

# Discover Our Family Heritage



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## **DEN AND PACK ACTIVITIES**

### WHERE DID WE COME FROM?

Birth places: Have a large U.S. map (available at an automobile association or local stores) on the wall at the pack meeting. As people arrive, give each person a star sticker and ask them to mark the place they were born. Make a special place for those born in foreign countries.

Ancestors: Have a U.S. map and a world map ready and ask people as they come in to mark the places their ancestors come from. You will need more than one star for most people, for many Americans' ancestors come from different cities or countries. You can expand this idea to include relatives and ask people to mark all the areas they have relatives living in as well. You'll be amazed how diverse our past is.

### PACK FAMILY HOBBY DISPLAY

Have a family hobby corner at the pack meeting. Ask each family to bring a sample of what they collect as a family or things that represent their hobby. Families who like baseball can bring baseball equipment, uniform, baseball cards, photos and maybe some trophies. Families who like movies can bring movie posters and movie paraphernalia including popcorn! Families who collect sea shells can bring some in a box. It doesn't have to be a "formal" hobby--it's something a family does together. How about a family who buys T-shirts wherever they go? Set a time during the meeting for families to go around and admire each other's hobby. Family members can take turns staying at their "booth" to explain about their hobby.

### FAMILY RESEMBLANCE

Have a display of boys' pictures and pictures of their family members--parents, grandparents, uncles, aunts, cousins and siblings--when they were young, preferably at the boys' age. Mix them up and display. Have people match them up. How about all baby pictures? Or match up between the boy's current picture with his baby picture?

### FAMILY TALENT SHOW

You'll be surprised how many talented people you have in your pack. Families can put on skits or a magic show, play musical instruments, or sing songs. If people are shy, ask a few families to get together and sing a song or two. How about den families? Each den gets its families together to sing songs or play instruments. They can play "real" instruments, or kazoo or home made instruments (see Bear Elective 8). The more you do as families at the pack meeting, the stronger the pack will be.

### FAMILY COAT OF ARMS

Each family can design a coat of arms that shows where they are from, family hobbies, or anything that best characterizes the family. Display at the pack meeting.

### DEN GUEST SPEAKERS (Bear Achievement 8)

Grandparents: Boys can interview den grandparents about their childhood, town they grew up in, school they went to, games they played, songs they sang, their family, their siblings, their parents, etc. Was there anything their parents wouldn't let them do which they wanted very much to do? Do grandparents have old toys or clothes? Can

they bring some photos? Anything from the old country? Boys enjoy having their family member attend the den meeting as special guests. If they don't have grandparents, do they have uncles or aunts? Have boys take turns bringing their special guests. You can have two or three guests at a time for the boys to interview. This way, grandparents get to meet with each other too--the more that den families get to know each other, the higher their involvement in Cub Scouting would be, thus the easier for the den leaders.

### **DEN AND PACK ACTIVITIES (continued)**

**Old timers in town:** Does anyone in the den know somebody who has lived in the area for a long time and could tell about the area before all these industries and housing came in? (We had once a guest in our Bear den whose family had owned an orchard in the valley for decades. He brought some photos and old orchard packing labels. He told the boys what used to be where their houses stand now. His stories were so fascinating that seven active boys sat and listened and talked to him for most of the meeting, while we had originally planned the talk to last for only about 15 minutes.)

#### **DEN TIME CAPSULE**

Make a den time capsule. Include photos of den members and families, pack newsletter, lists of favorite things and activities, souvenirs from field trips, samples of den crafts, etc. Put it away in a safe place. Open at the final den meeting of the Cub Scouting year or just before graduation.

#### **DEN FAMILY OUTING**

Go on a hike or go on a field trip and include all the family members. The trip should not be too elaborate or too long.

### **PROGRAM**

#### **BSA FAMILY**

Cub Scouting is a family-based program. The family's involvement is a key ingredient to a successful program. The purposes of Cub Scouting's BSA Family Program are to strengthen families and encourage family involvement in Scouting. It is designed to help all families--whether traditional two parent, single parent, or other nontraditional family--and all family members may participate. Family can earn the BSA Family Award using the BSA Family Book as a guideline. Pack leaders are encouraged to become familiar with the BSA Family program and promote it within the pack. The BSA Family Book is available at the Scout Shop. Activities suggested in the book include family meetings, outings, and traditions. Service to others, religious service and participation in Scouting as a family are all part of the BSA Family Award. (For more information, please refer to Cub Scout Leader Book, pp. 15-2 to 15-5.)



**BOYS' LIFE AND SCOUTING MAGAZINES**

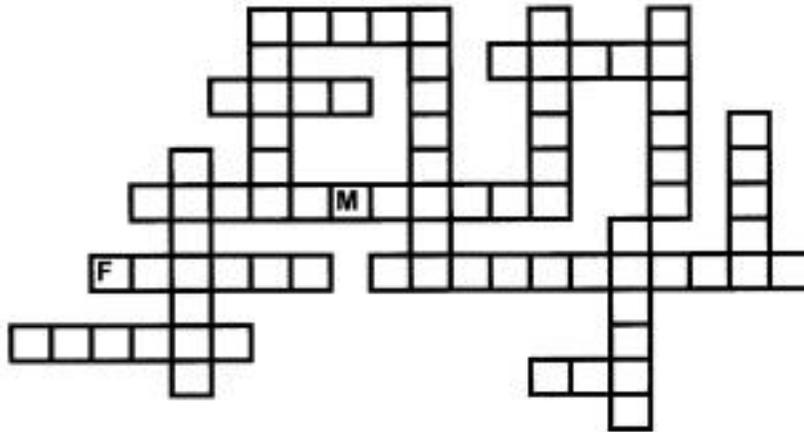
Share your Scouting magazines with your family and other families in the pack. There is a lot in it that would interest the entire family. Don't forget the "Family Fun Page" at the end of the magazine. Ask your son to share his Boys' Life with you. You will enjoy reading every issue.

**SAFETY PROGRAMS**

Lucile Salter Packard Children's Hospital provides an Educational Outreach Safety Program. Volunteers can visit your pack to talk about home safety, home alone issues and street safety. For more information or to arrange a visit call Kelly Okura Conte, Community Outreach Liaison, at (650) 497-8164. Arrangements for a presentation at the pack need to be made at least one month in advance.

**FAMILY FIND**

Here are various terms for family members. Using the size of each word as a clue, find where each word goes. Words are grouped according to the number of letters.



NEPHEW  
PARENT  
SISTER

- SON            AUNT
- CHILD        BROTHER
- NIECE        DAUGHTER
- UNCLE        DAUGHTER
- COUSIN
- GRANDFATH
- ER
- FATHER
- GRANDMOTH
- ER
- MOTHER

**THE NAME GAME**

Match the first name in column A with the last name in column B to come up with a word, action, or thing.

- | Column A  | Column B      |
|-----------|---------------|
| 1. Phil   | a. Atoe       |
| 2. Sue    | b. Orus       |
| 3. Mark   | c. Pill       |
| 4. Jen    | d. Harmonic   |
| 5. Mary   | e. Nastics    |
| 6. Jeanie | f. Pernatural |
| 7. Jim    | g. Back       |
| 8. Sam    | h. Onette     |
| 9. Eileen | i. Ette       |
| 10. Tom   | j. Us         |

Answers: 1-d; 2-f; 3-i; 4-b; 5-h; 6-j; 7-e; 8-c; 9-g; 10-a

**“IN THE FAMILY” WORD SEARCH**

|                               |           |          |
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| L T S L C O N C E R N E B C E | AFFECTION | KIN      |
| U A R K A T S U R T E N J O Y | ARGUMENTS | LAUGHTER |
| F D R A L U M F R R O I S M L | CLOSENESS | LINE     |
| Y M I G I O G O A I B L S M U | COMFORT   | LOVE     |
| O Y Y V U T F H T D P M E U U | COMMUNE   | LOYALTY  |
| J L T M O M S C T R P R N N L | CONCERN   | MOM      |
| N O I T O V E D E E W U I E O | COZINESS  | PAPA     |
| U Y D C Q F T N A A R T Z D V | DEVOTION  | PEACEFUL |
| F A E V F D Y C T M Y H O P E | DREAMS    | PLEASE   |
| R L R A S S E N E S O L C H D | ENJOY     | PRIDE    |
| E T E P D F C T O P U O T N E | FOLKS     | RELATE   |
| E Y H I U H A M W M S M R S R | FUN       | RESPECT  |
| N I K L E L K A K U R E M O H | HARMONY   | SHARE    |
| U E P L E A S E P A P A R Z R | HELP      | TEAM     |
| R I P R H S W T W W R Y H H N | HEREDITY  | TRAITS   |
|                               | HOME      | TRUST    |
|                               | HOPE      | UNITY    |
|                               | JOYFUL    | WARMTH   |
|                               | KIDS      | YOU      |



Once upon a time, two brothers decided to leave home and move to the city. Just outside the city, one of the brothers met an old man.

“How are the people here?” he asked.

“How were the people in your town?” the old man replied.

“Oh, all of them were cross. They grumbled all the time,” the brother answered, “That’s why I decided to leave.”

“Well, you’ll find the people here are exactly the same,” the old man said and walked down the street.

A little while later, the second brother met the old man and asked him, “How are the people in this city?”

“How were the people in your town?” the old man answered.

“They were very nice – always cheerful and helpful. I hated to leave,” the brother replied.

“Well, you’ll find the people here are exactly the same,” the wise old man smiled, and the two walked on down the street together.

**A FAMILY IS**

A FAMILY IS people giving and receiving love.  
 A FAMILY IS people getting angry, but still loving each other.  
 A FAMILY IS people loving the differences about each other.  
 A FAMILY IS people talking and listening to each other.  
 A FAMILY IS people caring about what happens to each other, and letting it show.  
 A FAMILY IS people laughing and crying without feeling ashamed of it.  
 A FAMILY IS people sharing with each other.  
 A FAMILY IS people reaching out and leaning on each other.  
 A FAMILY IS people having fun together.  
 A FAMILY IS people giving strength to each other and feeling loyal to each other.  
 A FAMILY IS people LOVING one another, through good times and bad.

**FAMILY**

Arrangement: Six Cub Scouts each read a line. The last Scout points to the audience when he says "you and you and you."

F is for Fun and Fellowship.  
 A is for Affection and Acceptance.  
 M is for Merriment and Magic.  
 I is for Ideals and Imagination.  
 L is for Love and Laughter.  
 Y is for You and You and You!

ALL: Welcome to the Pack Family Gathering!

**FAMILY THANKSGIVING**

Arrangement: Cub Scouts carry cards spelling THANKSGIVING.

Den Leader: We all have a lot to thank our families for. Boys in Den \_\_\_\_ have these things to say to their families.

Thanks for your **T**rust  
 Thanks for your **H**elp  
 Thanks for your **A**ffection  
 Thanks for the **N**ourishment  
 Thanks for your **K**indness  
 Thanks for your **S**haring  
 Thanks for your **G**uidance  
 Thanks for your **I**nstruction  
 Thanks for your **V**alues  
 Thanks for your **I**deals  
 Thanks for the **N**urturing  
 Thanks for your **G**ift of Love

ALL: That's THANKSGIVING for our families!

## FAMILY FUN

- C.S. #1: We may not be able to sing and dance,  
To ride a horse, or throw a lance,  
But there are some things we do real good,  
And without each other there's no way we could.
- C.S.#2: Dad coaches soccer and I play on the team.  
Mom and my sister root and scream.  
When I block a goal or make a pass,  
My whole family gets in the act.
- C.S. #3: On Saturday mornings we like to bake bread.  
It's a wonderful way to get out of bed.  
Mom adds the yeast, Dad kneads the dough,  
I get the oven ready, you know.
- C.S. #4: My dad and I like to build things,  
You wouldn't believe the fun this brings!  
We've made dog houses, book cases and closet shelves,  
And talk a lot while we're busy as elves.
- C.S. #5: We like to ride bikes, my family and me;  
The fresh air is great out in the country.  
Up and down hills, east and then west,  
We see a lot, but the ride home is best.
- C.S. #6: I bet there's lots of things you can do.  
Think about it, then try a few.  
Get Mom and Dad in there to help.  
You'll find family fun is really swell.

## CUB SCOUT THANKSGIVING

- T Stands for the Time our den leaders gladly give;
- H Stands for the Help from our parents.
- A Stands for America, where we are all free to live;
- N Stands for Nature, where we always learn something new;
- K Stands for Kindness of Cub Scout friends;
- S Stands for Songs in which we raise our voices;
- G Stands for Games we play--Sportsmanship never ends;
- I Stands for Independence we learn to make our own choices;
- V Stands for Variety in our lives which Cub Scouting gives anew;
- I Stands for Individuality that each boy in Cub Scouting brings;
- N Stands for New skills we gladly learn to do;
- G Stands for God whom we thank for all these blessings.

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## THE FAMILY TREE OPENING OR CLOSING

Arrangement: Have Cubmaster read the whole ceremony, or have a different reader (readers) for the poem. You need to be able to see a beautiful tree from the meeting hall or have a poster of a beautiful tree.

Cub Scouts, see that tree over there? Beautiful, isn't it? And you can tell that it's strong, too. You can compare that tree to a strong family. The roots are faith in God. The trunk is the parents. And the branches are the children.

A poet named Helen Crawford made a comparison in a poem I'd like to share with you. It's called "The Family Tree."

There's one thing in God's nature world  
That means a lot to me.  
It symbolizes much of life;  
It is a lovely tree.  
With roots so deep in God's rich earth,  
It's not disturbed by weather.  
Like families with faith in God,  
Who live in peace together.

Its trunk, the body strong and firm,  
Like parents everywhere,  
To guide, control, direct, sustain  
The offspring which they bear.  
The branches which like children spread,  
In every known direction.  
Until the fruitage of their growth  
Has reached its full perfection.

And so a tree appears to me  
The gem of God's creation,  
As it portrays our families,  
Which constitute a nation.

Each one of you can do your part to make your family tree stronger and more beautiful. How? By loving all your family members. By obeying your parents, and by doing your fair share of the family work. Now let us think of our parents as Akelas as we repeat the Law of the Pack.

## FAMILY CLOSING

Equipment: 15 to 20 child's building blocks.

Cubmaster: *(Begins to build a pyramid with the blocks)*

No, Cub Scouts, I'm not really losing my mind. I'm building something that has a lesson for all of us.

There! Let's say this pyramid stands for our country. If this is the whole country, where is your family? That's right, you and your family are one of the bottom blocks. Why? Because families are the foundation of our whole country. Without families, our society would collapse. And that's why families are so important to the country.

Of course, your own family is very important to you, too. Your family gives you food, shelter, clothing, the chance for an education--and most important, your family gives you love.

In return, you give your family some things. You give your parents respect and obedience--at least I hope you do. You help around the house. And you return their love for you.

Now, on the count of three, I want to hear every Cub Scout here who loves his family and respects his parents to shout "I'll do my best." Ready, one, two, three, "I'LL DO MY BEST!"

## THANKS CLOSING

T     Tonight we've tried to bring you  
H     Happiness by sharing our accomplishments  
A     And once again, it's time for our meeting to end.  
N     Now we want to remind you to be thankful  
K     Keeping in mind all our blessings so dear  
S     So let us give thanks.

Let's all bow our heads in silent prayer for the blessings given to us today,  
As we pause to give thanks, each in his own way.  
*(After a silent prayer, one of the Cub Scout says: "Good night and Thanks.")*

***DISCOVER SCOUTING'S HERITAGE AT THE DISTRICT  
ROUNDTABLE.***

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## **ROPE CLOSING**

Distribute a 3-ft. piece of rope to everyone. Have them form a large circle and tie their ropes with a square knot to the person's on their left. When all the ropes are tied, hold onto the rope with the left hand, raise the right arm in the Cub Scout salute. "This strong circle represents the bond of friendship we have in Scouting. Please join me in the Cub Scout promise.

## **"A FAMILY IS..." CLOSING POEM**

The family is like a garden with joy for all to share.  
With tender, growing blossoms that thrive on love and care.  
And when the flowers are gathered for a special day,  
They make a bright and wonderful happiness bouquet.  
-- Mary Loberg

## **BLESSINGS IN LIFE CLOSING**

As is natural at this time of year, we all start thinking about the blessings in our life. As we do this, we need to think of Cub Scouting and what it means to each of us and what Cub Scouting has brought to our lives. Not only the things we have learned but all of the wonderful people we have the pleasure of knowing. I count each of you as a blessing in my life.

## **CUBMASTER'S MINUTE**

As Cub Scouts we promise to do our duty to God, the family, the community, and our country. In our family we can find love, comfort, and pleasure. The family is America's greatest treasure. During the next week, try to do something that will strengthen your family, such as doing a good deed, sharing with a brother or sister, sharing a good thought with the family, or suggesting a fun activity.

## **PHILOSOPHY FOR PARENTS**

When he grows up, I don't think he'll recall  
How, on a sapphire morning in the fall,  
Dust pieces tumbled up and down the stairs,  
And smudges line the woodwork here and there  
While he and I ran hand in hand together,  
Carefree, into the bright November weather.  
I hope my son looks back upon today and sees  
A parent who had time to play.  
Whether the work was done, or it was not,  
Who realized chores are something best forgot  
There will be years for cleaning, hours and cooking.  
But little boys grow up when we're not looking.

**A FAMILY PROMISE**

Son

We give you our solemn promise, that since you are a part of us, and we of you, we will spend a day a month doing things you want to do. It may be Scout projects with your friends, or prowling through the woods, or just anything you say. So, let's together plan this day, and grow as parents and child should. Mom and Dad

Dad and Mom

I promise I will do my best during the week, at your request, to do a task without any pay. Name the task and name the day. Your son

**CREATOR - PRAYER**

Creator of Light

We thank you for letting us see your wonders.

Creator of the forests and flowers,

We thank you for letting us smell your wonders.

Creator of singing birds and voices,

We thank you for letting us hear your wonders.

Creator of the bounty of our gardens,

We thank you for letting us taste your wonders.

Creator of feelings of tenderness and love,

We thank you for letting us touch your wonders.

Creator of friendship,

We thank you for this time together. Amen.

-- Mike Shiffer

**APPLAUSES**

ORDINARY APPLAUSE: This is just normal hand clapping, but after a few special applauses it usually gets a laugh.

HEART AND SOLE APPLAUSE: Slap chest over heart and then sole of shoe.

PARTNER APPLAUSE: Do this in a group. One person puts hands out with the palm up on the right hand, and the palm down on the left hand. The next person places his hands on them, so the palms are together. Then proceed to clap with each other.

PERSONAL CHEER: Stomp feet three times then shout person's name.

POP CORN APPLAUSE: With one hand closed, cover it with the other. Let the closed hand "grow" from under the other hand. Then spring the fingers open, saying, "Pop, Pop, Pop."

WHAT ARE WE GANG: On the announcement "What are we Gang? The group answers "One big happy family".

## THANK YOU PARENTS

Arrangement: Each of the eight Cub Scouts have a piece of cardboard with a part of a giant heart with the words "Thank You" written on it. They hold these behind them while saying their lines. After all the Cub Scouts have spoken, the first four stand in a line and hold their cards up together while the second four kneel in a line in front of them and hold up their cards so that the heart is formed.



- C.S. #1: Our leaders are grand  
The best in the land.
- C.S. #2: They deserve a thank you  
And a big hand too.
- C.S. #3: Thanksgiving is the time and the  
place,  
To tell them we think so, right to their  
face.
- C.S. #4: So thanks to the den leaders, committee and Cubmaster  
At making Scouting fun, they're truly the masters.
- C.S. #5: But there's someone special we don't want to leave out  
After all, they're a big part of what Scouting's about.
- C.S. #6: We want to say thank you, Mom and Dad  
And tell you that we are really glad
- C.S. #7: To have you as parents, yes, it's true  
Because of your help and all that you do.
- C.S. #8: To help us through Scouting's achievements and ranks  
You truly deserve our heartfelt thanks.

## FUN WAYS TO SAY THANK YOU

Box of All detergent: "Thanks for giving your 'all'"

Diamond pin (Dime on a pin in a fancy cardboard jewelry box):  
"Thank you for being..."

Hershey Hugs and Kisses: "You deserve a big hug and kiss for doing such a great job"

Iron: For someone who helped iron out the rough spots

Piece of Felt: "We have all felt your Cub Scout spirit"

Needle and Thread: You kept us in stitches"

Popcorn: "Thank you popping fresh ideas"

For the pack's popcorn sales chairman

Miniature Bag of Groceries: For the pack's Scouting for Food chairman

## "PERSONAL" ADVANCEMENT

Contact each boy's parents. Have them write a short note about the boy. This can be something the boy has done, a letter from the parents, why the parents are proud of their son or how the Cub Scout got his name. Read this information or have the parent read it as they boy receives his advancement.

## TIME CAPSULE ADVANCEMENT

Arrangement: Have a shoe box for each boy receiving an award. Label with boy's name and the date. Cubmaster is dressed as "a wise old family member."

Back when I was a young man, I remember a tradition we used to have when a new building was being built. They would take a strong box and fill it with things to remind us about what things were like in the days when the building was built. They put in newspaper clippings, money, pictures, awards, and little things like that. Many years later, sometimes as long as 100 years, when the building is being replaced, they always looked for this box in the cornerstone of the building. Some people call it a time capsule. It tells us what was important to the people who put it there.

Tonight, we are giving you each your own box. It is a Cub Scout time capsule. It symbolizes all of your Cub Scouting years. It holds the awards you earned this month. Keep this box and add to it. Treasure your years as a Cub Scout and save this box to show your kids what was important to you. The best way to save your family heritage is to start today with you. (Bring each boy forward and present a box and his awards.)

## CUB SCOUT FAMILY - ADVANCEMENT

Cub Scouts, our families are the most important thing in our lives. If you think about it a moment, you will realize that this is true. From our families we get food, shelter, training in good citizenship, and most important, we get love.

Cub Scouting is like a family. It doesn't provide the same things your family at home does, but it gives you lots of fun, a chance to learn some new skills, and the opportunity to learn how to get along with other people.

Today some of our pack's family members are moving up in rank because they have taken advantage of the things our pack offers. Will they please come forward with their parents? *(Briefly outline what the boys have done to earn badges. Give the badges to the parents to pin on their son's uniform.)*

Now let's have a great cheer for our Cub Scout family members who have earned honors. And then let's all thank our parents and the other members of our families for all they do for us everyday. *(Lead a cheer)*

See Staging Den and Pack Ceremonies for:

"Closing Thought (As we go back to our homes...)" (p. 58)

"Closing Thought (chain)" (p. 59)

"This is Cub Scouting" (p. 64)

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## HE'S GROWING--A STORY ABOUT A GOOSE

Greg: "I'm SO small"

Mother: "Don't worry"

This is a story about a young goose and a secret handed down in the goose family. GREG Gosling was having a terrible day. When he got home from school, all GREG wanted to do was cry.

"What's wrong, GREG?" asked MOM.

"This was the worst day of my life, MOM. I didn't do well on my math test. My homework blew away. Harry Hippopotamus sat on my lunch. And the Bulldog Bullies made fun of me on the way home," GREG said.

"Well, I'm sorry about your day." MOM gave GREG a big hug. "You'll do better on the next test if you study harder. And next time, be sure to put your homework someplace secure."

"Yes, MOM," GREG said.

"And I'm sure Harry didn't mean to sit on your lunch. But now tell me about those Bulldogs.

"They made fun of me almost the whole way home!" GREG sniffed back a tear.

"What did they say?" MOM asked.

"They said I was just a silly goose who would never grow up."

MOM smiled. "Well, I don't think you're silly, GREG, but they were half right. You never will grow up."

"Oh, MOM! Not you, too."

"Don't worry, GREG. You'll get older, but you won't grow up."

"What do you mean, MOM?"

"The next time those bullies make fun of you, tell them a secret about something you can do that they can't. You tell them..."

MOM whispered a secret in GREG'S ear that made him smile.

What was the secret? A GOOSE GROWS DOWN!

## THE BUTTON FACTORY

This is a follow-me stunt. You say what I say and do what I do.

(chant)

Hi! My name is Joe,

I've got a wife, three kids, and I work in a button factory.

One day, my boss says, "Joe, are you busy?"

I said, "No."

He says, "Push this button with your right hand" (begin motion with right hand)

(Repeat from "Hi..." without stopping right hand motion, add a new motion, one at a time:

left hand, right foot, left foot, head (nod your head), tongue (stick tongue between lips))

Last Verse: Hi!.....My boss says "Joe, are you busy?" I said "YES!"

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## CELLAR BAND

(Dusty Old) Cellar: “Cree-eek, Ah-choo”  
(Empty Glass) Jug: “Boop boop”  
Rusty Saw: “Whaang, whaang”  
Beat up Trash Cans: “Crash Bang”  
Faded Old Hat Box: “Rat-a-tat”

Once upon a time, as many stories begin, in a DUSTY OLD CELLAR there lived a group of very good, very old and very out-dated friends. There was an EMPTY GLASS JUG, a RUSTY SAW, two BEAT UP TRASH CANS, and a FADED OLD HAT BOX. Now these old friends had been in the DUSTY OLD CELLAR for a very long time. And except for being moved about from time to time, they were left alone to rust or turn to dust. Needless to say, they were very lonely.

One day, the EMPTY GLASS JUG, in a deep low voice said, “It’s too quiet here. I wish something would happen.” “Now really, JUG,” said the RUSTY SAW, “what could possibly happen here?” “Why,” said the FADED OLD HAT BOX, “I’ve been sitting on the CELLAR shelf for 20 years and all I’ve seen is two mice and a daddy-long-leg spider.” “The EMPTY GLASS JUG is just getting older and emptier,” said the BEAT UP TRASH CANS. “Don’t pay him any mind.”

Suddenly there was the sound of footsteps on the CELLAR stairs. Four young boys, all dressed alike, came cautiously down the CELLAR steps. They were talking in hushed voices. “Are they twins?” asked the FADED OLD HAT BOX. “I think they’re elves,” said the RUSTY SAW in a lofty voice. “Nonsense,” said the EMPTY GLASS JUG. “They’re Cub Scouts,” said the BEAT UP TRASH CANS. By now, the old friends were very curious and excited. They listened as the boys talked.

“Boy, it’s spooky down here in the DUSTY OLD CELLAR,” said Jimmy. “Don’t be a fraidy cat,” said Mike. “Aw, let’s go,” said Jack. “No, wait,” said Billy. “I’ve got an idea. We have to do a stunt for the den meeting, don’t we?”

“Yea, that’s right,” the other three chorused. “Well,” said Billy. “Let’s have a band--a CELLAR band.” “A band!” they yelled. “Sure,” said Billy, “I’ll play that RUSTY SAW. Jimmy, you take that EMPTY GLASS JUG. Mike, the FADED OLD HAT BOX will make a neat drum. And Jack, those BEAT UP TRASH CANS’ lids will be great cymbals.”

Well, of course, you know the rest. Den 3 made new friends with old friends, right there in the DUSTY OLD CELLAR, with an EMPTY GLASS JUG, a RUSTY SAW, a FADED OLD HAT BOX, and two BEAT UP TRASH CANS, and for all we know, they still may be playing.

***Praise does wonders for a boy's sense of hearing.***

## THE SPECIAL COLLECTION

Cast: Bobby, Bill, Tom, Jim, Danny, Mike (all in blue uniform) and a den leader (tan uniform).

Setting: Cub Scouts are discussing their hobbies with their den leader at a den meeting.

DL: All right, boys, today, I'd like you to answer roll call with the name of your hobby. Then we'll see if we can learn the scientific name for that hobby. Bobby, you're first.

Bobby: I collect coins. I think that's called numismatist!

DL: Very good, Bobby. Bill, you're next.

Billy: Well, we collect stamps in my family. And I've heard my dad called a philatelist.

DL: That's right, Bill. Now Tom, what's your hobby?

Tom: My brother and I like to hike and watch birds. That's called an ornithologist.

DL: That's right, Tom. Very interesting. Jim, what do you collect?

Jim: My dad and I collect fossils. That's called a paleontologist.

Danny: *(Waving his hand)* My brother and I have a garden. We grow things scientifically. We're horticulturists.

DL: That's good, Danny. And now Mike, what kind of special hobby do you have?

Mike: *(Scratching head)* Well...I don't have a special hobby, but I bet you'll never guess what my dad collects! It doesn't have a fancy name. *(Grins a little. Other boys look at each other, whisper and shrug shoulder.)*

DL: We give up, Mike. What kind of collector is your dad?

Mike: I knew you'd never guess. He's a BILL COLLECTOR!  
*(All clap hands to foreheads, and leave.)*

## THE MAGIC KITE

Setting: Boy #2 holding a ball of string with a kite tail tied on one end. Five other boys gather around him.

Boy #1: What's that?

Boy #2: Don't you know what a kite looks like?

Boy #1: Sure I do, but if that's a kite then it sure won't fly.

Boy #2: It'll fly. It's magic!

Boy #3: Kites can't be magic.

Boy #2: This one is. All I have to do is say, "Dad, look at the kite I've made."

Boy #4: Then what?

Boy #2: He shows me how to make one.

Boy #5: That kite still won't be magic!

Boy #2: Uh huh! Then he shows me how to fly it.

Boy #6: Wow! It's magic if it can do all that. Come on guys, let's make one.

*(All boys going off saying, "Yeah," "Wow," "It is magic," "Let's go," etc.)*

**KNOCK-KNOCKS AND RUN ONS**

Knock, knock.  
Who's there?  
Howard.  
Howard who?  
Howard you like to hold the puppy?

Knock, knock.  
Who's there?  
Syd.  
Syd who?  
Syd down and take a rest.

Knock, knock.  
Who's there?  
Les.  
Les who?  
Les be friends.

Knock, knock.  
Who's there?  
Kimmy.  
Kimmy who?  
Kimmy five.

Knock, knock.  
Who's there?  
Ethan.  
Ethan who?  
Ethan this a nice pack?

Knock, knock.  
Who's there?  
Elsie.  
Elsie who?  
Elsie you later.

Knock, knock.  
Who's there?  
Oscar.  
Oscar who?  
Oscar silly question and you get a silly answer.

Knock, knock.  
Who's there?  
Tanks.  
Tanks who?  
Tanksgiving!

Knock, knock.  
Who's there?  
Sue.  
Sue who?  
Sue-prise!

Cub 1: Are there any athletes in your family?  
Cub 2: Sure, my brother's been swimming for five years.  
Cub 1: Boy, he must be pretty tired.

Knock, knock.  
Who's there?  
Justin.  
Justin who.  
Justin time for the pack meeting.

Cub 1: Gee, I'm glad my mother named me \_\_\_\_\_.  
Cub 2: Why?  
Cub 1: Because that's what everyone calls me!

Knock, knock.  
Who's there?  
Freddy.  
Freddy who?  
Freddy or not, here I come!

Cub 1: 2 fathers and 2 sons went fishing. They caught 3 fish. Each took home an entire fish. How did they do it?  
Cub 2: They were a grandfather, father and son.

Cub 1: What belongs to you, but is used more by others?  
Cub 2: Your name.

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### **WHERE'S MY PARTNER?**

Prepare ahead of time slips of paper showing actions to be pantomimed (pulling on a glove, stroking a dog, driving a nail, etc.). Prepare two slips for each action. Hand one to each player. Nobody must reveal what he will do. On the signal everybody starts his pantomiming. Without talking at all each player must identify the player who is doing the same thing he is doing. First team to get together is the winner. This is a good gathering game for the pack meeting. For a larger group, prepare more than two slips of paper for each action.

### **ANKLE SHOW**

This is a guessing game. A large screen is improvised from an old sheet and a chair is placed behind it. Divide the boys into two teams. First team goes behind the screen and the boys take off their shoes and socks. Then one at a time, they sit on the chair and poke their feet and ankles underneath the sheet. The other team has to guess to whom the ankles belong. Teams take turns. It would be fun to see if parents can identify their boys by the ankles.

### **FAMILY FEAST**

Divide group into teams. Each team selects a boy and parent combination to act as their representatives in the contest. The adults are seated in a row. The boys stand in front of their adults, facing them. Bibs are tied on the adults. Each boy is given a small bowl of potato chips or popcorn and a small plastic spoon and is then blindfolded. On the signal, the boys try to feed their parents the chips with the spoon. Parents may not use hands to guide spoon, but may give verbal directions. First pair to finish the chips wins points for their team. Continue until all have had a chance to "feast."

### **FAMILY SHOE SCRAMBLE**

Pair up the group into parent-child teams. They all take their shoes off and put them in a pile 50 feet from the starting line. Mix up the shoes so that no pairs are together. On the signal children run to the pile, pick out their adult partner's shoes, put them on, find their own and race back to the starting line carrying their own shoes. Both members then put their own shoes on. First team with shoes on is the winner.

### **FAMILY NAIL-DRIVING CONTEST**

Make family teams with three players in each. For each team, give three three-inch nails, a large block of wood, and a hammer. Parents and sons alternate striking the nails with a hammer, trying to drive them into the block. This is not a speed contest. The winning team is the one that drives all three nails into the block with the fewest strokes. Fathers must use left arm if they are right handed, right arm if left handed.

### **BALLOON BAT**

You will need balloons of various colors. This can be played in teams or as a cooperation game for the entire group. On the signal to “go” all balloons are tossed into the air. Players then try to keep them aloft as long as possible by batting them up with their hands. Any balloons that fall to the ground are considered out of play and cannot be picked up and restarted. After 30 seconds the game director sounds the signal to “stop” and the balloons still in the air are caught and counted.

Variations:

1. Divide group into 2 or 3 teams. Assign a balloon color for each team. The players are not allowed to touch other team’s colors. Teams can be families.
2. Use colors for specific directions. For example, white balloons may only be hit with the left hand. All other colors must be hit with the right hand.
3. Increase the number of balloons to increase the difficulty of the game.

### **PARTNER TAG**

Everyone except a runner and a chaser takes a partner. The partners lock arms, keeping their other hands on their hips to make a handle. The chaser tries to tag the runner. The runner is safe when he links elbows with any other player. The partner of the player with whom the runner links elbows immediately becomes the new runner and is chased. When the chaser tags a runner, the runner becomes the chaser and the chaser becomes the runner.

### **GRAB BAG**

Fill a laundry bag or pillow case with an assortment of old clothing (hats, shirts, shoes, suspenders, belts, etc.). The Cub Scouts stand in a circle. Give the bag to one of them. On signal, he passes the bag to the player on his left, and he to the next, and so on around the circle. As the bag is being passed around, the den chief blows a whistle. Whoever has the bag in his hand when the whistle sounds must reach inside, take out an article of clothing and put it on. Play continues until all clothing is being worn.

### **PARTNER PULL-UPS**

Partners sit on the ground facing each other with knees bent and toes touching, keeping the soles of their feet flat on the ground. They reach forward, grasp hands, and pull each other up to a standing position. They then lower themselves to a sitting position.

**FAMILY SONG**

(Tune: We are Siamese)

We all have families  
If you please.  
We still have families  
If you don't please.  
We need to learn to love  
And help each other -  
Dad and Mom and sister  
And each brother.

Some families don't have  
So many members.  
It's still a family  
We must remember.  
Some families don't look  
Just like the others,  
But they still love  
And care for one another.

The pack should help each family  
To grow strong.  
Each family should help the pack  
To get along.  
If we all learn to work  
And play together,  
We can make our lives  
A whole lot better.

**FAMILY VESPERS**

(Tune: O Tannenbaum)

Quietly we join as one,  
Thanking God for family fun.  
May we now go on our way,  
Thankful for another day.  
May we always love and share,  
Living in peace beyond compare.  
As a family may we find  
Friendships true with all mankind.

**PEOPLE IN THE FAMILY**(Tune:  
Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious)

CHORUS:

Ohhhh  
People in the family should  
do a lot together,  
In the house or out of doors,  
No matter what the weather,  
Do not try to put it off,  
It's either now or never,  
People in the family should  
do a lot together.  
Um diddle diddle diddle,  
um diddle ay! (etc.)

Mom and Dad should take the time,  
You will be glad you did,  
To be a parent and a friend,  
Do something with your kid,  
One day they are tiny,  
And the next day they are grown,  
And before you know it,  
You'll be living all alone.

CHORUS

Go to a museum, see a show,  
or ride a bike,  
Try your hand at fishing,  
Or at camping, or a hike,  
Swimming in a swimming pool,  
Or skiing on the snow,  
Lots of things that you can do,  
And places you can go.

CHORUS

**IF YOUR NAME STARTS WITH**

(Tune: If You're Happy and ...)

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.  
If your name starts with D, clap for me.

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, tap your toe.  
 If your name starts with J, say "Ho-ho!"  
 If your name starts with K,  
     then stand up and start to sway.  
 If your name starts with L, say "Ole!"

If your name starts with M, make a 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, your 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 you name starts with W, X, Y, or Z.  
 Then you should shout "Whoopee!"

### **FINE PACK**

(Tune: Reuben, Reuben)

(Boys)  
 Mother, father, I've been thinking

What a fine town this would be  
 If the boys were all in Cubbing  
 On the road to fun and glee.

(Parents)  
 Children, children, we agree  
 What a fine pack you have here  
 And the leaders all are truly  
 Full of spirit and good cheer.

### **MY DAD AND I**

(Tune: Down by the Station)

Down in the work shop  
 Early in the morning,  
 Dad and I are busily  
 Laying out our plans

First we need a pattern  
 Then we need some wood,  
 Pencil, saw, hammer and nails  
 Are necessary tools.

Measure, measure, saw, saw  
 We work so well together  
 Hammer, hammer, bang, bang,  
 Our shoe box is complete.

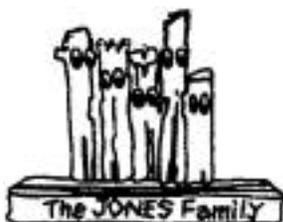
Hang up the tools,  
 Put away the nails  
 Sweep up all the sawdust  
 A good Cub Scout am I.

**FAMILY TREE**

You will need: A piece of scrap wood for backing; Sticks; One walnut or peanut; Clear-drying white glue; Wiggle eyes; A short piece of string or wire.



Use a piece of scrap wood for backing. Have boys pick up sticks and choose one for each member of their family. Knot holes, branch stumps and bark patterns all add interesting features and make each boy's family tree unique.



1. Glue eyes to sticks and to nut.
2. Glue all to backing with lots of clear drying white glue. Glue nut towards bottom--this should be an extra family member because "there's at least one nut in each family."
3. Attach a piece of string or wire on the back for hanging.
4. Spray with clear acrylic or shellac to seal.



VARIATION: Stand the stick family on a piece of wood or a tiny tin can full of plaster.

**FAMILY TREE**

Trace around hand and part of wrist for the tree trunk. Cut photos of family members and glue them on the branches. You can have more than one member on a branch. Or instead of photos, draw the face of each member. Decorate the tree with leaves cut from green construction paper. Or draw leaves.

**WOLF HEAD NECKERCHIEF SLIDE**

This is one way to use your Thanksgiving turkey bones. You need a section of turkey neck bone. A turkey's neck will yield six to eight sections which look remarkably like a wolf's head.



Boil the neck and remove meat and cartilage. Let dry for a day or two in a warm place. When dry, spray paint gray.

Ears are gray felt. Tongue is red felt. Eyes are small beads threaded onto a pipe cleaner which also forms the loop for the neckerchief.-- thread the pipe cleaner through one of the eye holes from the back, attach a bead, thread it back and do the same for the other eye.



## NAME SCULPTURES

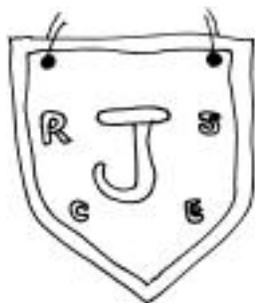
Use either Salt clay (that you let air-dry to harden) or baker's dough (that you bake in the oven). Or ready-made dough or clay you can buy at stores. (Recipes for salt clay and baker's dough below.)

### NAMEPLATE COAT OF ARMS WALL HANGING

1. Design the nameplate or Coat of Arms on paper before you begin. Make a full-size drawing so you'll know how big to make the clay plaque. Design can be something the boy likes (Keep it simple.)
2. Roll a lump of clay with a rolling pin until it's 1/4" thick. Cut off edges to match your design.
3. Make a long clay snake by rolling it in your hands. Use the snake to make letters and denote the eyes. Press.
4. Add decorations made out of dough.
5. With a pencil, poke two holes for hanging.
6. Dry the nameplate. Tie yarn, string or ribbon through the holes.
7. Optionally brush or spray with clear varnish.

### FREE-STANDING SCULPTURES

1. Make fat snake with your hands. Shape it into letters.
2. Gently press these letters together to make a name that stands by itself.
3. Optionally brush or spray with clear varnish.



### SALT CLAY

Mix 1 1/2 cups of white flour, 1 1/2 cups salt, 1 tablespoon of oil and enough water to make a smooth, soft clay (about 1/2 cup). Store in plastic in the refrigerator. Salt clay will dry hard if you leave it out overnight.

You can knead food coloring into salt clay before sculpting or you can paint the clay with acrylic paint after it dries. (If you paint later, you can draw polka dots and stripes too.)

### BAKER'S DOUGH (not edible)

Mix 4 cups of white flour with 1 cup salt. Stir well, then add about 1 1/2 cups of warm water. Knead until the dough is smooth. Make things with this dough. Then bake the things you made in a 300° oven until they're golden brown. To make the finished

product shiny and golden, brush with egg yolk before baking. Or color with acrylic after baking. (Baker's dough looks good without paint.)

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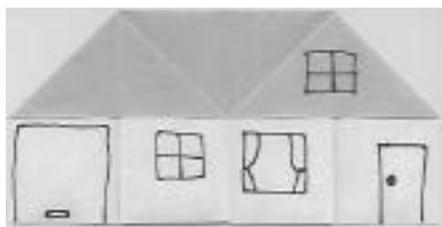


## ORIGAMI HOUSE

You can use square or rectangle paper. Fold rectangle sheet lengthwise first, or widthwise first and see what kind of house you get.



1. Fold paper in half.
2. Fold right and left quarters to middle. Unfold.
3. Fold right and left top corners down, making triangles. Unfold.
4. Bring right and left sides to middle again. Open them and squash small triangles to form big ones.
5. Add doors and windows.

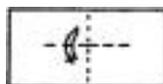


## ORIGAMI HEART

Start with a rectangle that is twice as long as it is wide (e.g. 3" x 6"). Use colored or patterned paper (like wrapping paper).

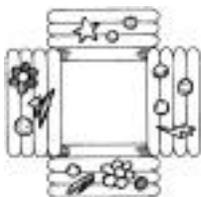


1. With the white side up, fold the sheet in half as shown and unfold.
2. Fold in half the other way, just pressing at the middle.
3. Fold the bottom up to that middle mark. (This strip is 1/4 of the width of the paper)
4. Fold the bottom edges up to meet the center line.
5. Turn it over. Fold the right and left edges to the vertical line.
6. Fold 4 triangles down to start forming the top of the heart.
7. Fold the 2 points down to flatten the tops of the heart.
8. Turn it over. Now you have a heart!
9. Use your hearts in your projects--family tree, greeting cards, time capsule boxes, etc.

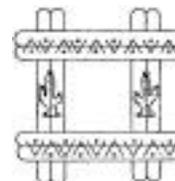




## PICTURE FRAMES

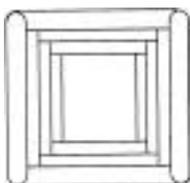


Use overhead projector transparency to protect the surface of the picture.



### POPSICLE STICKS

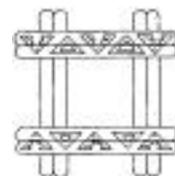
You can make many different frames with popsicle sticks. If a backing for the sticks is necessary, use a piece of cardboard that is smaller than the finished dimensions of the sticks (so it won't show from the front).



Decorate the frame with markers, or glue bits or fabric, beads, pompoms or wood shapes.

To fit a picture trimmed to 2" x 3", you need an opening of approximately 1 3/4" x 2 3/4".

To make the picture frame more durable, give the photo a cardboard backing.



### JIGSAW PUZZLE PIECES AND OTHERS

Cut a piece of cardboard to the size of the frame you desire.

With pencil and ruler, outline the inside opening. With a craft knife cut three edges, leaving the top of the opening uncut. (For younger children, prepare ahead up to here.)

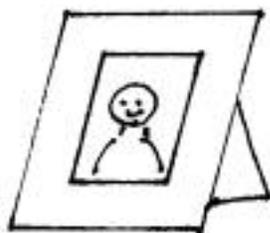
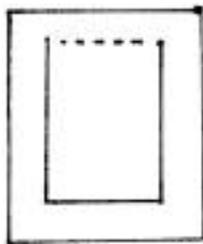
Score lightly the top edge so it will bend but do not cut. This piece will be the back stand of the frame.

Now you glue pieces of jigsaw puzzles, making sure that the pieces stick out over the edges so they don't show from the front. (Keep the back stand folded away so the pieces will not be glued to it.)

When the glue is dry, slip the picture in the opening

Instead of jigsaw puzzle, try buttons, beads, pompoms, small toys, etc. or any combination of items.





### FAMILY CHARACTER MOBILE

Make a mobile with pieces for each member of the family. Instead of pictures of the family members, draw or make things that represent the person well. Include grandparents, uncles and aunts too.

You will need: A wire coat hanger; Rocks; Clay or plaster of paris; Thread; Construction paper in various colors and other materials for the mobile pieces.

1. Open up and straighten out the coat hanger. Bend it to form the shape you like (keep it simple).
2. Make a base out of rocks held together with clay or plaster of paris.
3. Insert one end of the hanger into the base. If using plaster, hold the hanger until it stabilizes (not long).
4. Suspend your mobile pieces from the wire with thread. Use your imagination to make mobile pieces represent special characteristics of each member of your family. Draw on construction paper and cut around it or make three dimensional mobile pieces as suggested below.



Examples for mobile pieces.

Mom likes to work in the garden: Make a flower with facial tissues and pipe cleaners.

Dad likes to read: Cut several pieces of paper, about 2" x 1/2". Fold to form a book, staple in the center.

Brother is interested in airplanes: Make a small paper airplane.

## PHOTO BOOKMARK

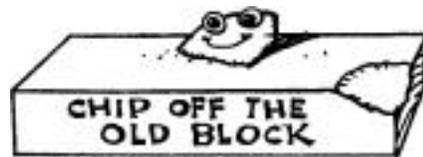
You will need: Construction paper; Clear Con-Tact paper; Old snapshots; Yarn.

1. Cut construction paper 6" x 2". Cut out pictures of family members from old snapshots and glue onto construction paper for a bookmark.
2. Cover the bookmark with Con-Tact paper. (It's better to cover both sides.) Trim edges.
3. Punch a hole in the top of the bookmark and thread yard through for a tassel.



## CHIP OFF THE OLD BLOCK

Stain a piece of scrap wood any color. Then cut a chip off one corner and glue to the center of the block. Draw a face on the chip (draw or glue wiggle eyes). Using permanent markers write "Chip off the old block" or other phrases and/or name and date on the side..



## OLD FASHIONED TAFFY

Boys will enjoy pulling the candy!

2 cups sugar  
1 1/2 cups water  
1 cup molasses  
1/2 cup butter or margarine  
1/4 cup light corn syrup

1. Butter sides of a heavy 3 quart saucepan.
  2. Combine all the ingredients.
  3. Cook over low heat, stirring constantly until sugar is dissolved. Continue cooking to 265 degrees (hard ball stage) without stirring. (Mixture should boil gently over entire surface.
  4. Pour into a buttered platter or shallow pan. (It is HOT!)
  5. Cool 10-15 minutes or until easy to handle.
  6. Butter hands lightly and pull candy till light in color and difficult to pull. On counter top, roll and twist into ropes, 1/2" in diameter.
  7. With buttered scissors or knife, cut candy into 1" pieces.
  8. Wrap each piece in clear plastic wrap.
- Makes about 1 1/2 pounds of candy.

## HAMBURGERS AROUND THE WORLD

Boys love hamburgers. Here are some variations. Think up more to represent your family heritage! And there's always American with ketchup and mustard!

German - topped with sauerkraut  
French - cloaked with blue cheese  
Mexican - topped with chili  
Iranian - dipped in curry  
Swiss - with a patty melt of Swiss cheese  
Italian - with garlic salt  
Japanese - marinate in teriyaki sauce  
Greek - with lemon and mint  
English - with chips on an English muffin  
Westerner - with Barbecue sauce  
Hawaiian - topped with grilled, sliced pineapple  
Bostonian - with baked beans  
New Yorker - with sliced apples  
San Franciscan - smother in sautéed onions