

February 2009 Monthly Theme: "American ABC's"

Take a personalized tour of the USA by the letters: Austin, Baton Rouge and Cambridge to Xenia, York and Zion. Our country contains an endless variety of scenic and historic places. What is special about these places? This month we'll find out by visiting historic places, theme parks, museums, and zoos. Choose a city or an historical site to highlight. Invite a guest speaker who can share something special about the places your Cub Scouts have picked to discover. Use maps or collect tourist brochures to learn more about places to visit. Your local historical society or public library is a great place to get started. Celebrate your blue and gold banquet with local foods from your choices of the ABCs and decorate to highlight your choice. This would be a good month to work on the Citizenship belt loop or pin or the Geography belt loop or pin.

Webelos Activity Badges: First year, Scholar; Second year, Start Engineer

Theme Related Material

Doing good turns is one of the many benefits that our Cub Scouts learn while being in the program. They realize the joy of working and giving to their community when they are together. One good turn I like to suggest is having a Cub Garden, planted with vegetables, and even flowers. Once the crops are grown, washing the veggies and taking them to a local shelter will teach the Cubs an important lesson in helping those less fortunate than they. Fresh flowers can be cut and taken to local Residents/Nursing homes.

July can be a fun time for Cub Scouting. The weather is warm and America is full of history and celebration. Use this month and theme to help the boys see what a great country we live in and how greatly blessed they are to live where they do.

You can take the boys to places in your area that are historic to our country or state. Talk why these places are important to your city and ultimately to America.

This is a good month to fulfill the requirements in their book that pertain to the flag or community. Teach them proper respect for the flag and why we should show that respect. Teach them the proper way to fold the flag and the proper way to conduct a flag ceremony. These things can be found in the boys' books and also in the leader guide.

**The most powerful agent of growth and transformation is
something more basic than any technique:
a change of heart.**

--John Welwood

The 7 UP's

Wake Up - Decide to have a good day.

Dress up - The best way to dress up is to put on a smile. A smile is an inexpensive way to improve your looks

Shut up - Say nice things & learn to listen. We have been given two ears and one mouth so we can do twice as much listening as talking.

Stand up - For what you believe in. Stand for something or you will fall for anything.

Look Up - To our higher power who gives us strength to do everything through Him who gives me strength

Reach Up - For something higher. As Jiminy Cricket sings "High Hopes" always try to better yourself.

Lift Up - Your Prayers. Do not worry about anything; instead pray about everything.

Have a great day and remember the 7-Ups of life.

The ABC's Of Being An Effective Leader

A - Attitude: accent the positive, attitudes determine effectiveness

B - Boys: remember the program is for them

C - Communications: help keep the lines open

D - Diplomacy: be a diplomat, always put your best foot forward

E - Effort: you'll get out as much as you put in

F - Flexibility: to be able to change and adapt

G - Guide: guide, but don't force

H - Harmony: you can help maintain this in your pack

I - Interest: keep interest high by KISMIF (*Keep It Simple, Make It Fun*)

J - Joy: spread it, pass it on

K - Knowledge: Cub Scouts depend on you for this - stay informed

L - Listen: with understanding

M - Morale: keep your spirits high

N - Nobody: is a nobody in Cub Scouting

O - Organized: set goals and reach them

P - Problems: there are none...just look at them as unresolved opportunities

Q - Quandary: keep yourself out of this state

R - Resourceful: know where to get materials and ideas

S - Scout: our goal is for every Bobcat to become an Eagle Scout

T - Training: be sure to keep yourself up-to-date

U - Uniform: promote the uniform and set a good example by wearing it

V - Volunteers: that's most of us in the Cub Scout program, try to recruit others

W - Wisdom: this includes perseverance, tolerance and tact.

X - Xtra Special: each Cub Scout is definitely that

Y - Year: Cub Scouting is year-round and plan your program that way

Z - Zest: perform your job with it

TRAINING TIPS

Annual Pack Program Planning Conference

What is it: An annual meeting of all pack leaders designed to establish the year's program based on twelve monthly themes and Webelos activity badges, along with special activities, all tailored to the pack's needs.

Why is it held? A program planned twelve months in advance allows leaders to look ahead. Advance preparation ensures a well-rounded program of fun, variety, action, and purpose.

Who attends? The pack committee chairman and Cubmaster are jointly responsible for seeing that this meeting occurs. The meeting is conducted by the pack committee chairman. All den and pack leaders, den chiefs, Tiger Cub coaches, and interested parents attend. The unit commissioner also should be invited.

When is it held? Each year, in July or August.

More information on this conference is in the Cub Scout Leader Book pages 7-5, 7-6.

TIGER CUBS

Tiger Cub Graduation

Cubmaster: Tonight, we honor our Tiger Cubs. Will _____, our Tiger Cub Group Coach please come and introduce them. (Tigers and adults come to the front.)

Group Coach lights the candles saying:

White is for the Purity of Living.

Black is for the unknown, the fear and doubt.

Orange is for knowledge, joy and confidence.

These are the colors of the Tigers. You have completed the tenure of the Tiger Cub program. Adults here is the patch for your Tigers. Please place it on his right pocket. Tigers here is the pin for your adult partner who worked with you through your deeds as Tigers. Place their pin on their collar. Here, too, is the certificate for all to see. As your Group Coach, I bid you farewell and show you the path of a new challenge. The challenge of Cub Scouts. Each step you take tells you what you must learn, so you can earn your next rank. Walk the bridge of Cub Scouts and meet you new leaders.

Across the bridge stands the Cubmaster, Den Leader and Den Chief

Cubmaster: Welcome to Pack _____. This is your Den Leader and den chief of den _____. Your meetings are at _____, at _____ p.m., at location_____.

The Den Leader puts the Cub Scout (Wolf-yellow) neckerchief on the Tigers. (Optional, each pack or leader decides.)

Den Chief hands each boy the Wolf book and says, "These are your next challenges. Read and do each requirement of the Bobcat. When you are done, you will earn the Bobcat rank patch. The Cubmaster asks each boy and adult team to sit with the pack.

Ceremony ends with a "Round of Applause".

Tiger/Webelos Ceremony

Personnel: Cubmaster, Webelos, Tiger Cubs, Parents, Akela and Den Leader

Props: Table with candles for each boy with their names in front of candles

Cubmaster: Tonight we have the pleasure of welcoming new Cub Scouts into the pack. Parents and graduating Tiger Cubs, would you please be escorted forward by our Webelos.

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Assistant CM: The Webelos Scout provided a path for you to follow into the pack and now he relinquishes his place in the pack to you.

(Webelos Scouts hand lighted candles to boys and return to their seats.)

Den Leader: You and your parents both were asked to come forward. This symbolizes that the family is a necessary base for Cub Scouting and that Cub Scouting supports a strong family unit. The candles you received represent the promise of every Cub Scout to "Do Your Best."

Do you promise to Do Your Best?

Tiger Cubs: We Do.

(Den Leader instructs Tigers to blow out the candles and return them to the table.)

(As the right of the group Akela appears in costume.)

Akela: (To Cubmaster) My Brother, have these new cubs prepared to join our Pack?

Cubmaster: They have by completing the Tiger Cub program. As we call your name, please step forward to receive your graduation patch and certificate.

(Call out names and distribute graduation materials.

After all have been distributed Cubmaster turns to Akela and Pack)

Cubmaster: Akela, Members of the Pack, please welcome our new Cub Scouts.

Pack Meeting Gathering Activities

American ABC's

Can You Name Them?

Give everyone a blank sheet of paper and see how many American people, places, and things they can list from A to Z.

State Facts

Copy the map of the United States so that you have one for each Cub Scout or one for each person at the pack meeting. People should write the name of each state and its capital in the space for the state (or as close as possible to small states, with an arrow pointing to the appropriate state). After the meeting opens, reveal a large U.S. map for everyone to check answers. Give a prize to all who correctly identified the states and capitals. **Optional:** Suggest that they write in any additional information they know, such as the state bird, flower, tree, song, or nickname. People write their names on the papers and turn them in. A leader or other adult uses a list, an encyclopedia, or other reference book about the United States to check the papers. Give a prize to the one with most correct answers.

Spell It Out

Equipment: Pencil and Paper

Directions:

1. Give the Cubs a phrase made up of two or three words.
2. From that phrase, the Cubs must come up with as many words as possible. Challenge them by making them think of words only with "B", or "S", or "D," or limit them to just three letter words or four letter words.
3. Use a phrase that is common to your pack or den. Or perhaps one like:

INDEPENDENCE DAY

(Pen, den, nine, dine, pay, day, nice, dice, pace, yen)

Take a hike with your Cubs through your neighborhood, yard, or local park and ask them to try to find something that begins with a letter of the alphabet--A, B, C. This can be played as teams as a scavenger hunt too. Remind your Cubs that working together as a team provides the best outcome.

Flag Pieces

Draw/locate a sufficient number of pictures of different flags and cut them into 2 or 3 pieces to accommodate the number of people you have attending a den or pack meeting. Mix and distribute flag pieces as members arrive at the meeting. Ask people to find those people holding the other pieces of their flag and introduce themselves to each other.

OPENING CEREMONIES

The Meaning of the Pledge of Allegiance

When you pledge allegiance to your flag, you promise loyalty and devotion to your nation. Each word has a deep meaning:

I pledge allegiance: I promise to be true

to the flag: to the sign of our country

of the United States of America: a country made up of 50 states, each with certain rights of its own

and to the Republic: a country where the people elect others to make laws for them

for which it stands: the flag means the country

one Nation under God: a single country whose people believe in a supreme being

indivisible: the country cannot be split into parts

with liberty and justice: with freedom and fairness

for all. For each person in the country - you and me.

"America Is Special To Me"

Arrangement: Eight Cub Scouts in uniforms stand in a straight line. Seven boys hold poster boards, each with one letter of **AMERICA** on one side.

The other side shows a colorful drawing by the Cub Scout that corresponds to the description or of what America means to him. Begin with all drawings facing the audience. The Cub Scouts turn over their letters one at a time as they speak.

A: Abounding wildlife running free

M: Majestic mountains from sea to sea

E: Eagles soaring through evergreen forests

R: Raging rivers and nature's own chorus

I: Immeasurable love God has for us

C: Courageous people who love this land

A: Adventures in Scouting, lessons firsthand

Cub Scout #8 (dressed as Uncle Sam and holding an American Flag): "Will you please join us in the Pledge of Allegiance?"

"My Choice"

You need 8 boys holding cards with the letters **MY CHOICE** printed on each card. Each boy in turn steps up raises his card and reads his line.

M:

If I could choose what I could be,
I'd choose to be just me,
To live where I am free to talk,
To choose my friends and where to walk.

Y

To choose the job I want to do,
And live where I've a notion to.

C

To spend my money as I please,
And never have to bend my knees.

H

To any dictator or government boss,
Who profits from the peoples' loss.

O

To choose the church in which I will pray,
And worship God in my own way.

I

To vote for men who'll do their best,
To see our nation meets the test.

C

And conquer evils that would destroy
The freedoms that I enjoy.

E:

To be my boss and live the way,
According to how I choose each day.
Yes if I could choose what could be,
I'd be an American. **Just Like Me.**

Flag Folding Ceremony

The flag folding ceremony described by the Uniformed Services is a dramatic and uplifting way to honor the flag on special days, like Memorial Day or Veterans Day, and is sometimes used at retirement ceremonies.

Here is a typical sequence of the reading:

(Begin reading as Honor Guard or Flag Detail is coming forward.)

The flag folding ceremony represents the same principles on which our country was originally founded. The portion of the flag denoted honors the canton of blue containing the stars representing the states our veterans served in uniform. The canton field of blue dresses from left to right and is inverted when draped as a pall on a casket of a veteran who has served our country in uniform.

In the Armed Forces of the United States, at the ceremony of retreat the flag is lowered, folded in a triangle fold, and kept under watch throughout the night as a tribute to our nation's honored dead. The next morning it is brought out and, at the ceremony of reveille, run aloft as a symbol of our belief in the resurrection of the body.

(Wait for the Honor Guard or Flag Detail to unravel and fold the flag into a quarter fold - resume reading when Honor Guard is standing ready.)

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The first fold of our flag is a symbol of life.

The second fold is a symbol of our belief in the eternal life.

The third fold is made in honor and remembrance of the veteran departing our ranks who gave a portion of life for the defense of our country to attain a peace throughout the world.

The fourth fold represents our weaker nature, for as American citizens trusting in God, it is to Him we turn in times of peace as well as in times of war for His divine guidance.

The fifth fold is a tribute to our country, for in the words of Stephen Decatur, "Our country. In dealing with other countries, may she always be right; but it is still our country, right or wrong."

The sixth fold is for where our hearts lie. It is with our heart that we pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

The seventh fold is a tribute to our Armed Forces, for it is through the Armed Forces that we protect our country and our flag against all her enemies, whether they be found within or without the boundaries of our republic.

The eighth fold is a tribute to the one who entered in to the valley of the shadow of death, that we might see the light of day, and to honor mother, for whom it flies on Mother's Day.

The ninth fold is a tribute to womanhood; for it has been through their faith, love, loyalty and devotion that the character of the men and women who have made this country great have been molded.

The tenth fold is a tribute to father, for he, too, has given his sons and daughters for the defense of our country since they were first born.

The eleventh fold, in the eyes of a Hebrew citizen, represents the lower portion of the seal of King David and King Solomon, and glorifies, in their eyes, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

The twelfth fold, in the eyes of a Christian citizen, represents an emblem of eternity and glorifies, in their eyes, God the Father, the Son, and Holy Ghost.

When the flag is completely folded, the stars are uppermost, reminding us of the national motto, "In God We Trust."

(Wait for the Honor Guard or Flag Detail to inspect the flag; after inspection, resume reading.)

After the flag is completely folded and tucked in, it takes on the appearance of a cocked hat, ever reminding us of the soldiers who served under General George Washington and the sailors and marines who served under Captain John Paul Jones who were followed by their comrades and shipmates in the Armed Forces of the United States, preserving for us the rights, privileges, and freedoms we enjoy today.

The Flag Folding Ceremony above is from the US Air Force Academy.

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Sing the "Star-Spangled Banner"

Props: Make a map of the United States with the following cities highlighted

Introduction: "A tour of the USA by the letters."

Have Cubs read off a name from the list and point it out on the map. Do them alphabetically.

Anchorage, Alaska

Boston, Massachusetts

Cherokee, Kansas

Dover, Delaware

Everglades, Florida

Freedom, California

Gallup, New Mexico

Hartford, Connecticut

Independence, Missouri

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Jefferson, Iowa
Knoxville, Tennessee
Lincoln, Nebraska
Montgomery, Alabama
Neptune, New Jersey
Oshkosh, Wisconsin
Providence, Rhode Island
Quartzite, Arizona
Revere, Minnesota
Sleepyhollow, Wyoming
Tornado, West Virginia
Ulysses, Pennsylvania
Vermillion, South Dakota
Washington, DC
Xenia, Ohio
Yakima, Washington
Zapata, Texas

"From A to Z, Scouts do things all over our great land."

America is a Beautiful Word

Personnel: Narrator and 7 Cub

Equipment: Each boy holds a card with a letter of "AMERICA" on it. Flip card over and draw a picture with the same letter illustrating the description below.

Narrator: What do you see when you look at the word **AMERICA**? What mental picture do the seven letters create in your mind?

The "Capital **A**" suggest our magnificent snow-covered mountain peaks, and the wigwam of the original American.

The "**M**" symbolizes the broad shoulders of our pioneer, shoulder-to-the-wheel pushing our frontier westward; broad shoulder swinging axes, building a nation.

The "**E**" might be the lariats of the cowboy riding the plains, lariats of Kit Carson or Buffalo Bill.

The "**R**" is a man with outstretched arms in friendship and cooperation toward all who love freedom, justice and peace.

The "**I**" represents the individual American with his right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

The "**C**" is a bent bow from which an arrow has just sped toward the heart of mankind's greatest ideals.

The final "**A**" is a man on his knees in prayer, symbolizing a nation which recognizes it's Creator and gives thanks for His blessings.

Narrator: Yes, America is a beautiful word!

Red, White & Blue Bird

Personnel: Cubmaster, Assistant Cubmaster and 2 Den Leaders

Equipment: Camping gear and outfit for each participant, 1 binoculars, American Flag, and Pack Flag

Setting: The Flags are in front of the audience. The group of participants are off to one side and slowly walk through the audience to the front, as they say their line.

Cubmaster: (Everyone starts walking slowly) It sure is nice to be here in the outdoors. All these trees, animals and fresh air.

Assistant Cubmaster: (looking through binoculars)

Hey, I think I see a big red bird up there!

Leader 1: (Takes the binoculars away as everyone continues to walk slowly toward the front) Here, let **ME** see! Naw, it's a huge white bird of some sort.

Leader 2: (Takes the binoculars away while everyone continues to walk slowly to the front) Boy, you don't know what you're talking about! It's not red OR white. It's big and blue and what's this?!?! It has STARS!!

Cubmaster: (Cubmaster takes the binoculars and everyone STOPS) Here, let **ME** see what you're all talking about. (Looks through the binoculars)

C'mon you guys. (Motions for everyone to follow as they walk to the front) It's not a red bird, or even a white bird. What you are looking at is our nation's flag! (Turns to audience) Please join us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

DEN DOODLES

Cut a tongue depressor into a rectangle. Paint a small portion blue with white stars. Paint the remaining portion red with white stripes.

PACK/DEN ACTIVITIES

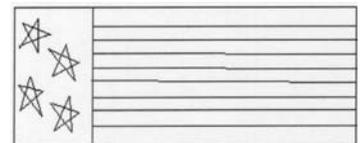
Fun Facts

The Lincoln penny is the only U.S. circulating coin currently produced in which the portrait faces to the right.

The official title of the Statue of Liberty is Liberty Enlightening the World.

Freedom Park in Virginia holds the largest display of original pieces of the Berlin Wall outside of Germany.

The ancient Egyptians slept on pillows made of stone.



Frog Facts

<http://www.frogstore.com/frogfacts.htm>

Some types of frogs have a round iris in their eyes, but some have horizontal slits, some have vertical slits, and some are even triangular or heart-shaped.

The smallest frog in the world is from Cuba, and is only 1/2" long. The largest frog in the world is from West Africa (*Conraua goliath*) and is about 12 inches long.

The red-eyed tree frog from Central America lays its eggs on leaves that are over the water. When the eggs hatch, the tadpoles fall into the water below.

Because frogs have eyes and nostrils that are on the tops of their heads, they can see and breathe while the rest of the body is under water. Adult frogs breathe with lungs, but also absorb oxygen through their skin.

Frogs have smooth skin, and long legs to help them leap. Toads have drier warty skin and short legs, and they move by crawling or hopping rather than by leaping. Technically, though, toads are just a type of frog.

There are over 4000 species of frogs in the world, though only 88 species in the US and Canada. They are all over the world, except for Antarctica and Iceland.

Some tree frogs live their whole lives in the trees, and never come down. They even lay their eggs in the tree branches or on leaves.

Some frogs lay as many as 25,000 eggs while others may lay as few as 4.

The frog has been a symbol of prosperity, wealth, and abundance in some cultures; fertility in others. The people of Ireland believed them to be close relatives of the leprechaun and capable of playing tricks on you when least expected.

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In the Native American culture of the Southwest, the frog carries a piece of wood in its mouth because the Mojave people believe frogs brought fire to humans.

The three-legged toad from China is the traditional pet of the immortal Liu Hai, who is also the Chinese god of wealth. This toad would convey him to any place he wished to go. Occasionally it would escape down a well, and he would lure it out with a line baited with gold coins. This toad is a symbol for riches, and is often pictured with a gold coin in its mouth.

The frog was an ancient Egyptian symbol, later adopted by the conquering Romans. The Frog-headed goddess Hekt was the goddess of birth and fertility, and later also of resurrection.

Activities

Instead of Christmas Caroling, take your den or pack caroling patriotic songs. Your neighborhood will think this is a real treat. You could also do this at a rest home, senior center, or children's ward at the hospital.

Have a pack meeting parade. You could have everyone dress up, play instruments, carry red, white, and blue streamers and balloons, or sing as you go. You could have each family do something different or individuals. Take your parade around your area.

Parade Wavers

Fold a red paper plate in half. Glue one large blue and one large white star cut out from construction paper onto the front and the back of the folded plate. Glue about 2 feet of red, white, and blue crepe paper streamers to the inside of the folded plate, alternating colors. These streamers should be glued near the center of the inside fold so that they remain secure while waving. Staple or glue the unfolded edges of the plate together. Attach a tongue depressor or paint stick for a handle by gluing one end of the stick to the backside of the plate.

Pebble Trivet and Coasters

Materials: Small, smooth, flat pebbles, Quart jar lid for each coaster (such as mayonnaise jar lid), Large metal lid for each trivet (ask a restaurant to save one for you or use some other suitable base) Plaster of Paris and mixing tools.

Directions:

1. You can make a single trivet or a whole set of matching coasters on which to set hot or cold drinks.
2. With the help of an adult, mix the plaster, following package directions.
3. When it begins to thicken, spoon it into the jar lids, filling each lid half full.
4. Select pretty pebbles and press them into the plaster before it hardens, filling the area inside the jar lid with stones. You may want to create a design, if you have different colors and sizes of pebbles. Plaster may squeeze up and out of the lid, but it can be wiped away later.
5. Let the plaster harden; then use old towels to rub away any plaster that covers the tops of the stones.
6. Brush a coat of acrylic finish or acrylic floor wax over the plaster and stones to give your trivet and/or coasters a shiny finish.
7. You may want to glue some felt scraps to the bottoms of the coasters to prevent scratches on furniture.

Flag Tie Slide

Materials: Plastic bottle, Glue, Plastic curtain ring, Coarse sandpaper, Felt, Needle, and thread, Acrylic or model paint

1. Make a paper pattern of the flag. Tape it to the plastic bottle and cut out, remove the pattern.
2. On backside of plastic, using coarse sandpaper, rough up the plastic. Cut a felt backing slightly smaller than the plastic. Set the plastic ring to the center of the felt.
3. Glue felt to the plastic back. Paint a flag on the front.

Film Canister Sewing Kits

Save those little sewing kits you get in hotels and they can be made to fit into a film canister. You can attach a pipe cleaner through two small holes punched in side of film canister to make a tie slide, hang from belt, or just keep in backpack for emergency repairs and sewing on patches.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

"The Transcontinental Train"

Divide the audience into groups, and have them respond as shown, whenever their word is read.

Train: "Toot! Toot!"

Conductor: "All Aboard"

New York Doctor: "New York City!?"

Penn Steel Worker: "Man of Steel"

Southern Belle: Hi, y'all"

Texan: "Remember the Alamo!"

Kansas farmer: "The World's Breadbasket"

Just before the transcontinental **Train** was ready to pull out of Grand Central Station, the **Conductor** held the door for one more passenger, a **New York Doctor** who hurried aboard. The **Train** moved slowly between the tall buildings, out of New York, through New Jersey and on to Pennsylvania. The **Conductor** checked the ticket of the **New York Doctor** as the **Train** pulled into the Pittsburgh Station. A Pennsylvania **Steel Worker** boarded the **Train** and sat across the aisle from the **New York Doctor**.

The **train** wound through the Appalachian Mountains, by rivers and through forests down to Atlanta. The **Conductor** greeted a **Southern Belle** who boarded the **Train**. She smiled at the **Penn Steel Worker**, and sat behind the **New York Doctor**.

The **Train** picked up speed as it left the mountains and crossed the delta lands of Mississippi. The **Conductor** paused to look out the window with the **Southern Belle**, as the **Train** traversed a long bridge over the Mississippi River. It arrived at the hot springs in the midst of the Ozark Mountains of Arkansas, as the **New York Doctor** and the **Penn Steel Worker** played cards.

The **Train** crossed into Texas and stopped at Dallas, where a young **Texan** boarded the **Train**, showed his ticket to the **Conductor**, tipped his hat to the **Southern Belle**, and took a seat.

The **Train** moved north through the rolling hills of Oklahoma and through the wheat fields of Kansas, stopping in Wichita where a **Kansas Farmer** and his wife boarded the **Train**. The **Kansas Farmer** shook hands with the **New York Doctor**, and sat beside the young **Texan**, as his wife smiled at the **Penn Steel Worker**, and sat next to the **Southern Belle**.

The **Train** turned west, moved up steep mountain passes and through the snow-covered Rocky Mountains of Colorado and Utah. The **Conductor** checked his watch as the **Train** sped out of the mountains and into the desert of the Great Basin in Nevada.

The **Texan** and the **New York Doctor** admired the large trees, as the **Train** wound through the Sierra Nevada Mountains and the Redwood forests. The

Train pulled into its final destination of San Francisco, California, where the **Conductor** said goodbye to **New York Doctor**, the **Penn Steel Worker**, the **Southern Belle**, the **Texan**, and the **Kansas Farmer**.

Why You Should Go To College

Narrator reads the story, filling in the blanks with the *italicized* words provided by the audience.

Our American universities offer students many ___*adjective*___ courses that will prepare them to become good ___*plural noun*___. You can get a degree as a Bachelor of ___*plural noun*___ or take a regular liberal ___*plural noun*___ course. Or if you want to become a ___*adjective*___ engineer, you can study ___*adjective*___ mathematics and differential ___*plural noun*___. Then, after ___*number*___ years, if you want to continue your studies, you can write a thesis and become a Doctor of ___*plural noun*___. When you get out into the world—if you have a diploma from a university—you will be able to get a job as a ___*an occupation*___. If you don't have a diploma, you will have to take a job as a ___*an occupation*___. So it's important that you study hard in high school, so that you will do well in your college entrance exams. Remember, "A Little Learning is a ___*adjective*___ thing."

ADVANCEMENT CEREMONIES

"Patriotic"

This ceremony could allow some leaders to portray the characters in costume.

Cubmaster: Ladies and Gentlemen, we have some honored guests here tonight. I would like to introduce Uncle Sam, Lady Liberty, and Yankee Doodle. Each of these individuals is an important symbol to the people of our country. Tonight, they are here to present some other symbols to some deserving young men. These symbols represent hard work, diligence, and jobs well done.

Yankee Doodle: We have some Cub Scouts who have earned some special awards. Would the following Cub Scouts and parents please come forward. (Call the names of those receiving Wolf badge and arrow points.)

Lady Liberty: I would like to call forward those Cub Scouts who have been working for some time and have achieved much. I would like to present them with their awards. (Call the names of those receiving Bear badge and arrow points and their parents.)

Uncle Sam: I would like to recognize some of the older boys in this group. You have given unselfishly of yourselves. For your loyal support over the years, I would like to present you with your awards. (Call the names of those receiving Webelos badges, activity badges, or compass points and their parents.)

Cubmaster: I would like to thank our three guests for coming to help us tonight. And a special thanks to all the boys who have worked so hard to be examples and role models of good American citizens!

Advancement Ceremony

Props: Four candles in holder, each candle a different length.

Cubmaster: "Our history is filled not only with the tall tales of American Folklore, but also with the true deeds of some very brave men who explored, fought and in some cases died, to extend the frontiers of our country -men like Davy Crockett, Daniel Boone, Kit Carson, Lewis and Clark, Buffalo Bill Cody, and many more."

"The Scouting trail is much like the trail these famous men followed and so, at this time, we will recognize those Cubs in our Pack who have advanced along this trail. As I call your names, please come forward with your Parents." (Call names)

"As you Cubs can see, the candles get taller as you advance. This represents the additional skills that you must learn as you earn each higher rank." (Light Shortest Candle)

"The Bobcat is the start of the trail and the simplest to earn." (Light next candle)

"The Wolf is a big step forward and harder as is (Light the next candle) the Bear."

"Finally, at last, (Light the tallest candle) you became a Webelos Scout, and earn the highest rank, the Arrow of Light."

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"And so with the spirit of the great explorers, folklore heroes and frontiersmen to guide you, may you continue to climb the Scouting Trail." (Present awards by Den and congratulates Cubs and parents)

Indian & the Wolf

Personnel - Cubmaster and Cub Scouts

Props - Candles or penlights, Bear neckerchiefs, copies of The Big Bear Cub Scout Book, electric council fire.

Cubmaster: The wolf was greatly admired by the Indians for his swiftness, his hunting ability, and his endurance. In fact, the Indian Scout was called a wolf, and the sign was two fingers spread apart, symbolizing the erect ears of the wolf. The wolf was considered a great "medicine animal". And, in some tribes, the Indian Scout wore the skin and head of the wolf when on a scouting expedition. (The Cubmaster calls the Cub Scouts forward who are going to be Bears. They are handed a lighted or penlight and stand in front of the council fire). You have followed the trail of the Indian by attaining the rank of Wolf Cub Scout. You have proven yourself brave, swift, and alert as your Indian brothers of the past. Now you must go on to greater honors for yourself and your parents by earning the Bear badge to prove your greatness. Learn the ways of our animal friends. Learn about the earth and how to grow food. Look up to our skies and learn the stories the stars tell. Let this light be a sign to others that you are now a Bear!

Congratulations!

(Blue neckerchiefs and Bear books are handed the boys as they blow out their candles or turn off their penlights.)

Bear To Webelos--Just A Bit of Webelos History

Props: Webelos Badge & Card, Webelos Handbook, Webelos Neckerchief, Lighted Candle (place these on the table)

Cubmaster: Cub Scouting has been a part of the Boy Scouts of America since 1930. For more than 50 years there has been Webelos, but only since January 1, 1977 has Webelos been a rank in Cub Scouting. While _____ has been a Wolf, and Bear, before 1977 they had Wolf, Bear and Lion, and Webelos stood for Wolf Bear and Lion. Now it stands for We'll Be Loyal Scouts.

Each of those things you see on the table today has a significance: The badge goes on his uniform when he has earned it and shows all that _____ has been active in his den and has been earning activity badges.

The Webelos Handbook is a guide to the Webelos Scout in his den.

The Webelos Neckerchief is the Webelos Scouts identity and show he has changed since he started Cub Scouting.

This candle is a symbol of the light of Scouting that penetrates the darkness of strife, prejudice, and misunderstanding. It is a light that will light the way to truth, cooperation, and understanding and must be kept burning in the heart of every Scout as he grows into manhood.

First his parents will pin his Webelos badge on his uniform, and then the Webelos Den leader will replace his Cub Scout neckerchief with his Webelos neckerchief. (Please note: Put the Webelos neckerchief on top of his Cub Scout neckerchief. Put the slide on it, then reach underneath and undo the other slide. Remove the Cub Scout neckerchief. The reason for this may seem trivial to some adults. But, as he has identified with his neckerchief in the past, and will with his new Webelos neckerchief in the future, taking the first neckerchief off before the second is put on leaves him without identity for a while.

Webelos Water

Props: Large tub, old tennis shoe, bucket with colored punch, enough cups for each Scout graduating, balloon, sack of dirt, innertube, rubber band, paper heart, shovel, and a ladle.

(Boys and parents gather on one side of stage. Cubmaster on other with a jar marked "Webelos Water".)

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Cubmaster: Bears, you are now ready to begin your final area of Cub Scouting - that of Webelos. You will find it different, challenging and rewarding. To help prepare you for this great effort, the Pack developed some Webelos Water, (looks at jar) Uh, well, it looks like it evaporated! Let's see, I guess we could make more! Now, what was that recipe?

(Cubmaster appears deep in thought, then gets idea and goes to props)

Cubmaster: Let's see. An old tennis shoe to remind you that you still have many miles to go on the Scouting Trail, (throws shoe in tub) and coincidentally to remind you not to take your shoes off in a two-man tent. (holds his nose)

Ah, a sack of dirt to remind you that Cub Scouts is now a lot of outdoor activities.

An innertube to remind you that you may have a few flat tires, but they can be overcome.

A shovel to remind you to keep your room clean. (winks at mom & dad)

A balloon to remind you that a lot of hot air doesn't get the job done.

A heart to remind you of your commitment to your parents and family.

A rubber band to remind you to stretch yourself to learn new ideas and skills.

OK, that's about it! Let's stir it a little! Looks good. Now, let me get you each a cup of our new Webelos Water. (Reach inside tub with ladle and scoop punch to pour in cups for everyone to see. Give cup and Webelos Colors to each Scout.) Congratulations new Webelos and parents.

Presidents

Personnel: 5 readers and Cubmaster.

Equipment: Picture of the president or a sign with the name of the President can be held up by one person.

Reader 1: George Washington, the Father of our country, and first president, used to say, "Martha, where are my teeth? I must have a good smile this day."

Reader 2: Thomas Jefferson, our third president always felt he learned his lesson, because he never again wrote another Constitution, having said, "I've written it once."

I'll not write it again."

Reader 3: Andrew Jackson fought in the Louisiana Territory and fought his way to the White House. He'd often say, "Where's my horse? I can't get anywhere without my horse!"

Reader 4: Abraham Lincoln is said to have walked 20 miles to school, but no one ever said if he was late.

Reader 5: Ronald Reagan got to the White House by being unique - an actor - and one of the only left-handed cowboys, except for Little Joe Cartwright.

Cubmaster: Each had a goal. And tonight, we honor boys who have achieved their goal, too. But to receive the goal you must name a President before coming forward to get your award. (Parents may help when needed.)

GAMES

We Fought Hard For Those 50 Stars

Divide the group into equal teams, lined up a few feet away from the table. Place a bowl on the table for each team. Lay 50 cutout paper stars (approx. 2 inches in diameter) out on the table besides each bowl. Give each player his own straw. On the signal, the first player on each team, runs forward and picks up one or more stars, with one breath, by sucking on the straw. He then carries the star to the bowl and drops it in. **NO HANDS.** He then runs to the next person in line and goes to the end of the line. The first team to have all 50 stars in the bowl is the winner. (Game can be varied to use 13 stars for a smaller group).

Heave, Ho, Throw! Relay

Divide the group into two teams. Take one boy from each team about 20 feet from the rest of the group and have him sit in a designated spot. During the game, he may lean forward slightly and reach, but he cannot move from the spot.

Give the first Scout in each line coil a rope about 25 feet in length. Each boy makes one throw, holding onto the end. The sitting Cub Scout tries to reach the rope being thrown without moving from his spot. Each boy in the relay line will throw the rope once, and then go to the end of the line.

Teams score whenever the sitting boy can reach the rope thrown to him. One point is given for each throw that the sitting boy catches. The team with the most points is the winner.

Eskimo Relay

Object: The team which is able to take the longest time to get the ice cube to the end of the line.

Material: 2 teams of 5 or 6 players, 3 adult judges and 2 to 4 ice cubes

How to Play:

Place each team in line with the players standing behind each other about 3 feet apart. Give the 1st player in each line a large ice cube. At the signal, the 1st player turns and places the ice cube on the neck of the next player, who must stoop over. The 2nd player tries to balance the ice cube as long as he can. As soon as it slips he must either catch it or pick it up, then turn immediately and place it on the neck of the next person. This continues until the ice cube has gone all the way to the end of the line. The judges on hand to ensure that no one dawdles. The use of hands is strictly forbidden except to move the ice cube from one person to the next.

Capture The Fort

Divide the players into two sides: Attackers and Defenders. Defenders form a circle, holding hands and facing outward, with their captain in the center. Attackers surround the fort from a distance of 20-30 feet. They try to kick a soccer ball into the fort; it may go through the legs of the defenders or over their heads. If it goes over the defenders heads, the captain may catch it and throw it out. But if the ball touches the ground inside the circle, the fort is captured and the players change sides.

Romp Across America Obstacle Course

Statue of Liberty - Each Scout is given a small amount of foil in order to make a liberty torch.

Go West Young Man - Each Cub is given a pretend horse and runs a course that is marked by orange cones.

Crossing The Mississippi River - Swimming pool filled with water has several rocks strategically set inside; the scout crosses the pool by stepping on the rocks.

Colorado Mines - Large cardboard boxes set up in a maze and each Cub crawls through.

Gold Rush in California - Swimming pool filled with sand; there just might be a chance of finding gold!

Logging In Washington - Swimming pool with 2 x 4" board inside, symbolizing the logs. Cubs pretend to be loggers, as the walk on the logs.

Memory Game

This is a good one in which to involve the parents and siblings.

Materials Needed: None

Directions:

One person starts the game by saying: "As I was traveling through the woods, I placed an apple in my bag. (or anything that begins with the letter A).

The next player says "As I was traveling through the woods, I placed an apple and a balloon in my bag."

Each additional player must repeat what was named and add to it something from the next letter of the alphabet. Mistakes make it funny!

SONGS

"The Star Spangled Banner" was written by Francis Scott Key. He was detained through the night on an enemy ship during the War of 1812, and the sight of the American flag still flying atop a nearby fort the next morning inspired him to write the lyrics. In 1916 President Woodrow Wilson ordered that "The Star Spangled Banner" be played at military and naval occasions, but it was not designated the National Anthem of the United States until 1931. The song was written with four verses, but on almost all occasions, only this first verse is sung.

"The 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 watched were so gallantly streaming?
And the rocket's red glare, the bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof through 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 home of the brave?

I'm Proud To Be A Cub Scout

(Tune: God Bless the USA. Words by Janet Gibbons)

By repeating the Cub Scout Promise
We agree to do our best
Do our duty to God and country
We are put to the big test
To help other people
To obey the Law of the Pack
We are always trying to do what's right
There is no turning back.

I'm proud to be a Cub Scout
In a land of liberty
Where I'm taught about my country's needs
And how to remain free
I'm taught about strength
Of God, my home, and family
I'm taught that I am really great
Cub Scouting is here to stay

Trip Across the USA

(Tune: Yankee Doodle)

I've always thought good citizens
Should try to see their country
But the army don't appeal to me
And I don't have much money

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So I built a vehicle
With imagination
Then I sat and mapped my route
To go and see the nation

First I started in L. A.
In my new homemade jalopy
It had five wheels and a big seat
So I could bring my puppy

In Utah all my wheels went flat
But the engine still was roasting
So I chopped some trees and made some wings
And then we went off soaring

We flew over the rocky mounts
And right into Wisconsin
But then I heard a sputtering sound
And landed on Lake Huron

I had to think of something now
We were sinking quickly
We had to get to the East Coast
This was no time to be sickly

I learned in Scouts
I'd made the wings of pine
So I cut a piece and changed things so
That now I had a helm

We made it all the way to shore
And then I got to work
Since there was snow I'd hitch my pup
To pull me on to New York

I'm proud to say I eventually went
Sea to shining sea
From car to plane to sled
Just my trusty pup and me

It's been an interesting trip
But now I have new plans
Next I'll work and build a ship
And then I will sail to France

I-Vee

(Tune: "My Bonnie")

My body has calamine lotion,
My body's as sore as can be,
The flowers I gathered for Granny,
Turned out to poison I-Vee.
Don't touch! Don't touch!
You'll get a rash from I-Vee, I-Vee,
It will itch bad,
And it look worse than ac-ne!

If Your Name Starts With....

(tune: If You're Happy and You Know It)

If your name starts with **A** turn around.
If your name starts with **B** touch the ground.
If your name starts with **C** then stand up and touch your knee.
Clap your hands if your name starts with **D**.
If your name starts with **E**, wink your eye.
If your name starts with **F**, try to fly.
If your name starts with **G**, blow a kiss up here to me.
If your name starts with **H**, say, "Hee, Hee."
If your name starts with **I**, hop in place.
If your name starts with **J**, pat your face.
If your name starts with **K**, kneel down and stay
If your name starts with **L**, shout, "Hooray!"
If your name starts with **M**, make me smile.
If your name starts with **N**, shake awhile.
If your name starts with **O**, put your elbow on your toe.
If your name starts with **P**, say, "I know."
If your name starts with **Q**, raise your hand.
If your name starts with **R**, you should stand.
If your name starts with **S**, you should pat your head, I guess.
If your name starts with **T**, say, "Oh, yes!"
If your name starts with **U**, touch your eye.
If your name starts with **V**, pat your thigh.
If your name starts with **W, X, Y or Z**,
Then stand up a take a bow and say, "That's me!"

CUB GRUB - Fun Food

Baseball All-Star Cookie Treat

1-10 oz. pkg. Marshmallows, 1/3 c margarine or butter, 6C Crisp rice cereal, 1 can Vanilla frosting, Frosting, tinted desired color, Decorating bag & tips

Grease 12 inch pizza pan. In large saucepan over medium heat, melt marshmallows and margarine, stirring constantly until mixture is smooth. Add cereal; stir until evenly coated. Press mixture evenly into greased pan.

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Cool completely. Spread frosting over cereal mixture to within 1 inch of edge. Using tinted frosting, decorating bag and tips, decorate frosted area to resemble baseball. Add message, if desired.

Cut into wedges to serve. To make cookie treat without a pizza pan, press cereal mixture into 12 inch circle on large waxed paper-lined cookie sheet

Cinnamon Apple Wraps

Ingredients: 8 7-in. flour tortillas, 2 cups unsweetened applesauce, 2 cups reduced-fat cheddar cheese, 2 1/2 Tbsp. ground cinnamon, 2 1/2 Tbsp. granulated sugar

1. Mix cinnamon and sugar together.
2. Spread 1/4 cup of applesauce over tortilla.
3. Sprinkle 2 tsp. of cinnamon over applesauce.
4. Top with 1/4 cup of Cheddar cheese.
5. Wrap each tortilla and heat in microwave until cheese melts. 8 servings

Easy Ice Cream

1 (14 oz) can Eagle Brand Sweetened Condensed Milk
2/3 cup chocolate flavored syrup
2 cups (1 pint) whipping cream

Put into small cleaned coffee can, put lid on. Put down inside a 3 LB coffee can. Put ice and rock salt around it. Put lid on large can. Roll can, stop and drain water out, and put more ice and rock salt in. Continue until firm.

STUNTS & APPLAUSES

Abe Lincoln Cheer: That was great! HONEST!

Columbus: Put hands up like you're holding a telescope and shout "Land Ho".

George Washington Cheer: That was great. I cannot tell a lie. **Variation:** Get out axe and swing it at a tree while saying, "Chip, chop, chop, TIMBER!" then yell, "WRONG TREE!"

Home Run: Simulate swinging a bat, then shade your eyes with your hands and yell, "Thar she goes."

Hot Dog with Mustard: Get your hot dog and put it in a bun. Pick up the mustard bottle and squeeze some mustard on the hot dog, then take a big bite and say, "Yummmmm!"

Liberty Bell Yell: Ding, Ding, Ding, Dong! Let freedom ring!

Mount Rushmore Cheer: Washington, Jefferson, Lincoln, Roosevelt!

What did Delaware when Mississippi lent Missouri her New Jersey?

I don't know. Alaska

What did Paul Revere say at the end of his famous ride?

Whoa.

Dink: Do you know what time it is?

Duff: Nome, I don't

Dink: Alaska 'nother person.

Q: Why do hippies study the stars?

A: Because they are so far out!

Q: What's the difference between constellations and Hollywood?

A: Nothing - in both the stars make the pictures!

Q: Where does the Martian President live?

A: In the green house.

SKITS

Harlem Globetrotters

Three scouts are doing laundry, each is sitting behind a bucket which holds his "laundry". Two of the buckets really have water and a rag or two. All three work at scrubbing and wringing water from their laundry for a few seconds. One sitting on the end shakes the water from his hands getting his neighbor slightly wet. This provokes the scout in the middle who retaliates with a splash back, escalate in comedic fashion till the one on the end throws a wet rag at the face of the "scout" in the middle who ducks. The rag sails on till it smacks the scout on the far end (previously not involved in the water fight) in the face. The smack-ee picks up his bucket to dump on the others who take flight into the audience.

The Punch line: When the actors are in the crowd the smack-ee tosses the contents of his bucket in a wide arc over as much of the audience as possible. In the version I saw the bucket was filled with pieces of newspaper but in a Scouting setting a bucket full of leaves would work just as well. If the actors have a little talent and practice this can be extremely funny.

The Great Seal

Personnel: 5 Cubs

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

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

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

Cub 2: You win. Where?

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

Cub 2: You mean the picture of George Washington?

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

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

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

Cub 3: What do the designs mean?

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

Cub 4: For the 13 original states?

Cub 1: Right.

Cub 5: (Looking at bill) what's the eagle holding in his bill?

Cub 1: It's a ribbon with the word "E Pluribus Unum" which is Latin for "One from Many."

Cub 4: Meaning one nation from many states?

Cub 1: Right.

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

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

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

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

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

Cub 3: What does the pyramid mean?

Cub 1: The pyramid is the 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.

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

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

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

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

America

Characters: 7 Cubs, 6 wearing costumes depicting themes related to the states. All seven carrying a letter spelling out **America**

Rhode Island: Small in size, large in heart,
Freedom of worship gave us our start;
One of the original thirteen,
Home of Roger Williams and Nathaniel Greene;
Many Americans daily are fed,
By our state bird, the Rhode Island Red.

Mississippi: Look away, look away, Dixieland
Many brave men at Tupelo and Vicksburg took their stand;
Magnolias still bloom and mockingbirds still sing,
But the Natchez Trace with voices no longer ring.

Colorado: First came the real mountain men,
The trappers and traders
Then gold seekers and railroaders;
Finally coal miners gave way to skiers and oil,
John Denver sought and Robert Redford still seeks to save our soil.

Idaho: The River of No Return halted Lewis & Clark temporarily,
Traders, farmers and sheepherders
followed their trail merrily;
Today, tourists gaze in awe
at the wonders they saw,
And even eat our famous potatoes raw!

Arizona: Navajo, Hopi, Apache,
were led by Cochise and Geronimo;
Our large Indian population
continues to help us grow;
Copper, cotton, cattle, citrus and climate are the "C's"
That have proven to be economic key.

Alaska: North to Alaska was the cry,
Gold fever was the reason why;
Seward's Folly was no more,
But it was 1959 before America officially opened its door;
The Alcan highway was the first link,
The pipeline added strength.

(Boys look for the missing letter)

"E": Isn't this neat?

Without me there is no America.

I represent Everyone,

And that's what makes America complete

(Boys line up in proper order **AM_RICA** then E comes on last.)

Brain Shop

Cast: Customer, Shopkeeper

Setting: Brain Shop

Customer: Hi! I'm bored with myself. I'd like to buy a new brain and have an all-new personality.

Shopkeeper: (In one of those evil, horror movie voices) Ahh, yes. Well, I can sell you this brain from Billy Crystal for \$5000. Here. Try it. ("Unscrews" head and plops in pretend brain.) How do you feel?

Customer: (In Billy Crystal style voice) Marvelous. I ... feel marrrvelous. But I don't think it's me. Can I try another?

Shopkeeper: Okay. Let me see. (Rummages around.) Let's try this one. It's the brain from Captain Kirk. Only \$5000.

Customer: (In Kirk voice) "Scotty, can you fix those transporters? No, a bit too famous for me."

Shopkeeper: Sure. I'll go out back. (Rummages around in back of store.) Here's one from Ronald Reagan. It only costs \$5000. How do you feel?

Customer: (In Ronald Reagan style voice) "Well, Bonzo, stop that".. I think that this one's still a bit too famous for me.

Shopkeeper: Hmmmm. A tough customer. I'll have to go down to the basement. I'll be back. (Customer comments on the kind of brains he has gotten and what kind he'll get next.) Ahhh, here we are. The best in the house, not famous at all. I guarantee you'll love it. Only \$15000. (Yes, \$15000.)

Customer: (Imitates a leader in the crowd for some notorious act, such as putting up the sign and calling out "PACK!" or admonishing the kids or doing a famous routine or the like.) Hmm, this is good. But I recognize it. No, wait, it's (Insert name of person.) I love it! But tell me the brains of those three famous people only cost \$5000 apiece. This one, however, comes from a virtually unknown, unimportant person. Why does it cost \$15000?

Shopkeeper: Well, it's never been used!

Climb That

Two Scouts meet, and the first scout begins to brag he can climb anything.

Scout 1: "Can you climb that tree?"

Scout 2 "Sure I've done it lots of times."

Scout 1 "Can you climb the steep hill over there?"

Scout 2 "No sweat, no problem for me."

Scout 1 "How about the Empire State Building?"

Scout 2 "Done it, Did it."

Scout 1 "How about Mount Everest?"

Scout 2 "Boy that was I cold day, I've done that too. I told you I am the world's greatest climber, I can climb anything!"

Scout 1 "I'll bet you ten bucks I can show you something that you can't climb."

Scout 2 "Your on!"

Scout 1 pulls out a flashlight and shine the beam up into the sky "all right climb that!"

Scout 2 "Are you crazy? No Way!"

Scout 1 "I knew you would back out, now pay up!"

Scout 2 "I won't pay because it's not fair. I know you, I'd start climbing and I'd get half way and you'd turn the flashlight off!"

CLOSING CEREMONIES

"THIS IS MY COUNTRY"

BOY 1: This is my country. I will use my eyes to see the beauty of this land.

BOY 2: I will use my ears to hear its sounds.

BOY 3: I will use my mind to think what I can do to make it more beautiful.

BOY 4: I will use my hands to care for it.

BOY 5: I will use my feet to serve it.

BOY 6: With my heart, I will honor it.

CUBMASTER MINUTE

"Baden-Powell"

Baden-Powell had a vision which he made come true,
So that we enjoy Scouting and have fun while we do.
He wasn't an American But he's famous to us
He has earned in America our admiration and trust.
May the spirit of Scouting be with both young and old, as we never forget the blue the gold.
May you strive for truth and spirituality in the warm sunlight from the sky above,
May you bring good cheer and happiness to others
And have steadfast loyalty and love.

Ceremony 1

Sing: "This Land is Your Land"

(chorus)

This land is your land, this land is my land,
From California to the New York Island.
From the Redwood Forest, to the Gulf
Stream waters,

This land was made for you and me.

(chorus)

As I was walking that ribbon of highway,
I saw above me that endless skyway,
I saw below me that lonesome valley,
This land was made for you and me.

---Chorus---

I've roamed and rambled, and followed my footsteps,
To the sparkling sands of her diamond deserts
and all around me a voice was saying,
This land was made for you and me.

---Chorus---

When the sun came shining and I was strolling,
And the wheat fields waving,
And the dust clouds rolling,
As the fog was lifting, a voice was chanting,
This land was made for you and me.

---Chorus---

AMERICANISM

Personnel: 11 Cubs

Equipment: Card with part on the back and large capitol letters on front to spell out **Americanism**.

A is for Advantages

We have so many more;
Because we are American
Let us give thanks therefore.

M Is For Majority

Decision by the most;
That's the rule we follow
From coast to rugged coast.

E Is For Education

Available to all;
So every last American
Stands up straight and tall.

R Is For Religion

We worship as we will;
A right we'll always cherish
And let no evil kill.

I Is For Independence

That our fathers once declared;
Our nation rose to greatness
Because these brave men dared.

C is for Citizenship

Of which we can be proud;
So let's proclaim it daily
And do it long and loud.

A is for Assembly

To gather as we might;
That's another privilege
Another previous right.

N Is For The News

A press that's always free;
A sentinel on watch
To guard our liberty.

I is for Impartial

Equal justice for us all;
Law — the same for everyone
The great, the poor, the small.

S Is For Our Speech

Though others may disagree;
You may still express yourself
Because our speech is free,

M Is For Our Motto -

And that is why we say,
"In God We Trust, To live
The good American way.

Liberty

Personnel: Narrator and seven Cub Scouts.

Equipment: Seven large card , each with a letter to form the word **Liberty**.

Setting: In order, each Cub Scout steps forward turning his card so that the letter maybe seen by the audience and recites the phrases given below.

Narrator: The word "Liberty" is held so dear. Each letter is a symbol of this nation held together by love, not fears. Man has fought and died in years gone by, but the meaning stays the same for you and I.

L: L is for **Laws** made for the protection of all

I: I is for **Ideals** who's standard shall not fall

B: B is for **Bravery**, for all, not a few

E: E is for **Equality** upheld through and through

R: R is for **Religion**, a matter of choice

T: T is for **Truth**, which we are free to voice.

Y: Y is for **Youth** inspired from the start.

All letters: It's all up to you - so do your part!

Cubmaster Minute

Recently I heard a story of a family on vacation. They were traveling by car on a grand tour across the country. At one point, they stopped at a scenic overlook, which stood at the edge of a steep-walled canyon. Some people at the overlook were having fun, yelling into the canyon and listening for the many echoes coming back.

"The youngest member of the family had never encountered an echo like that before, where more than one reply came back. He kept shouting all different kinds of words to the canyon and laughing at the response. Finally, he turned to his father and exclaimed. "Whatever I put in, comes out even more!"

Scouting is like that. You will get back out of it, what you put in. Sometimes it will come back to you many times over. We are all on a wonderful adventure together in Scouting.