless my underwear, my only pair. Stand beside them, and guide them, Through the rips, through the holes, through the tears. From the washer, to the dryer, to the clothesline in the air. God bless my underwear, my only pair.

