

Planning an Action Packed Program



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Welcome & Introduction

- Welcome to Pow Wow!
 - *Planning an Action Packed Program*
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Class Outline

- Why Plan an Action Packed Program?
 - Cub Scout Career
- Tools
 - Themes
 - Program Helps
 - Roundtable
 - Cheers / Skits / Ceremonies
 - Pack / Den Calendar
- Advancement
- Summary and Questions



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Why Plan an Action Packed Program?

- **Cub Scout "Career"**
 - 5 years (Tiger-Webelos II)
 - 5 Pinewood Derbies
 - 5 Blue & Gold Banquets
 - 50 Pack Meetings
 - 150 Den Meetings
- **Keep it Fun for Everyone!**
 - Parents & Leaders too



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What Help is Available?

- Themes
- Program Helps
- Roundtable
- Cheers / Skits / Ceremonies / Quotes
- Advancement



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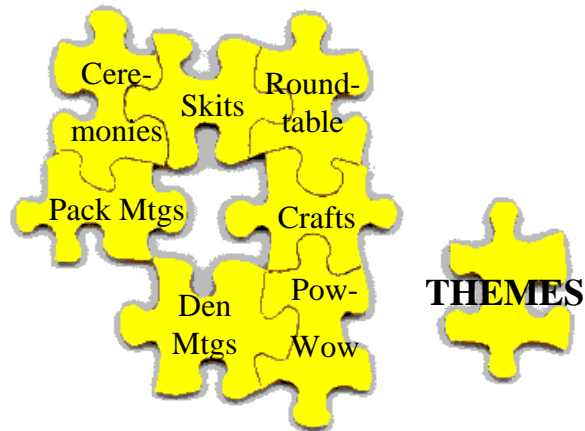
What are Themes?

- A "vener" that goes over learning activities to make them interesting
- A collection of related activities of high "boy interest" for each month
- Encompasses den activities & the Pack meeting
- Explained in "Program Helps", Pow-Wow and Roundtable



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Themes are the key piece of the Cub Scout puzzle



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Why Use Themes?

- Add Variety to Den Meetings
- Add Variety to Pack Meetings
- Makes Den Projects More Important
- Makes planning Integrated Pack Meeting possible
- Gives variety and interest to program
- Gives initiative to do things that you would not consider otherwise
- Increases efficiency of planning

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Introducing Themes To Pack

- Best initiated at Pack level
- Give Den Leaders long-term plan for the theme and their assignments
- Go with whatever support you get, and build - recognize Dens that support theme
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Program Helps - Den Level

- Where do Den Crafts go?
 - Refrigerator?
 - Garbage can??
 - Pack meeting!



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Program Helps - Den Level

- Weekly layout of Den Activities
 - Gathering Activity
 - Entertainment
 - Snacks
 - Crafts/Advancements
 - Field Trips



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Program Helps - Den Level

Before Meeting Starts

While Cubs Gather

Opening

Business Items

Activity

Closing

After the meeting

Invention Convention: Bear Den Meetings			
Den level meeting agenda for the program year 2006-2007			
Review these pages before planning den meetings.			
WEEK	FIRST WEEK	SECOND WEEK	THIRD WEEK
BEFORE THE MEETING	Den leader, den chief and den members should meet with the den chief and den members to discuss the den meeting and den activities.	Den leader should meet with the den chief and den members to discuss the den meeting and den activities.	Den leader should meet with the den chief and den members to discuss the den meeting and den activities.
WHILE CUBS GATHER	Den chief should be in charge of the den meeting and den activities.	Den leader should be in charge of the den meeting and den activities.	Den leader should be in charge of the den meeting and den activities.
OPENING	Den leader should give the opening prayer and den activities.	Den leader should give the opening prayer and den activities.	Den leader should give the opening prayer and den activities.
BUSINESS ITEMS	Den leader should discuss the den meeting and den activities.	Den leader should discuss the den meeting and den activities.	Den leader should discuss the den meeting and den activities.
ACTIVITY	Den leader should discuss the den meeting and den activities.	Den leader should discuss the den meeting and den activities.	Den leader should discuss the den meeting and den activities.
CLOSING	Den leader should give the closing prayer and den activities.	Den leader should give the closing prayer and den activities.	Den leader should give the closing prayer and den activities.
AFTER THE MEETING	Den leader should discuss the den meeting and den activities.	Den leader should discuss the den meeting and den activities.	Den leader should discuss the den meeting and den activities.



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Program Helps - Pack Level

- Den meetings form backbone of Pack Meeting
 - Den displays of crafts and activities
 - Decorations
 - Boy awareness of theme
- Make the Den projects important!



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Program Helps - Pack Level

- Pack adds additional elements:
 - Decorations
 - Guest Speakers
 - Ceremonies
 - Cheers
 - Songs
 - Cubmaster Minutes



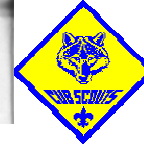
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Program Helps - Pack Level

- Theme background
- Applause/Stunts/Cheers
- Cubmaster Minute
- Songs
- Ceremonies
- Activities
- Program Tie-Ins



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Why have Cheers, Skits, Ceremonies, and Quotations as Part of your Meeting?

- **VARIETY!**
- Cheers
 - Break-up the Pack Meeting
 - Keeps things 'light'
- Skits / Songs
 - Give Dens the opportunity to Perform
 - Many Scouts love to be 'on-stage'

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Why have Cheers, Skits, Ceremonies, and Quotations as Part of your Program?

- Ceremonies
 - Scout Recognition
 - Makes it Special for the Scout & Family
- Quotations
 - Way to incorporate theme
 - Cubmaster Minute
 - Examples:
 - *“Genius is 1% inspiration and 99% perspiration.”* – Thomas Alva Edison
 - *“Throw some simple and cheap ingredients in a bag, shake it, bake it, and go to market.”* – Guy Kawasaki
 - *“Older people ask – ‘What is it?’ the boy asks ‘What can I do with it?’”* – Apple CEO Steve Jobs



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Advancements

- Celebrate Them!
- Stress that Responsibility for Advancements lies with Family, not Den Leader
- Utilize Den Doodles, Advancement Charts, den goal to reinforce individual responsibility, track progress
- Let families know what you do not plan to cover
- Plan!!!



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Planning

- Pack Committee Meeting
 - Plan Pack Meetings ahead
 - Plan Den Involvement
- Pack Calendar
 - Gives Dens Plan for the year
 - Lists Themes
 - Lists Assignments
 - Distribute to the Families



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Planning

- Den Calendar
 - Plan the Whole Year
 - Lists Themes
 - Lists Achievements
 - Distribute to the Families



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Paperwork

- Planning isn't complete without the Paperwork!
 - Permission Slip
 - A Permission Slip is Required for each Scout for Every Outing
 - It must be Signed buy the Scout's Parent or Guardian Prior to the Outing
 - Tour Permit
 - Must be Filed at the Council Office Prior to the Outing



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Isn't this a ton of work?

- Cubmaster's main job (ideally only job) is planning and conducting an interesting Pack meeting
- An hour a week is hype - but three hours a week should be your goal
- A Scout is Thrifty - and time is your most precious resource



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Resources

- Personal experiences/Talents
- Program Helps
- Pow Wow
- Scouting Magazine
- Boy's Life
- Roundtable
- Pack Members



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Summary & Questions

- Use Themes in Your Program
 - At the Pack and Den Level
- Use Your Resources
- Use Cheers / Skits / Songs / Quotations
- Advancement
 - Recognize it
- Plan
- Don't forget the Paperwork!
- Have Fun!!!



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