

## November 2009 Monthly Theme: "Cub Scout Salute"

As we approach Thanksgiving, let us spread seeds of kindness in the form of multiple small service projects. Helping others gives the boys the opportunity to see the bounty produced by spreading many small seeds of kindness and encourages compassion. The boys can discover that just as the large strong oak tree came from the small acorn, big things can happen from spreading small seeds of kindness and charity. Conduct a food drive or collect coats and gloves for those in need; report your hours to Good Turn for America. Work on the Citizenship belt loop and pin.

Webelos Activity Badges: First year, Start Craftsman; Second year, Readyman

### PRAYERS & POEMS FOR SCOUTERS

Only those who dare to fail greatly can ever achieve greatly.

- Robert F. Kennedy

I'm a great believer in luck, and I find the harder I work, the more I have of it.

- Thomas Jefferson

Heroic service does not come from policy manuals. It comes from people who care - and from a culture that encourages and models that attitude.

Valerie Oberle, VP, Disney University Guest Programs

Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Hebrews 13:16

To the world I may be one person,

But to one person I may be the world.

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"Heroes are the people who do what has to be done when it needs to be done, regardless of the consequences."

- Author unknown

### Where Was God In All Of This?

First of all, God was trying to discourage anyone from taking this flight. Those four flights together held over 1000 passengers and there were only 266 aboard.

God was on 4 commercial flights giving terrified passengers the ability to stay calm. Not one of the family members who were called by a loved one on one of the highjacked planes said that passengers were screaming in the background.

On one of the flights God was giving strength to passengers to try to overtake the hijackers.

God was busy trying to create obstacles for employees at the World Trade Center. After all only around 20,000 were at the towers when the first jet hit. Since the buildings hold over 50,000 workers, this was a miracle in itself.

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How many of the people who were employed at the WTC told the media that they were late for work or they had traffic delays?

God was holding up 2-110 story buildings so that 2/3 of the workers could get out. It was amazing that the top of the towers didn't topple when the jets impacted.

God was in the rescue workers who were running into the buildings as most people were running out.

God was in the flight attendant who called her husband as her plane was being hijacked to tell him that she loved him.

God was in the two men who carried a wheelchair-bound woman down 70 flights of stairs to safety.

God was in the people who stood bleeding, in line to give blood.

God was in the strangers in cars, picking up strangers stranded in the city and taking them home to their families.

God is in the people who are begging to volunteer, to do anything to help

God is in the thousands, if not millions who are flooding blood banks thousands of miles away to help people they have never met.

God is in the people who are comforting someone even when they don't know what to say.

God is in the people who watched and cried for people who may remain anonymous in name, but never in their sacrifice.

God is in my neighborhood where I see flags waving from every home.

God is in the men and women, looking at 110 stories of rubble, and seeing only the opportunity to find survivors.

God is with the heroes, most of whom will never be on the news, whose stories will only be told to their closest friends and family; but who saved someone's mother, father, sister, brother, daughter, son, husband, wife, grandmother, grandfather, aunt, uncle, cousin, lover, colleague, acquaintance, teacher, mentor or friend with a single act of kindness, compassion and bravery.

God was not in the hearts of the people that caused these inhumane events. However, God was indeed there, where he was needed the most.

-- Author Unknown

## You Are Blessed

You are blessed If you woke up this morning with more health than illness

You are more blessed than the million who will not survive this week.

If you have never experienced the danger of battle, the loneliness of imprisonment, the agony of torture, or the pangs of starvation

You are ahead of 500 million people in the world.

If you can attend a church meeting without fear of harassment, arrest, torture, or death

You are more blessed than three billion people in the world.

If you have food in the refrigerator, clothes on your back, a roof overhead and a place to sleep

You are richer than 75% of this world.

If you have money in the bank, in your wallet, and spare change in a dish someplace you are among the top 8% of the world's wealthy.

If your parents are still alive and still married you are very rare, even in the United States.

If you hold up your head with a smile on your face and are truly thankful you are blessed because the majority can, but most do not.

If you can hold someone's hand, hug them or even touch them on the shoulder you are blessed because you can offer healing touch.

If you can read this message, you just received a double blessing in that someone was thinking of you, and furthermore, you are more blessed than over two billion people in the world that cannot read at all.

Have a good day, count your blessings, and pass this along to remind everyone else how blessed we all are.

## Raising a Child

I have seen repeatedly the breakdown of the cost of raising a child, but this is the first time I have seen the rewards listed this way. It's nice, really nice.

The government recently calculated the cost of raising a child from birth to 18 and came up with \$160,140 for a middle-income family. Talk about sticker shock! That doesn't even touch college tuition. For those with kids, that figure leads to wild fantasies about all the money we could have banked if not for (insert your child's name here).

For others, that number might confirm the decision to remain childless. But \$160,140 isn't so bad if you break it down. It translates into \$8,896.66 a year, \$741.38 a month, or \$171.08 a week. That's a mere \$24.44 a day! Just over a dollar an hour.

Still, you might think the best financial advice says don't have children if you want to be "rich." It is just the opposite.

So, What do you get for your \$160,140?

- Naming rights. First, middle, and last!
- Glimpses of God every day.
- Giggles under the covers every night.
- More love than your heart can hold.
- Butterfly kisses and Velcro hugs.
- Endless wonder over rocks, ants, clouds, and warm cookies.
- A hand to hold, usually covered with jam.
- A partner for blowing bubbles, flying kites, building sandcastles, and skipping down the sidewalk in the pouring rain.
- Someone to laugh yourself silly with no matter what the boss said or how your stocks performed that day.
- For \$160,140, you never have to grow up.
- You get to finger-paint, carve pumpkins, play hide-and-seek, catch bugs, and never stop believing in Santa Claus.
- You have an excuse to keep reading the Adventures of Piglet and Pooh, watching Saturday morning cartoons, going to Disney movies, and wishing on stars.
- You get to frame rainbows, hearts, and flowers under refrigerator magnets and collect spray painted noodle wreaths for Christmas, hand prints set in clay for Mother's Day, and cards with backward letters for Father's Day.
- For \$160,140, there is no greater bang for your buck.
- You get to be a hero just for retrieving a Frisbee off the garage roof, taking the training wheels off the bike, removing a splinter, filling the wading pool, coaxing a wad of gum out of bangs, and coaching a baseball team that never wins but always gets treated to ice cream regardless.
- You get a front row seat to history to witness the first step, first word, first bra, first date, and first time behind the wheel.
- You get to be immortal. You get another branch added to your family tree, and if you're lucky, a long list of limbs in your obituary called grandchildren.
- You get education in psychology, nursing, criminal justice, communications, and human sexuality that no college can match.
- In the eyes of a child, you rank right up there with God. You have all the power to heal a boo-boo, scare away the monsters under the bed, patch a broken heart, police a slumber party, ground them forever, and love them without limits, so one day they will, like you, love without counting the cost.

## Have I told you lately how much I appreciate all that you do in the Cub Program?'

When was the last time you told another scout volunteer the above statement. Have you said thank you for all their help and for volunteering to work in our program? Just two words-----'thank you' They are so simple and yet not said enough. We mean to say it, we want to say it, and yet somehow, we manage to forget until it is too late. Something came up, you got distracted and the words never got said. Let me tell you now-----ITS NOT TOO LATE!

"I want to tell you how much I appreciate what you have done to help the program; THANK YOU!"

## TIGER CUBS

### Achievement 3 Keeping Myself Healthy and Safe

Health and safety include many things. To be as healthy as we can be, it is important to eat good foods, get plenty of sleep and to exercise to keep our bodies strong. We also need to keep our bodies clean, and brush our teeth regularly. To be safe, it is important to understand what to do in case of emergencies, and to follow the rules we are taught on how to act when we are with other adults.

A. Tiger Cubs have fire drills in school and some adult partners have fire drills where they work. With your family, talk about how you would get out of your house or apartment safely if there was a fire.

B. A Tiger Cub, with his inquisitive mind, can quickly become separated from you indoors such as in a mall while shopping, or outdoors in a wooded area when on vacation. For his own safety it is important that he know what to do when lost or separated.

3F A. Plan a family fire drill and practice it. Be sure to plan a safe meeting place outside so that you will know when everyone in the family is safe. Go to that place as part of your practice.

Tell your Tiger Cub that if he ever feels that he is lost, he should stay where he is and hold onto something like a bench, a post, or a tree. Assure him that because you love him, as soon as you realize that he is not with you, you will quickly begin looking for him. Explain to him, that if he does not stay where he is when he is lost, it will take you a lot longer to find him. Practice a game with him where he pretends that he is lost, he holds onto something stationary, and you walk out of sight, wait a 3 to 5 min., and then come back for him.

### Achievement 3 Den Activity

To keep your body healthy, it is important that you eat a well-balanced diet. The food pyramid, below, helps you by showing how many servings of certain kinds of foods you should have each day.

#### 3D Make a food pyramid.

Draw a food pyramid on a big piece of paper or a poster board. Using old magazines donated by the den families cut out pictures of food and glue them in the appropriate place on the pyramid. You can also draw pictures of different foods to add to the food pyramid.

### Achievement 3 Go and See It

It's fun to play games and to take part in sports. It's also good exercise, which helps to keep your body healthy. Some games and sports are for one person, and sometimes people play games or sports on teams. It's also fun to watch others play games or demonstrate their abilities. Understanding the game or sport you are watching makes it a lot more fun.

3G First, learn the rules of a game or sport. Then, go to watch an amateur or professional game or sporting event.

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### Electives

#### \*4-Display a picture

It's nice to have pictures of your family on display—especially when some of your family members are not close by all the time.

\*Make a frame for a family picture. Glue tongue depressors or craft sticks together in a shape to fit your picture. Attach a string or ribbon to the upper corners to use as a hangar. Tape your picture to the back of the frame and display. You may want to use a photograph, or a picture that you draw of your family.

Ask your Tigers to draw a picture of their favorite hero.

#### \*10- Helping Hands

When people grow older, or if they become sick or have an accident, they sometimes have a hard time doing every day things. If you know an elderly person or if you know someone who is ill or recovering from an illness or accident, try to think of what things would be hard for them to do by themselves.

Along with your adult partner, help an elderly or shut in person with a chore. You might offer to do things such as helping to take out trash, rake leaves, mail a package, or bring in the mail. Ask first, and do it with a big Tiger Cub smile!

Perhaps the families of the Tiger Cub would like to look into adopting a pet that belongs to one of our service people that are being called to duty at this time.

To tie in with the suet recipes that are in "Pack and Den Activities", I thought I would include Elective 32 for the Tiger Cubs. You can also roll pinecones in the suet mixture and hang them from the trees.

#### \*32- Feed the Birds

##### Pop-bottle bird feeder

Materials: one plastic 2-liter bottle, two plastic lids about 5" in diameter (from coffee cans, large margarine containers, whipped topping, etc.), 30" heavy twine or rug yarn, scissors

Have your adult partner help you cut the bottle in half, crosswise. Poke a hole through the centers of the plastic lids with the point of the scissors or a nail. Tie a large knot in the end of the twine. Refer to picture and put your feeder together by stringing together one plastic lid (curved side up), then the inverted bottle, and then the second lid (curved side down). Fill the bird feeder with seed and hang it outside.

##### Pinecone Bird Feeder

Materials: 1/2 cup peanut butter, 1/2 cup shortening, 1-2 cups bird seed, large pinecone, thick twine, paper bag

Twist twine around the pinecone and tie it securely. Mix the peanut butter and shortening together. Spread the mixture between the petals of the pinecone, filling in as much as you can. Put the pinecone along with the birdseed in the paper bag. Close the bag and shake, coating the pinecone with birdseed. Hang the feeder on a tree where you can watch the birds enjoy it.

#### 46- Healthy teeth and gums

You can't have a nice, big smile without healthy teeth and gums.

Visit a dentist or dental hygienist. Ask what you can do to take care of your teeth. Ask them if they went to school to learn how to do their job.

## Pack and Den Activities

### UNCLE SAM SLIDE

#### Materials:

- Round head wooden clothespin
- Paints, red white and blue
- White 'wonderfoam' or posterboard
- White paper
- Cotton ball
- $\frac{3}{4}$ -inch PVC slide ring

#### Equipment:

- Hot glue
- Paintbrushes
- Small craft saw
- paperclip

#### Directions:

1. Cut the points off the clothespin.
2. Paint the lower half of legs white, allow to dry.
3. Paint the upper half, up to neck a dark blue.
4. Make a small roll of paper, glue into shape and paint same color blue as upper half.
5. Glue arms onto upper part of the clothespin.
6. Cut out a hat brim to fit the head of the clothespin,
7. Paint white paper with red stripes, or use a permanent marker to do such
8. Paint red stripes on the white pants.
9. Paint the head of the clothespin, make flesh color by adding a small amount of red to white paint.
10. Roll the striped paper to fit inside the hat brim and glue in place
11. Glue hat to head of the clothespin, adjusting angle to fit,
12. Straighten out paperclip, dip one end into blue paint and dot eyes onto face.
13. Using a pinch of cotton ball, form a beard and glue onto lower face.
14. Roll another piece of cotton, glue hair around head under the hat.
15. Mount the slide ring to back of your finished Uncle Sam using hot glue.



### FLAG SLIDE

#### MATERIALS

- United States Flag (approximately 2x3)
- Heavy plastic, cut the same size as your flag
- $\frac{3}{4}$  inch PVC slide ring

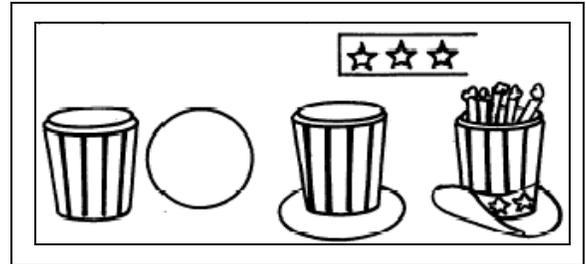
#### DIRECTIONS

Glue the flag to the piece of heavy plastic  
Mount the slide ring to the back of the heavy plastic.



## STOVEPIPE HAT FAVOR CUP

Decorate 4-ounce white paper cup with narrow, red gummed tape. Brim is a circle of blue construction paper glued to the bottom of the cup and turned up on sides. Band around the crown is a strip of blue construction paper decorated with silver stars. Fill with candy or nuts. Variation: Use 7-ounce striped cups and eliminate taping.



## Mock Elections (voting on some Pack Policies)/Voting Demonstration

While February is not really a big voting month, undeniably one of the most important tasks that every US American has is to vote. And if Uncle Sam depends on each of us for anything, it is to fulfill our responsibility as citizens by voting. But voting doesn't just mean going to the polls every time a vote is called and pulling a lever for a candidate—it involves learning about the candidates, understanding how they will and will not represent us, and making a cogent choice. All that said, how can we extend this to the boys in a way that is both educational and fun?

How about letting them help make some Pack Policy choices? To do this, you will need to identify the options for which they'd be voting. But what kinds of Pack Policy decisions might the boys appropriately make? Did you know that there are several options dealing with the uniform that are left to the individual Pack? For example, the wearing of the Webelos Activity Badges—whether on the hat or the Webelos colors—and the placement of the neckerchief—either on top of or under the shirt collar. These are some of the items about which the boys could "study" pros and cons and make a personal choice. They might also be allowed to vote on entertainment for their upcoming Blue & Gold Banquet. These are just some ideas.

## PLACE CARDS MAKING

It is February and the boys should be taking every opportunity to help put together decorations for the Blue and Gold Banquet. Have supplies (index cards, tracing stencils, markers/crayons, etc) available that the boys can use to make their families' place cards for the banquet. Here is a sample silhouette that you can copy onto cardboard, and cut out so that they can color and use for place cards. If you use 3 by 5 index cards as the folded place card you can glue the Uncle Sam to the front (after the boys have colored them) and add the names to the cards as they're identified



## STARS & STRIPES SPINNER

### **MATERIALS:**

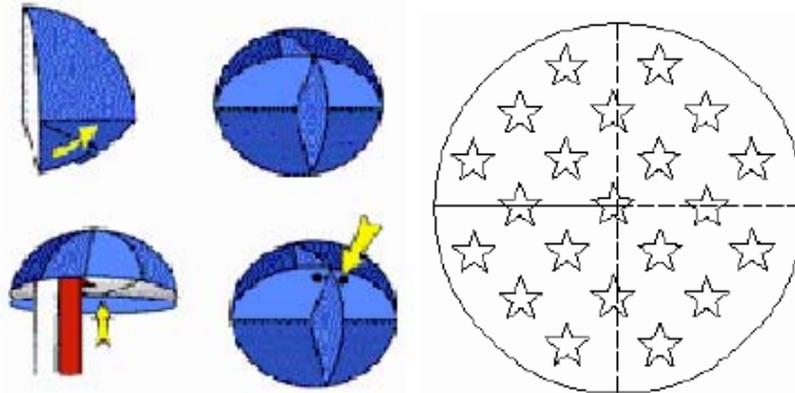
- Glue
- 12 Crepe Paper Streamers - 18" Long
- 3' String
- Scissors
- Hole Punch

### **DIRECTIONS:**

1. Enlarge to 8 1/4" and make 5 copies of star pattern circle. Each circle is divided into quarters by 3 dotted lines and one solid line. On four of the circles, cut on the solid line to the center of the circle.

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2. Crease on the dotted lines, folding printed pattern to the inside. First one way, then the other way.
3. Form a pocket to catch the wind by folding as shown, overlapping one quarter of the circle onto the next quarter.
4. Glue overlap into place. Repeat for the three other slit circles.
5. Glue the four pockets together to create a half ball.
6. Cut streamers to 18". Glue ends around perimeter of the bottom. Glue the 5th circle to the bottom over the streamer ends.
7. Use punch to make 2 holes in the top of the ball about 1/2" from the edge. Feed string through. Tie ends.
8. Hang from tree and watch it spin.



## GAMES

### Where is Mr. Turkey?

One player is the hunter and the others are helpers. The hunter leaves the room. The helpers hide a small toy turkey. The hunter returns and starts to search for Mr. Turkey in the room. The helpers gobble to give the hunter clues to Mr. Turkey's hiding place. If the hunter is not close, the helpers gobble more and more loudly until Mr. Turkey is found!

### Pumpkin Roll

We did this game during Easter time using Styrofoam shaped Easter eggs. This is a simple race but since pumpkins are not nice smooth balls and refuse to rull in a nice straight lines, you will need plenty of wandering room. If you need to play inside, use small pumpkins.

You will need two large pumpkins and two sturdy sticks. The racers line up on the starting line with the pumpkins turned on their sides. On signal, the racers use the stick to roll the pumpkins to the finish line. Younger players may want to use their hands instead of the stick.. Can also be played as a relay race.

### Help Lead me Home

**Supplies:** Pencil and paper

Ask each of the boys to think about the walk from the den meeting place to their home. Have them count the number of streetlights, bridges, trees, cross walks, fire hydrant, police stations, fire stations and neighbors houses them pass. Have them write down as many as they can remember.

## Know Your Neighborhood

Copy of quiz for each boy, pencils

My neighborhood has a \_\_\_\_\_ in case of fire (hydrant)

My neighborhood has a \_\_\_\_\_ house for safety (block)

There are \_\_\_\_\_ sidewalks in my neighborhood.

There are at least \_\_\_\_\_ fences in my neighborhood.

There are \_\_\_\_\_ houses in my neighborhood.

## Treasure Hunt Game

**Supplies:** pencil and paper

Have the boys make a list of things which can be seen in their town. You might help by making suggestions like, large oak trees on main street, bridge, library, County office building, historical marker and city park. After the boys have made their list take them on a 30 minute walk around town.

## Our Town Heritage

**Supplies:** posters of well-known buildings and/or symbols in your town, pencil and paper

Number each poster. Give each boy a pencil and paper, have the paper numbered (same numbers as there are posters). Ask them to identify the posters and write the proper name by its corresponding number on the sheet of paper.

## Discovery Game

**Supplies:** compass (have each boy bring his own), piece of paper for each boy (or den) with the name of their discovery.

The object of this game is for each boy (or den, if used as a Pack Meeting game) to "discover" a part of his town. The discovery is simply a hidden piece of paper with the name of a building or landmark on it. Directions are given by compass bearings and steps to find their building or landmark. The den leader or Cubmaster begins by pointing North. Each boy (or den) is given an envelope with instructions. Example: "You are looking for the old rock house. Go southeast until you come to the corner of the room. Go north 7 steps. Look around the furniture you find there. The boy (or den) might find a piece of paper there with "old rock house" on it or they might find a piece of paper with new directions. The boy (or den) which finds their building or landmark first wins.

## Capture the Flag

**Needed:** 2 large (at least 1 foot square) cloth "flags" in different colors, one for each team; a smaller flag for each team's player. Pick 2 teams. Designate outer boundaries of playing area. Include a line to divide field in half, as well as small areas in each territory for "jail". Each player receives a small flag in the teams color, which is tucked not tied) into the players belt. Each team's large flag is hidden somewhere in the opponent's area. The object of the game is be the first team to bring its flag "home". Players must enter the other team's territory to look for their flag. While they're looking their opponents can steal their small flags. When a players flag is stolen, he goes to "jail" where his small flag is returned. A player can free jailed teammates by sneaking into the jail area (withut losing his small flag) and calling "jailbreak". The game ends when a player finds the large flag and gets it back to his side without losing his small flag.

## Crossing the Delaware

**Needed:** balloons

Give each player a balloon and have them blow it up and tie it. When the contestants are ready, have them stand against the wall. At the given signal, they are to cross the room, keeping the balloons in the air by hitting them only with their heads. No hands are allowed. The one who succeeds in crossing the room first with his balloon untouched except by his head, wins the game.

## Hiking Game

While hiking, the leader stops and says, "I spot a \_\_\_\_\_ to naming a familiar object. Everyone who sees the object raises his hand, until everyone sees it.

## Hello Neighbor

Have boys form a circle, pick some one to be "it". "It" walks counterclockwise around the circle. "It" tags someone on the back and starts running. The tagged person also starts running but clockwise. When the two of them meet while running around the circle, they must stop, shake hands and say "hello neighbor". Then they must race to the open spot in the circle that was left open by the player that was tagged. The first one to get in the open spot stays in the circle, and the one left out starts to walk counter clockwise and continues the game by tagging another player.

## CUB GRUB - Fun Food

### All American Dessert

**Ingredients:**

- 1 lg Berry blue jello
- 1 lg Red jello, any flavor
- 4 c Water; boiling
- 2 c Water; cold
- 8 oz Cool Whip; thawed
- 4 c Angel food cake -OR-- pound cake, break in cubes
- 2 c Strawberries; sliced
- 1/2 c Blueberries; (optional)

Dissolve each flavor of jello completely in 2 cups of boiling water in separate bowls. Stir 1 cup of cold water into each bowl. Pour into separate 9x13" pans. Refrigerate at least 3 hours until firm. Cut into 1/2" cubes. Place blue jello cubes in bottom of clear glass trifle bowl. Top with 1/3 of the Cool Whip. Add cake cubes, then sliced strawberries. Top with another 1/3 Cool Whip. Add the red jello cubes and then the remaining Cool Whip. Sprinkle blueberries over top if desired.

### Gift Idea: Snowman Soup

**Ingredients:**

- 1 package hot chocolate mix
- 3 Hershey Kisses
- 15 (or so) marshmallows
- 1 candy cane

"Put items in colored plastic wrap"

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The Poem: Put on paper and give with items in a mug

Was told you've been real good this year  
Always glad to hear it  
With freezing weather drawing near  
You'll need to warm the spirit  
So here's a little Snowman Soup  
Complete with stirring stick  
Add hot water, sip it slow  
It's sure to do the trick!

### Hero Sandwich

Cut a loaf of French bread in half lengthwise. Layer on slices of ham, salami, and cheese. Or maybe some TURKEY. Top with lettuce and sliced tomatoes. Add onions, pickles, and hot peppers, if desired. Spread on mayonnaise or mustard. Cut a loaf of French bread in half lengthwise. Layer on slices of ham, salami, and Provolone, Swiss or American cheese. Top with lettuce and sliced tomatoes. Add onions, pickles, olives and hot peppers, if desired. Spread on mayonnaise or mustard

### Popcorn Balls

**We love these!!!**

#### **Ingredients:**

- 3 quarts plain popped corn (about 1/3 cup kernels)
- 1/4 cup butter
- 10 oz. bag marshmallows
- food coloring (optional)

Put popped corn in a large bowl. Set aside.

Melt the butter and marshmallows in a stovetop pot, stirring constantly. When they are melted, take off the heat and allow the mixture to cool until it can be touched. If you like, stir in a few drops of food coloring.

Using a wooden spoon, gently stir the melted mixture into the popcorn. Next, butter your hands and work quickly to form popcorn balls. Place balls on waxed paper to cool.

After the balls are cool, you may use warm corn syrup to stick gum drops or other candy decorations to the popcorn balls. The popcorn balls may be stored in sandwich bags.

This makes enough for about 15 two-inch balls, but you can make them any size or shape you like!

### Making Butter

Fill baby food jars half full of whipping cream and screw the lids on tightly. Let kids take turns shaking each jar. After about 5 minutes the cream will be whipped, and after another minute or so, lumps of yellow butter will form. Rinse off the liquid whey and add a little salt, if desired. Then spread on home made bread crackers to taste!

### Turkey Treats

#### **Ingredients:**

- Ritz Cracker
- canned frosting,
- chocolate kiss,
- candy corn
- caramel.

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Spread frosting on cracker. Peel the paper off the kiss and place kiss near the bottom of the cracker. Add candy corn above the kiss to make feathers; place one corn on the kiss for the head. Let frosting dry. Attach a caramel to the back with more frosting to make it stand up.

### Cornucopia

#### Ingredients:

- Bugles corn snacks
- Trix cereal
- White frosting

Put a small dab of frosting in a bugle. Put several Trix in each "cornucopia".

### Oreo Turkeys

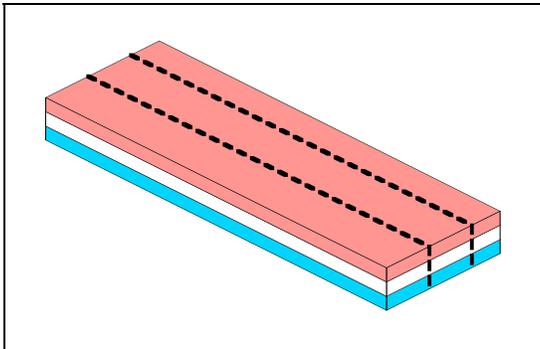
#### Ingredients:

- Oreo cookies
- candy corn
- malted milk balls
- icing (not whipped)

Open one Oreo and place one part, icing side up (eat the other half). Add a bit of icing as glue, and stand another Oreo up on it (this is your turkey body). Spread one side half of the standing Oreo with icing, and attach 5-6 pieces of candy corn, fanned out like turkey feathers. Add a malted milk ball to the top of the other side, for head. An additional piece of candy corn can be used for a waddle (or a red M&M).

### RED, WHITE AND BLUE TWISTS

Open enough red (cherry), white (mystery flavor), and blue (raspberry/blueberry?) Airheads to make enough treats for the boys in the den. Stack the 3 colors on top of each other on a piece of waxed paper. Using a roller pin, meld them together so they'll stick together when you twist them. Cut the stack lengthwise into strips so that they are as wide as they are thick. Twist each stick like a barber's pole to for red-white-blue twists.



### APPLE PIE SNACKS

Aside from baseball and Chevrolet, what could be more American than Apple Pie? Premix and roll out pie dough, cut into circles to fit in individual serving pie tins. Premix apple filling (or use a canned variety). At the start of the meeting, have the boys put the dough into their own pie tin, add the filling and cover with another piece of dough. Let them "carve" their initial into the top pie dough. During the meeting, let these bake and cool. Serve with ICE CREAM ☺ at the end of the meeting.

### JELL-O STARS

You'll need red, white and blue colored jell-o. To make the white jell-o, mix a box of Knox gelatin with  $\frac{1}{2}$ -cup of boiling water and add this to a container of Cool-Whip. In a flat pan, pour a  $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch layer of blue jell-o and allow it to set. Mix the white gelatin and add a  $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch layer and allow it to set. Finally, add a  $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch layer of the red jell-o. Once it is all set, use a star-shaped cookie cutter and cut out stars for snack.

## **PACK & DEN ACTIVITIES**

Many of our servicemen and servicewomen are being called away from their homes. And some of these Patriots own pets. Contact your local animal shelter to find out a way to seek information on how to adopt their pets while they are away. Where I live our local no-kill shelter, the Ark, is providing information about how to help.

We used this same ideas and also made Santa Claus windsocks.

### **Toilet Paper Roll Turkey**

Take a toilet paper roll tube and cover it with brown construction paper. Trace both hands on white paper and let child color feathers. Cut out hands. Cut thumb off. Lay tube horizontally. Glue hands to back of tube. Cut out peanut shape for head and glue to the front of tube. Use a red piece of felt to droop down from top of his head. add wiggle eyes.

### **That's for the Birds—Suet Recipes**

#### **I am having a Suet-Making party Yes, an**

#### **It's for the Birds Party**

TIP: I am using some old cake pans to pack these in until they get hard enough to remove. Also, remember, be very careful having melted suet around the Cubs. Ideally, for this activity, have everyone wear old clothes, and buckets with warm soapy water for clean up. Sometimes you will be only to find suet at a Butcher Shop if you can't find that, try lard or shortening.

- Soft Suet
- 4 1/2 cups ground fresh suet
- 3/4 cup dried and fine ground bakery goods (whole-wheat or cracked-wheat bread or crackers are best)
- 1/2 cup shelled sunflower seeds
- 1/4 cup millet
- 1/4 cup dried and chopped fruit (currants, raisins, or berries)
- 3/4 cup dried and fine ground meat (optional)

Melt suet in a saucepan over low heat. Mix the rest of the ingredients together in a large bowl. Allow the suet to cool until slightly thickened, stir it into the mixture in the bowl. Mix thoroughly.

Pour or pack into forms or suet feeders; smear onto tree trunks or overhanging limbs and branches; or pack into pine cones.

### **Hard Suet Cakes**

- 1/2 lb. fresh ground suet
- 1/3 cup sunflower seed
- 2/3 cup wild bird seed (mix)
- 1/8 cup chopped peanuts
- 1/4 cup raisins

Melt suet in a saucepan over low heat. Allow it to cool thoroughly, then reheat it. Mix the rest of the ingredients together in a large bowl. Allow the suet to cool until slightly thickened, then stir it into the mixture in the bowl. Mix thoroughly. Pour into pie pan or form, or pack into suet feeders. Optional or substitute ingredients: millet (or other birdseed), cornmeal, cooked noodles, chopped berries, dried fruit.

- 1 part peanut butter
- 1 part shortening
- 1 part flour

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- 3 parts cornmeal
- 1 part cracked corn
- black oil sunflower seeds and/or mixed seed

### More Treats

- 1 part Melted Beef Suet
- 1 part Peanut Butter
- 6 parts Cornmeal

Melt Suet then mix in Peanut Butter and Cornmeal. Spoon into paper-lined muffin tins and cool. Store in freezer till needed.

- 1 pound Suet in small pieces
- 1 Cup Yellow Cornmeal
- 1 Cup Rolled Oats
- 1 Cup Chunk-style Peanut Butter
- 1 Cup mixed Wild Bird Seed
- 1 Cup Sunflower Seed

Melt suet over low flame. Stir in rest of ingredients to blend. Pour into paper-lined muffin tins. Chill until hardened. These may be frozen also.

2 Cups Bread Crumbs  
1 Handful Nuts (unsalted)  
3 Chopped Apples (seeds too!)  
2 Handfuls raisins  
1 Cup sugar  
1/4 Cup Cornmeal  
1/2 Pound Ground Suet  
1/2 Cup Flour  
1 8 Oz. Jar Peanut Butter  
1 Cup Wild Bird Seed

Mix ingredients and add enough bacon drippings to hold it all together. Shape into balls or press into pine cones. Freeze leftovers.

You may also make a simple Suet Feeder out of a milk carton. Just pour hot ingredients into the carton, let cool then cut the sides out. Other ingredients that you can add or just set out on your feeder are: Ground egg shells, fine gravel or sand (for grit), cheese, dry cereal, coconut (raw), cornbread, cracker crumbs, dog biscuits (chopped fine), ears of sweet corn. Don't forget the seeds from all of your veggies!

### Litter Basket Slide

**Materials Needed:** Jet Dry basket (from dishwasher), black plastic bag, pipe cleaner, paper and glue.

**Instructions:** Thread the pipe cleaner through the basket and form a ring for the neckerchief.

Glue the black plastic into the basket to form a trash bag. Make a little sign with paper that says "Litter" and glue the sign to front of basket. Fill basket with wadded paper scraps and glue in place.

### Turkey Slide

**Materials Needed:** 1 large orange chenille bump, one 4" white pipe cleaner, two 1" yellow pipe cleaners, 8 - 10 orange feathers, two 1/2" squares yellow felt, half of a 2" Styrofoam ball, glue, brown paint, two 4mm wobble eyes  
**Instructions:** Cut the 2" Styrofoam ball in half and paint brown and set aside to dry. Shape chenille bump

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and glue on eyes. Take the yellow pipe cleaners and bend 3/8" into an "L" shape. Cut the yellow felt to make feet and glue to the yellow pipe cleaner. Glue the end of the chenille bump into the center back of the ball.

Glue feet on back of the ball at bottom. Glue 8 or more feathers around the back of the styrofoam ball and glue 2 small feathers in the side for wings. Finish by gluing a 4: pipe cleaner loop into of the back.

### Write a Hometown Hero Tall Story

It's highly unlikely that the boys want to sit down with pen and paper in hand and write up their own stories—too much like being in school! So, instead, have them work together with the leaders to create a tall story of their modern-day hometown hero. Start with a whiteboard or sheets of newsprint hung on the walls. You will need to coach/coax them in coming up with a "hero," but if you start with a "main event" that the hero accomplished, things should flow fairly well from there. For example, if you give them some ideas for the main event, like "forming the Susquehanna River," or "raising the Blue Mountain," then they can come up with the hero and how the event was accomplished. Gather as many ideas as you can from them and then help them put together a chronology or timeline. Finally, piece together an outline for the few paragraphs the story should be and help them draft it. When it's all done, make sure it gets printed in the next Pack Newsletter.

### Pack Meeting Gathering Activities

#### Thanksgiving Match-Up

1. One action done in the morning
2. Poultry in the Hay
3. Jack-o-lantern dessert
4. A springtime blossom
5. Used by the percussion section of a band
6. An automobile and 60's music
7. Day of the week that Thanksgiving falls on
8. Medicine that's very serious
9. Cleveland's baseball team
10. Sounds made by 3 people eating fast & chewing loudly
11. Girl's name

- a. pumpkin pie
- b. Gobble, gobble, gobble
- c. drum stick
- d. Pilgrim
- e. Indians
- f. dressing
- g. Thursday
- h. Turkey in the Straw
- i. Mayflower
- j. Plymouth Rock
- k. Grace

## Hometown Hero Matching Game

Hang up pictures of famous "hometown Americans" with their names below their pictures. (These can be US heroes, locals, etc.) Have their heroic deeds listed out on a sheet that is handed out to everyone and have folks match the people with the actions.

## FAMOUS PAIRS

As each person enters the room, he has a nametag pinned to his back. The object of the game is to learn his identity. Each player is allowed to ask one yes or no question of each player. At the same time, the two people introduce themselves (their real names) and shake hands. Once you find your identify, find your partner by reading tag.

## WHAT IS THAT SONG?

1. Country Between Canada and Mexico the Good-Looking

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2. Heavy Iron Hooks Lifted Off the Bottom of the Sea

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3. Short Fight of Cajun Town

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4. Higher Being Sanctify United States

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5. Creator Consecrate Country Begun in 1776

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6. Majestic Not Born Yesterday Colors

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7. First Person Singular is Northern Inhabitant Scribble Gentleman

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8. One of a Few Good Men Prayer Song

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9. We Leave into Untamed, Sapphire "Out There"

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10. Celestial Object Glittery Standard

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11. Other Suns and Streaks Not Ending

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12. Spigots

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13. Short Skirmish Chant of the Democracy

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14. The Wagons with Canons Move Forward on Wheels

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15. This Area of Ground Belongs to Second Person Singular or Plural

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16. Secure a Satin Strip of Golden Material With a Knot

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17. The Time Jack's Other Nickname Walks Sharply Back to His House

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18. Heavenly Souls Enter Walking In Straight Lines

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### ANSWERS

1. America the Beautiful; 2. Anchors Aweigh; 3. Battle of New Orleans; 4. God Bless America; 5. God Bless the USA; 6. Grand Ole Flag; 7. I'm a Yankee Doodle Dandy; 8. Marine's Hymn; 9. Off We Go Into the Wild Blue Yonder; 10. Star Spangled Banner; 11. Stars and Stripes Forever; 12. Taps; 13. The Battle Hymn Of The Republic; 14. The Caissons Go Rolling Along; 15. This Land Is Your Land; 16. Tie a Yellow Ribbon; 17. When Johnny Comes Marching Home; 18. The Saints Go Marching In

## Pack Meeting Opening Ceremonies

### Heroes All Around Opening

The past few weeks have change America in many ways. One of the most obvious to us now is the fact that heroes are all around us. They are the men and women that run towards danger and disaster when everyone else is running away. There the ones who who risk life and limb to rush to our aid when we dial 911. There the ones who train year after year to fight for our freedom at any time and any where.

Would everyone who has served in the military or reserves please stand . Would everyone is now or ever has work as a law enforcement officer or a fireman or as a EMT or paramedic please stand also. Look around, here, are the real American heroes.

Would everyone please rise.

Please join in saying the Pledge of Allegiance.

### An Opening

**Personnel:** Narrator and 6 Cub Scouts

Narrator: "American pioneers have been men with curious minds, strong purpose, courage, determination and a proud, fierce loyalty. Through every hardship, they have refused to give up."

**Cub #1:** "In 1607 some 100 men and several venturesome boys stepped ashore at Jamestown and founded the first English settlement. Soon others came seeking new homes and religious freedom."

**Cub #2:** "During the Revolutionary War, the minutemen and other great patriots fought for our independence and founded our nation. There were men like Patrick Henry, Nathan Hale, Benjamin Franklin, George Washington and Thomas Jefferson."

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**Cub #3:** "Daniel Boone, Lewis and Clark and others opened the way westward. Then came the pioneers, trappers and settlers. This was the great westward movement over the famous trails with scouts like Buffalo Bill Cody, Kit Carson and Davy Crockett."

**Cub #4:** "Robert Fulton produced the first steamboat for river travel and Peter Cooper built the first steam locomotive which brought forth our railroads. Robert Morse invented the telegraph. Colonel Drake drilled the first oil well; Edison gave us the electric light; Bell invented the telephone, and Abner Doubleday gave us baseball."

**Cub #5:** "As we entered the 20th century, Teddy Roosevelt taught us to conserve our resources; Ford gave us a motor car, and the Wright brothers, an airplane. Lindberg made a non-stop flight across the ocean and Byrd explored the Antarctic. William Beebe began exploring the ocean floor with his bathysphere."

**Cub #6:** "From the 1940's until now, progress by our people has been ever increasing. Because of many men in science, we have automatic machines, television, planes that fly faster than sound and rockets on the moon. It was Neil Armstrong who first stepped out on the surface of the moon and spoke the words heard round the world; "One small step for man, one giant leap for mankind."

**Narrator:** "For us, the United States is still a land of expanding opportunity. The doors of education are open to every American boy. You can be trained for any one of thousands of skilled jobs in industry, business, science or social fields. In whatever way you choose to earn a living, you can look forward to a life of opportunity because of our nation's great pioneers. Today let us salute the flag in honor of these great people who have gone before us and had visions of today's America. Please rise and join us in the Pledge of Allegiance."

### Opening

**Staging:** Six Cub Scouts with signs, large letters on front and sayings printed on back.

**T** - is for Thanks - many thanks for all we have - food, shelter, family, freedoms.

**U** - is for uniform - the uniform we wear is a visible sign of what we stand for.

**R** - is for Respect - respect others, what they are and what they believe.

**K** - is for Key - the key to who and what we are depends on our background and heritage.

**E** - is for Effort - you must expend effort in order to make anything worthwhile.

**Y** - is for Yes - yes, we are grateful for many things and yes, we accept the Scouting challenge.

### Flag Ceremony

November is the month to vote and sometimes people say "Oh well, what can my one vote count?" And sometimes they use that excuse to not vote. If you don't vote, you cannot complain about anything our politicians do.

If you think your one vote doesn't count, listen to this:

In 1645, one vote gave Oliver Cromwell control of England.

In 1649, one vote caused Charles I of England to be executed.

In 1776, one vote gave America the English language instead of German.

In 1845, One vote brought Texas into the Union.

In 1868, one vote saved President Andrew Johnson from impeachment.

In 1876, one vote made Rutherford B. Hayes President of the United States.

This is the land of the free, where voting is a privilege but also an obligation. Let us stand and say the Pledge of Allegiance.

### RED, WHITE & BLUE

**Leader #1** Here's to the Red of it, There's not a thread of it, No, nor a shred of it, In all the spread of it  
From foot to head. But heroes bled for it, Faced steel and lead for it, Precious blood shed for it, Bathing it red.

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Leader #2 Here's to the white of it; Thrilled by the sight of it, Who knows the right of it, But feels the might of it

Through day and night Womanhood's care for it; Make manhood dare for it; Purity's prayer for it, Keeps it so White.

Leader #3: Here's to the Blue of it; Beauteous view of it;

Heavenly hue of it, Star-spangled dew of it,

Constant and true. Diadems gleam for it, States stand supreme for it, Liberty's beam for it, Brightens the Blue.

Leader #4: Here's to the whole of it, Stars stripes and pole of it. Body and soul of it, And to the roll of it, sun shining through. Hearts in accord for it, Swear by the sword for it,

Thanking the Lord for it, Red, White and Blue.

*(Followed by the Pledge of Allegiance)*

### OPENING CEREMONY

For: Narrator and a den of uniformed Cub Scouts.

Props: Cards with words printed on them for each Cub Scout, and an upright stand such as a ladder for each sign to be attached at the appropriate time.

*Narrator:* We think of Cub Scouting as a ladder of good citizenship. Let us show you what we mean.

*Cub #1* Friendship. We make lots of friends in our school, church, neighborhood, den and pack.

*Cub #2:* Teamwork. We learn how important it is to work with others as a member of a team.

*Cub #3:* Dependability. We learn to be places when we promise and to do our part.

*Cub #4:* Leadership. We learn to lead games and help with other den and pack activities.

*Cub #5:* Honesty. We learn to tell the truth, to handle money, and to understand what honesty means.

*Cub #6:* Loyalty. We learn to be true to our friends, our parents, and our den and pack, and to honor our country and its flag.

*Cub #7:* Good Will. We like to help our school, church, neighbors and those less fortunate than we. Good will projects make us feel good.

*Narrator:* Good Citizenship. Through Cub Scouting experiences, boys learn things that help make them better citizens as they grow into manhood.

### FLAG AND CANDLE CEREMONY

**Setup/Materials:** 1 small American flag, 1 white candle, 1 blue candle, 1 red candle, 4 boys

**Cub 1:** Practically from the beginning of time, man has used symbols to express hope, ideals, and love of his own nation. Our flag represents the ideals and science, commerce and agriculture. It symbolizes the sacrifices made by men and women for the future of America. It stands for your home and everything and everyone you hold dear. "I light the red candle which is the symbol of the red in our flag, and stands for hardiness and valor and symbolizes the lifeblood of brave men and women.

**Cub 2:** I light the white, which is the symbol of purity and innocence and symbolizes the white of our flag.

**Cub 3:** I light the blue candle which is the symbol of perseverance and justice, and symbolizes the eternal blue of the heavens.

**Cub 4:** The stars in our flag represent states. They indicate that the heights of achievement for our nation are limitless as the heavens above US.

**All:** Please join us in the Pledge of Allegiance?

## I AM AN AMERICAN

**Equipment:** American Flag, and Pack Flags 12 cards with the statements below, typed on them.

**People:** Honor Guard, and 12 Cub Scouts to read the statements.

**Procedure:** The Honor Guard marches in, posts the flags, and then leads the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. Then the 12 Cub Scouts read their statements in turn.

**Cub 1:** My country gives us the opportunities to advance according to our ambitions and abilities. Education is for all. I am an American

**Cub 2:** My country means love of freedom, faith in democracy, justice, and equality. I am an American

**Cub 3:** My country believes in the worth of every person. I am an American

**Cub 4:** My country gives us the privilege of expressing beliefs or opinions without fear of prosecution. I am an American

**Cub 5:** My country is a democracy, it is our duty to keep it that way. I am an American

**Cub 6:** My country promises life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. I am an American

**Cub 7:** My country is one that we should protect and defend. I am an American

**Cub 8:** My country is and will always remain the land of the free and the home of the brave. I am an American.

**Cub 9:** My country needs informed, intelligent and active citizens. I am an American.

**Cub 10:** My country tries to meet its people's needs with abiding love and loyalty. I am an American.

**Cub 11:** My country's government is the servant not the master of the people. I am an American.

**Cub 12:** My country has a statue of liberty whose torch will burn brightly as long as we tend the flame of freedom. I am an American.

## UNCLE SAM

**Arrangements:** Den Leader is on stage holding a picture of "Uncle Sam." Cubs are off stage and enter two at a time on each side of the picture. They say their lines and then stand there. Flag is posted in center of the stage behind the group

**1ST Cub:** Why didn't we call him Daddy Sam?

**2ND Cub:** In some countries he might have been called "Daddy Sam" or "Papa Sam," but not in America.

**3RD Cub:** Uncle Sam is an idea that symbolizes the United States.

**4TH Cub:** The people who wrote our Constitution decided the Federal Government should not be a Great Father.

**5TH Cub:** They limited Uncle Sam's role very strictly, to assure freedom and opportunity for individuals.

**6TH Cub:** Uncle Sam is even dressed in Red, White, and Blue, and decorated with stars and stripes.

**7TH Cub:** These are the living ideals which are the very heart of our flag and our nation.

**8TH Cub:** Uncle Sam is a symbol that should always remind us of the blessings of freedom our forefathers gave to us.

**9TH Cub:** Will the audience please rise and repeat the Pledge of Allegiance.

## FOR GOD AND COUNTRY

**Arrangement.** Den chief and Cub Scouts, in uniform, carry small U.S. flags and line up on stage. Each speaks his part.

Den Chief. Two hundred years ago, God gave us a nation; a land of wealth and bounty, choice among His creations. We must protect its freedom and defend its worthy cause, and support our Constitution, which is based upon God's laws. We must pledge to be loyal throughout each coming year, and with God's help, we will know no doubt nor fear. When we keep our promise to do our best each day, God will bless our country and us in every way. Please stand and join us in singing, "God Bless America." (After audience is seated, Cub Scouts continue.)

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**Cub 1.** We're glad you came to our banquet! We have many things to say about our love for America as we celebrate today.

**Cub 2.** Independence is a big word, and hard for me to say. But I know it means a lot to all Americans today.

**Cub 3.** Our national bird is the eagle. Have you ever wondered why? It may be because it soars above all birds to reach the sky.

**Cub 4.** The Liberty Bell is ringing, though its sound we do not hear. Freedom of speech and worship, freedom from want and fear.

**Cub 5.** Without our flag of red, white and blue, things would be different for me and you. It's a symbol of pride in the American way, so we should be loyal and true each day.

**Cub 6.** Please stand and join us in the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag.

### Honoring our Flag

**Personnel:** 16 Cub Scouts, American Flag bearer, Leader

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

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

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

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

**6 Cubs:** (in unison) We are the six white stripes in our flag. For innocence and purity we stand.

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

**Cub Scout #14:** Now look at me, the field of blue. For vigilance, perseverance and justice true.

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

**Cub Scout #15:** I am a five-pointed star shining bright. One for each state. When united, we have might.

**Cub Scout #16:** (Flag bearer enters carrying American flag. He stands near group which made crepe paper flag.)

**Leader:** Behold the emblem of our country...the greatest flag of the greatest nation in the world. May it ever wave over free and liberty loving people. May it ever represent the highest ideals of America and ever support the principles of democracy in America and around the world. Please join us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### CITIZENS

**Personnel:** 8 Cubs, Leader

**Equipment:** Individual cards containing each of the eight letters.

**Arrangement:** Each Cub recites his line, he holds his card chest high.

**Cub #1:** C - is for country.

**Cub #2:** I - is for being involved.

**Cub #3:** T - is for treasuring the great traditions of our land.

**Cub #4:** I - is for ideals of freedom.

**Cub #5:** Z - is for the zeal we put into life.

**Cub #6:** E - is for example we set.

**Cub #7:** N - is for needs of our nation.

**Cub #8:** S - is for sharing of ourselves.

**Leader:** It takes more than letters and words to make good citizens. What do you think would happen if each and everyone of us would put just one of these thoughts into practice?

## AUDIENCE PARTICIPATIONS

### Smokey Bear (A true story)

**Big Tree** - I am so big!

**Middle-Sized Tree** - See my pretty leaves

**Baby Tree** - I'm just a bush

**Camper** - I love this beautiful forest

**Fire** - Crackle, crackle

**Smokey** - Only you can prevent forest fires

**Babbling Brook** - Assign one person, they get up and run through the group, babbling

One upon a time in a beautiful lush green forest, there stood three trees, the **Big Tree**, the **Middle-Sized Tree** and the **Baby Tree**. A **Babbling Brook** coursed its way through the forest. A **Camper** made a **Fire** for his breakfast without clearing the area for 10 feet and then went for a hike without making sure the **Fire** was dead out. The **Fire** threw some sparks into some dried grass. It started smoldering. The **Babbling Brook** was not close enough to put out the sparks. In a short time, the dry forest was ablaze. The animals heard the sounds of the **Fire**. smelled the smoke, and tried to flee. A bear cub couldn't see where his mother had gone so he did what she had taught him when there was danger. He climbed the **Big Tree**. The **Fire** roared by. It burned up the **Baby Tree** and **Middle-Sized Tree**. It singed the **Big Tree** with the bear cub clinging to the top. After the **Fire**, a ranger found the bear cub still in the top of the **Big Tree** and got him down. He was singed and scared. The ranger healed his burns and raised him. He called him **Smokey**. He became the symbol to remind **CAMPERS** and hikers to be careful with **FIRE** and protect the **Big Trees**, the **Middle-Sized Trees** and the **Baby Trees** so we can enjoy the forest with the **Babbling Brooks** running through them. Remember, "Only you can prevent forest fires!" the one who says that is **Smokey Bear**.

### LEFT, RIGHT, WRIGHT

Divide the audience into **LEFT** and **RIGHT** and have them stand up and sit down when they heard their word. You could also divide the audience into **LEFT**, **RIGHT** and **WRIGHT**.

Johnny **WRIGHT** was very excited as he talked to his parents. "I want to become a Cub Scout," he said. "I am the only boy **LEFT** in the neighborhood that isn't one. Peter invited me to his Blue & Gold banquet tonight to see if scouting is **RIGHT** for me. Can we go?"

Mr. **WRIGHT** called Peter's dad to get directions. When he got off the phone he told everyone, "It's at First Baptist Church. We go south on 125, take a **LEFT** on Cherry St. then our first **LEFT** into the parking lot...let's go! Johnny ran **RIGHT** out and got into the car. At the church they went in and had a great time. The Cub Scouts got great awards, put on skits, sang songs and had a ball. The Cubmaster came over and talked to Johnny. "Why do you want to be a Cub Scout..." "Because at school all the kids talk about the fun they have here, and I feel **LEFT** out, and my friend **LEFT** his Cub Scout cap at my house, right on my desk so I tried it on, I look cool in it." Johnny replied. One of the leaders looked at Johnny's parents. "Would you like to help out? It's fun and rewarding". Mr. **WRIGHT** looked at Mrs. **WRIGHT** they both fidgeted nervously..."We thought parents brought their boys, then **LEFT**. We didn't know we had to help." "Oh, you don't have to" explained one of the leaders, "but if no one is willing to give of their time, soon there will be no scouting **LEFT**. The more parents that help...the less work for us all. You could be den leaders and help boys to stay on the **RIGHT** track, or you could be on the committee and attend a meeting once a month to help make the **RIGHT** decisions for our Pack. There are many positions with different levels of time commitment, I'm sure we could find one that's just **RIGHT** for you...I hope I haven't **LEFT** out any information...so, would you like to help?"

**RIGHT** on, exclaimed Johnny's folks. Johnny just beamed. He knew he had made the **RIGHT** decision by coming to the Blue & Gold.

## ADVANCEMENT CEREMONIES

### Advancement Ceremony

**Props:** This can be as simple or as fancy as desired. The setting is at a campaign speech for city mayor.

**Characters:** The Cubmaster will need to have three men help with the awards.

**Cubmaster:** Ladies and gentlemen, we have come here tonight to hear our three candidates for mayor express their views. (Introduce Mr. Wolf, Mr. Bear, and Mayor Scout.)

**Mr. Wolf:** I would like to talk to the young people about our fair city, to say we need to improve on our quality of life. We have Cub Scouts present who have earned awards for a job well done. Would these Cub Scouts please come forward and receive their awards. (Call out boys' names that are getting their Wolf and arrow points. The Cubmaster can assist in handing out these awards.)

**Mr. Bear:** I would like to address the middle-aged group of our fair city. You have been working for some time and have achieved much. I would like to ask you to accept a token of my appreciation and award you the Bear award. (Call out the boys' names who have earned their Bear and arrow points. The Cubmaster helps hand out awards.)

**Mayor Scout:** I would like to talk to the old timers of this our golden town. You have each given unselfishly of yourselves and for your loyal support all these years I have a special award that is called the Webelos Badge. Webelos stands for We'll Be Loyal Scouts and I know I'll have your loyal support in the upcoming election. (Call the boys forward and give them their awards.)

**Cubmaster:** As sponsor for these campaign speeches I would like to add my many thanks for jobs well done and we'll see you at the polls.

## THE STORY OF UNCLE SAM

### History of Samuel Wilson

**Narrator:** In the War of 1812, Samuel Wilson operated a slaughter house in the Village of Troy, N.Y. He was popularly known as Uncle Sam and from time to time, supplied barrels of beef to the soldiers located at Greenbush, stamping the barrels U.S. The soldiers from Troy designated the beef as "Uncle Sam's," implying that it was furnished by Samuel Wilson. The other recruits, thinking that the term was applied to the letters U.S. standing for the United States, began using the appellation "Uncle Sam" figuratively for the United States. This interpretation was picked up promptly by other soldiers who began to call everything belonging to the government, "Uncle Sam's" The term as applied to the United States quickly sprang into popular favor and the weekly periodicals soon began to sketch caricature likeness by adding the long white beard and high hat, a typical representation of our government.

Over time, Uncle Sam came to be as household an item as televisions and computers are today. Probably the most well known picture-poster of Uncle Sam is that drawn by James Montgomery Flagg. The famous "I Want You for the US Army" poster was the cover for the July 6, 1916, issue of Leslie's Weekly for a story called "What Are You Doing for Preparedness?" This poster was used during World War I and then again in World War II to support recruitment of soldiers.

The message of our theme this months comes from this history, but it does not mean we are all being asked to run off and join the Army. The real message here is that we are all called to play a part in making the United States the great nation of freedom and justice, as so many citizens—soldiers, sailors, airmen, and civilians alike—have done since the beginning of our nation, when men like Thomas Jefferson and John Hancock put their names on a document declaring our freedom from the oppression it was under—The Declaration of Independence.

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Tonight we honor some of our young citizens who have, in their own best way, answered Uncle Sam's call by doing their best, being the best citizens they can be.

**Cubmaster:** At this time we will present our Cub Scouts with awards that recognize them for their achievements over the past month. As always, we ask the parents to come forward with their sons and to present their awards to them.

[Call up the each level of Cub and award them their badges. Make sure to have the parents actually present them their awards.]

### PATRIOTIC AWARDS CEREMONY

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!

### SONGS

#### I had a Little Chicken

(Tune: Turkey in the Straw)

Oh, I had a little chicken, and she wouldn't lay an egg,  
So I poured hot water up and down her leg,  
Oh, the little chicken hollered and the little chicken begged,  
And then the little chicken laid a hard-boiled egg!  
{dr}Scalded chicken cluck cluck cluck  
{dr}Scalded chicken cluck cluck cluck  
{dr}Come on scalded chicken and lay me a hard-boiled egg cluck cluck cluck

2. Vinegar---Pickled egg  
{dr}Scalded chicken cluck cluck cluck  
{dr}Scalded chicken cluck cluck cluck  
{dr}Come on scalded chicken and lay me a pickled egg cluck cluck cluck

3. Gun Powdered---Scrambled egg  
4 Mustard---Deviled Egg  
5. Special Sauce---McMuffin Egg  
6. Hot oil---Fried gg  
7. Water colors---Easter egg.

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Invite the boys to make up their own verse.

### Hurray, It's Thanksgiving Day!

(When, Johnny Comes Marching Home)

The Pilgrims are coming to celebrate, Hurray! Hurray!  
The Pilgrims are coming to celebrate Thanksgiving Day.  
The Pilgrims are coming, so don't be late,  
We'll eat and dance to celebrate.  
And we'll all be glad, so hurry and don't be late!

The Indians are coming to celebrate, Hurray! Hurray!  
The Indians are coming to celebrate Thanksgiving Day.  
The Indians are coming, so don't be late.  
We'll eat and dance to celebrate.  
And we'll all be glad, so hurry and don't be late.

### Thanksgiving Day Thanks

(The Farmer in the Dell)  
Thanksgiving Day is here.  
Thanksgiving Day is here.  
Let's give thanks for all we have,  
Thanksgiving Day is here.

For all our moms and dads,  
For all our families,  
Let's give thanks for all we have,  
Thanksgiving Day is here.

For all the flowers and trees,  
For all the birds and bees,  
Let's give thanks for all we have,  
Thanksgiving Day is here.

### Turkey Song

Tune: My Bonnie

My turkey went walking one morning  
The November weather to see  
A man with a hatchet approached her  
Oh bring back my turkey to me.

Chorus:  
Bring back, bring back,  
Oh bring back my turkey to me, to me  
Bring back, bring back,  
oh bring back my turkey to me.

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I went out to dinner and ordered  
The best thing they had I could see  
They brought it all roasted and sizzling  
They brought back my turkey to me.

Chorus

### Our Pilgrim Forefathers

(Tune: Battle Hymn of the Republic)

They came as strangers to a wild land, brave and unafraid,  
In spite of many hardships they still bowed their heads and prayed,  
"We're thankful for the growing crops, the beauty of our land,  
And freedom to live as we planned."

Chorus: Our Pilgrim fathers make us proud  
They accomplished what they vowed,  
We will sing their praises loud,  
And freedom marches on.

Squanto was an Indian and he helped the Pilgrims out,  
He taught them how to plant their corn and how to fish for trout,  
They hunted in the woods for deer and caught wild turkeys, too,  
He was a friend so true.

Chorus

Bradford was the Governor, he was just and fair,  
He thought it was important that each man received his share,  
He planned the first Thanksgiving holiday to celebrate  
A harvest good and great.

### Thanksgiving

(tune: Yankee Doodle)

The Pilgrims came across the sea  
From England far away  
And now we always think of them  
When it's Thanksgiving Day.

The Mayflower was their sailing ship  
Across the waves of foam.  
They landed here on Plymouth Rock  
And this was their new home.

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The bitter winter was so hard  
That many Pilgrims died.  
By spring they had some growing crops  
And Indian friends besides.

When harvest came they were so glad  
They had learned so many things.  
The Indians joined them in a feast  
The first Thanksgiving Day.

So many things they had to learn  
All along the way,  
We thank the Pilgrims everyone  
For this Thanksgiving Day.

## I'M A YANKEE DOODLE DANDY

by George M. Cohan

I'm a Yankee Doodle Dandy  
A Yankee Doodle, do or die  
A real live nephew of my Uncle Sam  
Born on the Fourth of July  
I've got a Yankee Doodle sweetheart  
She's my Yankee Doodle joy  
Yankee Doodle came to London  
Just to ride the ponies  
I am the Yankee Doodle Boy

## TOMMY THE CUB SCOUT

Tune: Frosty

Tommy, the Cub Scout  
Was a very happy boy.  
With a uniform of blue and gold  
And a Den that gave him joy.  
Tommy, the Cub Scout  
Earned his badges one by one.  
He did his best and met the test.  
A good citizen he's become.  
He helps out other people when  
He sees they need a lot.  
He does his chores around the house  
And feeds his dog (named Spot).  
Tommy, the Cub Scout  
Does his duty willingly.  
Someday he'll join a Boy Scout Troop  
And a fine man he will be.

## SKITS

### OUR FLAG

**Staging:** Flag in stand on table, under which "voice" is concealed. Or have flag posted near screen concealing "voice." Cub Scout in uniform walks by flag and stops when flag starts to "speak."

**Flag:** Hey Cub Scout!

**Cub:** Who's that?

**Flag:** Me, your flag.

**Cub:** What do you want with me?

**Flag:** I want to know something. You hear of people in other lands burning me, but recently you've heard of people in the United States showing disloyalty and disrespect to me. What's wrong?

**Cub:** That's a hard question for me to answer. I think people do this because they don't know how hard it was to get you. We even fought wars, not only to get you, but to spread your ideas to other countries. Much of today's younger generation doesn't know how hard it was to do that!

**Flag:** What would you suggest?

**Cub:** I'd say to start with, we need to increase our Americanism-building organizations such as the Scouts and give them more support... and to start programs that will increase patriotism. People need to be encouraged to fly the flag on national holidays and to have inspiring flag ceremonies at meetings.

**Flag:** You have some good ideas, son.

**Cub:** The Scout program has taught me to respect the flag and to love my country.

**Flag:** Scouting! Yes, there is hope after all. You've given me a real lift. Thank you, Scout!

**Cub:** (Salutes) Any time. (Walks offstage)

### THE LIBERTY BELL SPEAKS

**Personnel:** 7 Cub Scouts and a narrator

**Equipment:** A large cardboard cutout of the Liberty Bell

**Setting:** The Liberty Bell is set center stage with the boys in a semi-circle around it.

**Narrator:** Speak out, oh bell called Liberty,

The times you rang in freedom's name,

So all of us may know

Beginnings long ago.

When I was young, I rang a lot!

**Cub 1:** I clanged alarms when England tried to force her taxes on us.

I thundered of tyranny on us.

**Cub 2:** I roared with rage when Parliament forbade our people making Iron and steel, my lungs were breaking.

**Cub 3:** I grieved for Boston when it's port was closed to trade and shipping  
My faith was far from slipping.

**Cub 4:** With all my strength and all my heart I called for folks' attendance  
To hear the declaring of Independence.

**Cub 5:** And then I fell on silent days, when I was put into hiding  
With British law presiding.

**Cub 6:** But I was back to shout about Cornwallis's surrender  
I rang for freedom's splendor.

**Cub 7:** For years I rang for this and that  
The Constitution signed at last, And then I cracked...

**Narrator:** Your silent tongue could never speak again,

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And yet your voice is loud and clear in all the minds of men!  
"Proclaim liberty throughout all the land and unto all inhabitants thereof."

### Constitution Skit

**Scene:** Philadelphia, 1787

**Characters:** Narrator, 4 Cub Scouts in colonial dress, and some extra Scouts.

**Narrator:** "While it's true that our constitution was written by truly great men, it still took 11 years to finish. Lets look in on some of these men as they go about their work. Here comes Ben Franklin and Samuel Adams."

**Sam:** "Let's have pizza tonight."

**Ben:** "I don't like pizza. How about tacos?"

**Sam:** "But I don't like tacos. Let's have hamburgers."

**Ben:** "We always have burgers."

(The two walk off stage still arguing.)

**Narrator:** (flustered) "Simply a difference of opinion, ladies and gentlemen. Don't worry, they'll work it out. Look there's Thomas Jefferson and John Adams."

**John:** "I tell you the Yankees are the best!"

**Tom:** "No way, it's gonna be the Braves this year."

**Narrator:** "Wait a minute you two, are you talking about baseball."

**Tom And John:** "Yes!"

**Narrator:** "Baseball hasn't been invented yet!"

**John And Tom:** "OH!" and then walk off arguing about football.

**Narrator:** "I don't know what's going on here. Wait, they're gathered together! Now what are they arguing about?"

(The four Scouts plus the extras are gathered around a table)

**Tom:** "At least we agree on something...The Constitution of the United States!"

### All American Tribute

**Den Leader:** America is my country. How glad I am that this is my land. Prairie and forest, Snow-capped peaks and mighty canyons. Cities of steel and farms with red barns. How glad I am that this is my land. My country is young, but it has a wonderful history.

**Cub #1:** It is Columbus, Plymouth Rock and Davy Crockett.

**Cub #2:** It is the Boston Tea Party and "Give me Liberty or Give me death"

**Cub #3:** And General MacArthur returning to the Philippines.

**Cub #4:** It is Washington and Lincoln and all the Presidents who carried the burden of leadership.

**Cub #5:** It is all the men and women who have died, so we may be free.

**Cub #6:** And all the men, women, and children who are working today to keep it free.

**Cub #7:** It is you and I and all its people who love America's goodness and work each day to make it better.

**Den Leader:** In all the world are many lands. But in my land is more hope and promise and strength and joy than anywhere else on earth. America is my country. How thankful I am that this is my land!

### Puns

1. Two vultures board an airplane, each carrying two dead raccoons. The stewardess looks at them and says, "I'm sorry, gentlemen, only one carrion allowed per passenger."
2. Did you hear that NASA recently put a bunch of Holsteins into low earth orbit? They called it the herd shot 'round the world.

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3. Two boll weevils grew up in South Carolina. One went to Hollywood and became a famous actor. The other stayed behind in the cotton fields and never amounted to much. The second one, naturally, became known as the lesser of two weevils.
4. Two Eskimos sitting in a kayak were chilly, but when they lit a fire in the craft, it sank proving once again that you can't have your kayak and heat it, too.
5. A three legged dog walks into a saloon in the Old West. He slides up to the bar and announces: "I'm looking for the man who shot my paw."
6. Did you hear about the Buddhist who refused Novocain during a root canal? He wanted to transcendental medication.
7. A group of chess enthusiasts checked into a hotel and were standing in the lobby discussing their recent tournament victories. After about an hour, the manager came out of the office and asked them to disperse. "But why?" they asked, as they moved off. "Because," he said, "I can't stand chess nuts boasting in an open foyer."
8. A woman has twins, and gives them up for adoption. One of them goes to a family in Egypt and is named "Amal." The other goes to a family in Spain; they name him "Juan." Years later, Juan sends a picture of himself to his birth mother. Upon receiving the picture, she tells her husband that she wishes she also had a picture of Amal. Her husband responds, "They're twins! If you've seen Juan, you've seen Amal."
9. These friars were behind on their belfry payments, so they opened up a small florist shop to raise funds. Since everyone liked to buy flowers from the men of God, a rival florist across town thought the competition was unfair. He asked the good fathers to close down, but they would not. He went back and begged the friars to close. They ignored him. So, the rival florist hired Hugh MacTaggart, the roughest and most vicious thug in town to "persuade" them to close. Hugh beat up the friars and trashed their store, saying he'd be back if they didn't close up shop. Terrified, they did so, thereby proving that: Hugh, and only Hugh, can prevent florist friars.
10. And finally, there was a man who sent ten different puns to friends, in the hope that at least one of the puns would make them laugh. Unfortunately, no pun in ten did.

## Harvest Celebration

Boys are standing around talking. They can be attired in Colonial costumes.

**1st Boy:** We sure had a great time at the Harvest Celebration. When my Dad said we would have a big party I didn't know it would last for 3 days.

**2nd Boy:** Yea! We invited 92 Indians, plus all our families. We helped our Moms cook for days. It was fun to play games, have shooting contests and relays during the celebration.

**3rd Boy:** I liked the food we cooked, boiled eel, lobster, roasted pigeon, stuffed cod, journey cakes, corn meal bread with nuts and succotash.

**4th Boy:** The Indians brought food too, turkeys, pumpkins, sweet potatoes, cranberry sauce. And, they brought deer meat, too.

**5th Boy:** I liked the popcorn the best...I never ate popcorn before. I heard my Dad say Governor Bradford has decided to have a celebration again next year, in 1622. He wants to call it **Thanksgiving Celebration!**

## STUNTS & APPLAUSES

Whaat did the turkey say before he was roasted?

**Wow, I'm stuffed.**

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1<sup>st</sup> Cub - What are those holes in the trees?

2<sup>nd</sup> Cub - They're knotholes.

1<sup>st</sup> Cub - Really? If they're not holes, what are they?

1<sup>st</sup> Cub - I crossed a carrier pigeon with a woodpecker yesterday.

2<sup>nd</sup> Cub - Really, what did you get?

1<sup>st</sup> Cub - I don't know, but when it delivers a message, it knocks.

Den Leader - What is the chemical formula for water?

Cub - h, I, h, k, l, m, n, o.

Leader - May I ask what that is?

Cub - H to O.

Boy - (enters pet shop) Sir! I would like 25 cents worth of birdseed.

Man - 25 cents worth of birdseed? How many birds do you have?

Boy - I don't have any birds, I want to grow some.

### Applause

**Abe Lincoln Cheer:** That was great! HONEST!

**America:** A-M-E-R-I-C-A, Cub Scouts (or Boy Scouts), Cub Scouts, USA!

**Constitution Cheer:** We the people, APPROVE!

**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!"

**President:** Salute and say: "Hail to the Chief."

**"We Want You" Cheer:** Everyone yells "I Want You" and points their finger at the honoree (like in the Uncle Sam posters).

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

## Pack Meeting Closing Ceremonies

### A Boy

He is a person who is going to carry on what you have started.

He is to sit right where you are sitting, and attend, when you are gone, to those things you think are so important.

You may adopt all the policies you please, but how they will be carried out depends on him.

Even if you have leagues and treaties, he will have to manage them.

He will assume control of our cities, states and nation.

He is going to move in and take over your churches, schools, universities, and nation.

All your work is going to be judged and praised or condemned by him.

Your reputation and your future are in his hands.

All your work is for him; and the fate of the nation and of humanity lies in his hands.

It is well that we pay him some attention.

### Closing

I would give thanks for many things

On this Thanksgiving Day.

Thanks for all the blessings

Life brings each day along the way.

I would give thanks for life and health,

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For home, for food, and you,  
All that I count my greatest wealth -  
Family and friendship true.  
I give thanks for my native land,  
For freedom on this day;  
Where we worship and understand  
Our privilege to pray.  
I would give thanks for many things  
And do the best I can,  
To be worthy of all life brings  
And serve my fellow man.

### Closing

**Cubmaster:** "We've heard of many famous men - men with curious minds, strong purposes, courage, determination, stick-to-itiveness and a proud, fierce loyalty for their country. For you as Cub Scouts, America is still a land of expanding opportunity. It could well be that someday, one of you will become a famous pioneer in American history. Good luck with your future. Good night."

### THE AMERICAN'S CREED

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

### 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.

### STARS AND STRIPES-OUR AMERICAN HERITAGE

**SETTING:** Cub Scout (or Den Chief) stands blindfolded, gagged, and bound before the audience.

**CUBMASTER:** This is an American boy. The American Revolution won him freedom. (Cubmaster unbinds him,) The Constitution guarantees him free speech. (He removes the gag.) A free education gives him the ability to see and to understand. (He removes the blindfold.) Let us help Scouting teach him to preserve and enjoy his glorious heritage and to become a good citizen. Turn off lights, spotlight American Flag, and repeat the Pledge of Allegiance.

### AMERICA'S ANSWER

America needs men with a concern for the common good -- men who have the understanding and insight to help solve her problems and those of the changing world around us. she needs citizens of integrity who value their great heritage and who are determined to pass on to others an enduring faith in the ideals and methods of our free society.

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How does a boy come to know and to appreciate his heritage as a citizen of this nation? How does his sense of responsibility and his concern for others unfold? Begin with him when he is a Cub Scout as he promises with all the solemnity of an 8-year old "to do my duty to God and my country..." Watch the pride and loving care with which he handles the flag as he is taught to fold it. He may not fully understand all that it stands for, but someday he will... with help.

Observe him later as he stands tall, alert and proud in his kaki uniform as the flag is lowered at Scout camp- He is living everyday experiences as a good citizen and showing concern for the needs of others. He is growing and practicing the fundamentals of citizenship. All of this time he is under the friendly guidance and companionship of men who care about him.

Now he is grown tall... in high school... an Explorer Scout. He ponders the words of the Explorer Code. There is conviction in his voice as he says: "I will treasure my American heritage and will do all I can to preserve and enrich it."

And so this young American comes to manhood. He has grown through his Scouting experiences and though the influences of many men and women who have helped him. He has a job and a family and is making himself count in his community. He is a citizen of a great nation. He understands his heritage and cheerfully accepts his future obligations to all men.

### **CUB SCOUT Benediction**

And now may the *Great Master* of all Cub Scouts  
Guide and guard our footsteps  
Today, tomorrow,  
And for all the tomorrows to come.

### **I Made A Promise**

Five boys are needed for this ceremony. Each should have his part printed on a small card he can conceal in his hand or have the part memorized.

**Cub #1:** I made a promise... I said that whatever I did I would do the best I could.

**Cub #2:** I made a promise...to serve my God and my country the best I could.

**Cub #3:** I made a promise...to help other people the best I could.

**Cub #4:** I made a promise.. .to obey the Law of the Pack the best I could.

**Cub #5:** I have done my best, and I will do my best because I am the best... I am a Cub Scout.

**Den Leader:** Will everyone now join us in repeating the Cub Scout Promise.