



THE SETAUKET SPY

Benjamin Tallmadge District
Cub Roundtable News Letter



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December 2009 Cub Scout Theme

WORKS OF ART

Webelos: Craftsman & Scientist

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<http://www.btdistrict.org>

MONTHLY THEME

INFORMATION FOCUS

Let's create holiday magic through art! Cub Scouts will use their artistic abilities to make holiday decorations, gifts, or cards. Boys can display their artwork at a pack art show. A den or pack can take their art show to a nursing home, a children's hospital, or a community center. Take a trip to an art museum so the boys can appreciate the great artwork of others. Let the boys explore different forms of art at a musical or performing arts show. This is an ideal time to work on the Art belt loop and pin.

CORE VALUES

CUB SCOUT ROUNDTABLE

LEADERS' GUIDE

Some of the purposes of Cub Scouting developed through this month's theme are:

- ☞ **Respectful Relationships.** As Cub Scouts discover their own talents, they will gain more respect for the different talents of those around them.
- ☞ **Spiritual Growth.** Cub Scouts will develop an appreciation for God's works of art.
- ☞ **Friendly Service.** Cub Scouts will make the lives of others more cheerful when they create art pieces to share and give.

The core value highlighted this month is:

- ☞ **Faith.** Through creating artwork related to the holidays, Cub Scouts will gain more understanding of their own religious traditions.

Cub Scouts - 2010

In doing some research for this issue of *Setauket Spy*, I followed up on some previous information relating to program changes for the Cub Scout program in the Centennial Celebration year of 2010.

The good people at National did their research and came up with a great way of keeping the program on target with advancements and skills each Cub Scout needs to advance properly to the Boy Scout Troop. It looks like we don't have to go crazy any more trying to get new and fresh ideas. It benefits our whole movement.

Check it out...

<http://www.scouting.org/cubscouts2010.aspx>

We all should start getting ready for next year - look through the material.

PACK ADMIN HELPS

Den Discipline

Utah National Parks Council

Does the idea of a six highly energetic boys jumping on your couch, bouncing off your walls, painting the cat and causing all kinds of mayhem just make you want to pull your hair out? Don't worry - every Cub Scout leader has felt like that at one time or another.

For the sake of your sanity, not to mention your house or your cat, you will need to come up with some guidelines of behavior for the den. This is known as den discipline. It is important to remember that discipline is not punishment. Discipline is making the Cub Scout responsible for his own behavior - telling him that if he chooses a certain course of action, what the specific consequences of that action will be. Discipline is training given to a child to mold or correct his behavior. As a den leader, you need to spell out for the boys what is acceptable behavior and what is not. Also, let them know the consequences for acceptable and unacceptable behavior.

A den code of conduct (or den rules) should be established in an open discussion with the boys. Some of their ideas may be silly to you, but don't judge too harshly. Many of their ideas that relate to safety,

respect for property and relationships with others will be along the same lines as yours. You may need to make suggestions for things the boys don't bring up. And they'll be delighted if you decide to throw out a rule or two. You should also discuss the consequences of breaking the den code of conduct. What should be in your den code? Things that are important to you and your boys. Since every den is different, every den code will be different. Here are some suggestions to help you get started.

- ☞ No put-downs, name calling, or crude language.
- ☞ No physical aggression.
- ☞ You are a guest in this house, please act like one. (Try to be on your best behavior.)
- ☞ Be on time.
- ☞ Wear your uniform.
- ☞ Bring your book.
- ☞ One person speaks at a time and everyone listens.
- ☞ No running inside.
- ☞ Share, take turns.
- ☞ Leave the cat (or dog or hamster or fish) alone.

A few rules are enough to start, but more may need to be added as you go along. Cub Scouts may want to write out their den rules and sign on a line at the end of the list. This is a way of sharing with parents the expectations of their sons. A large poster can also be placed at the den meeting site to remind boys of the code.

Now that the rules have been established, stick to them. Be fair. Don't let one boy get away with doing something you would discipline another boy for doing. Be consistent. Don't warn and threaten but take action quickly. Don't send a boy home unless he oversteps the disciplinary bounds you have drawn. If you do send a boy home, call his parents immediately and tell them why.

Here are a few ideas to keep your den meetings running smoothly.

- ☞ Use the Cub Scout **SIGN** as a signal for quiet. When boys see this symbol, they should stop what they're doing, be quiet and raise their own arm in the sign. (Great training for Boy Scouts.)
- ☞ Keep den meetings going at a **FAST PACE**, with lots of variety and fun things to do. Plan more than you think you will need. Get assistants and den chiefs involved.
- ☞ Treat boys **IMPARTIALLY**. Boys expect fair treatment and your example becomes their model. If you make promises, keep them.
- ☞ **DON'T CRITICIZE** a boy in front of the den. Wait until you can talk to him alone.
- ☞ Give boys opportunities to make **CHOICES** as often as possible. Involve them in planning.

- ☞ Take some time to **EVALUATE** your den meetings. What went well? What didn't go so well? How can I do this differently next time?
- ☞ Focus on the **POSITIVE**. Catch boys being good, helping others, keeping the den code of conduct. Baden-Powell said "A pat on the back is a stronger stimulus than a prick with a pin. Expect a great deal of your boys and you will generally get it."

When asked what tricks, programs or guidelines were used in their den to promote discipline, one leader said "Well, we have our good days and our bad days. Sometimes we just have to remember they are little boys that need to use their bodies. So, we always try to have at least one activity each den meeting that gets them moving! Normally, den meetings are full of various activities, so the boys have a good chance to work off that energy.

"Most of the years we have taught, the boys got along fine. But we had one year when that was not so. The first time we had two boys collide physically, we let them know it would not be tolerated. We told them we are like brother wolves in a den and we support each other. I said if it ever happened again the parents would be informed and they would possibly attend our future meetings. No more problems!"

Some den leaders use little "pats on the back" to help with den discipline and reward boys who are doing good. Here are a few things that have worked.

- ☞ Print up "**SCOUT BUCKS**." Distribute these to the boys when you catch them doing something good.
- ☞ Give each boy a small cup of a favored **CANDY** by the den (i.e. M&M's) when he arrives. When you catch him doing something good, reward him with a few more M&M's to keep in his cup. When the meeting is over, he gets to keep the goodies in the cup.
- ☞ Use carnival or homemade **TICKETS**. Give each boy three tickets at the beginning of the meeting. Have him sign his name on the ticket. When he breaks a rule, he has to give up a ticket.

The real keys to your discipline system are:

- ◆ **HAVE ONE**. Don't wait to see if you need one, you do! If you wait until you need it, it's too late!
- ◆ Make sure everyone (Cubs and parents) **KNOWS** what it is. Explain it at the parents' meeting, in a note sent home with the boys, and at your first den meeting. Remind when necessary.

- ◆ **STICK TO IT.** Plan on the boys (and maybe the parents) testing you to see if you mean it. Be ready for it. They expect you to do what you say you will do. You lose all credibility if you don't.

THEME RELATED STUFF

Tips for Making Art with Boys

Alice, Golden Empire Council

Choose a subject that will interest the boys to start with – they might enjoy going outside to find something colorful, with an interesting shape, or that they are curious about. Use questions to get them thinking about what they want to focus on in a scene, what materials they might like to use (watercolors for a sunset, crayons for a curious seed pod), and what size they want to draw their subject.

Learn something about the kind of art you are going to make – check with pack and den families, ask a local teacher, or check with a children's librarian for some great books to help you plan and carry out projects successfully.

Make sure you have enough help. Ask a parent to come and help.

Plan your time carefully – allow about a third more time than you think you will need. Be sure to stop in plenty of time to allow for clean-up. You can always continue the project at another meeting.

Leave plenty of room for the boys to work without crowding each other.

Provide containers for art materials and equipment for each boy. Use Styrofoam trays to hold a selection of markers, pencils, a pair of scissors, glue, and materials for each boy. Use plastic egg carton sections, four to six per boy, to hold paint – it won't absorb into the carton, and holds only a small amount of paint. Use cheap paper plates for individual palettes for each boy. Squirt out only a small amount of paint at a time, and only two or three colors at a time!

Provide large shirts (ask each boy to bring an old shirt of dad's) to cover up when working with paint.

Prepare the area – work outside or cover surfaces with plastic – cheap paint covers or rolls from large box stores work great! Newspapers can also cover both the work surface and the floor underneath.

Separate the art project into smaller pieces – real artists don't just start out painting on the canvas.

They make drawings and studies of sections of the art work first. They try out various color combinations, take a small amount of two paints and swirl them together to decide on what colors they want to use in the finished piece.

Show the boys how even famous artists use "cartooning" to lay out a project on a small scale and then enlarge to full size.

Another way to make a copy or trace the outline of a picture is to tape it onto a window, then tape the second sheet of paper over it – the light coming through the window will act like a light box, letting you see the original to outline onto the second page.

Be supportive, but don't try to tell the boys that you love everything they do – they'll know it's not true anyway! Instead, mention things you really do like – the colors the boy chose, the way he laid out his art work, the careful way he worked on it, his willingness to try something new, what he learned from the first effort that will help him when he tries it again. Making art can provide "golden moments" to point out some important principles of Scouting, such as resourcefulness, perseverance, respect and positive attitude.

Start with a small piece of artwork - have each boy make a Christmas or Holiday card, using a regular sheet of paper folded in fourths. You can also make an envelope using a template at <http://desktoppub.about.com/library/weekly/envelope.pdf>. You could also make Twig Easels to display the art work created by the boys. See www.enchantedlearning.com for directions.

If you have too much competitiveness within your pack or den, choose a "collaborative" piece of art to work on – where everyone has to work together. Or choose Norman Rockwell or other art works that demonstrate cooperation or whatever principle you want to show.

Catholic Committee on Scouting for Suffolk County
proudly presents

Advent Celebration

Date Saturday, November 28

Time 9am - 11:30am

Location St. Joseph Church - Carew Hall
Ronkonkoma, NY

Featuring crafts, prayer, songs and refreshments. Do you have any questions about this and our other activities, please contact Sylvia Murdolo, District Rep at encourager@optonline.net or by phone (476-9243) or Mary Bishop, Chair of our committee at applepickv@aol.com.

WEBELOS

REMEMBER TO PLAN

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One of the most important things about being a Webelos Leader is planning. As a Webelos leader, you don't have to be overly concerned with the monthly themes. Your focus is helping the boys fulfill the requirements and earn activity badges (yes, they look like pins but they are referred to as badges), to prepare them to receive the Arrow of Light Award and transition into Boys Scouts.

In addition to ideas in BALOO and the Webelos Leader's Book there are many sources that can help you as you plan your den meetings.

- ◆ Fast Start Training
- ◆ New Leader Essentials and Leader Specific training
- ◆ Monthly Roundtable Meetings
- ◆ Pow Wows and other special events
- ◆ Craft and family Magazines
- ◆ Boys' Life magazine
- ◆ Special interest library books
- ◆ Internet sites - Do not limit yourself to Cub Scout sites. Search the internet using a topical search.
- ◆ Parents and grandparents with special skills

In short, just keep your eyes open. The world is full of fascinating things to learn and do. When you become familiar with the activity badges, you will begin seeing things that apply to those badges all around you .

CRAFTSMAN

Sam Houston Area Council

The requirements for the Craftsman activity badge include projects in wood, leather, and tin. This activity helps the boys develop confidence in their abilities by encouraging them to use their talents and skills for more advanced handicraft projects, or perhaps to develop a hobby in one of these mediums.

SUGGESTED DEN ACTIVITIES:

- ◆ List tools needed to complete badge.
- ◆ Make a tool chest or bench hook for sawing.
- ◆ Visit furniture factory, lumber mill or lumberyard.
- ◆ Select projects to work on.
- ◆ Have a birdhouse building contest
- ◆ Invite someone to give a demonstration on the safe use of tools.
- ◆ Discuss finishing methods for wood projects: Sanding, filling holes and scratches, the various

types of finishes, such as shellac, stain, lacquer, varnish and enamel.

PVC RECORDER

Materials:

- 14" long - 1/2" PVC pipe,
- 1/2" diameter dowel,
- craft glue, hand drill

Assembly Instructions:

A recorder is a flute-like instrument where you blow into the end to create sounds as the air whistles over the holes that you cut.

Cut a 1/2" PVC pipe to just under 14" in length.

Before inserting the plug, the 1" long dowel needs to be shaved off squarely on one side, about 1/16th inch, so that air can pass through when it plugs the end.

Plug one end of the pipe tightly with the inch-long dowel and glue it in place with craft glue.



The shaved side of the plug directs air over the first small hole that makes the whistling sound. Make holes as shown below:

- ◆ 3/8" square hole 1" from the mouthpiece end (drill 3/8" and square it with a knife)
- ◆ 3/16" round hole 7.5" from the mouthpiece end
- ◆ 7/16" round hole 8.5" from the mouthpiece end
- ◆ 1/4" round hole 9.5" from the mouthpiece end
- ◆ 3/16" round hole 10.5" from the mouthpiece end
- ◆ 1/4" round hole 11.5" from the mouthpiece end
- ◆ 1/4" round hole 12.75" from the mouthpiece end

SCIENTIST

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When you are doing this badge keep in mind that you are "scientists". Before you do a demonstration or experiment tell the boys what you are doing and have them predict the outcome. Be sure to compare the real outcome to their hypothesis. This is the basis of the scientific method in Science Belt Loop Requirement 1.

Bernoulli's Principle

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Scientist Requirement 1

Part #1

Materials:

- 3"x5" pieces of paper



Directions

- ◆ Fold the 3x5 paper into thirds, along the dotted lines as shown.
- ◆ Open the paper and stand it on the table top to form a small "table".
- ◆ Place the paper table along the edge of a smooth table. Have the boys kneel and blow in the opening under the table.
- ◆ Observe what happens (the paper table should collapse).

Part #2

Materials:

1½-2"x8" pieces of paper

Directions

- ◆ Using the short edge, hold the strip of paper on your chin with your index finger.
- ◆ Let the paper drape over your finger and hang down like a goatee.
- ◆ Blow straight out and slightly down.
- ◆ Observe what happens (the paper floats straight out).

Part #3

Materials:

- ◆ Straw for each boy
- ◆ Drinking glass or other cylindrical object
- ◆ Box or other square object
- ◆ Pieces of paper cut to ½" x 4"
- ◆ Tape

Directions

- ◆ Tape the narrow end of the paper to the table-top.
- ◆ Then bend the paper so it is standing upright.
- ◆ Let the boys blow on the paper with the straw.
- ◆ Now place the square or flat object in front of the paper.
- ◆ Allow the boys (one at a time) to blow on the surface of the flat object and observe that the paper does not move.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

November, 2009

- 14: TRAINING: Cub Leader Position Specific
- 20-21 Take Order Distribution
- 28 *CCOS Advent Prayer Service*
(see p. 3)



December, 2009

- 10 Roundtable
- 11 Popcorn Money Due at Council
- 13 CCOS Peace Light Prayer Service

January, 2010

- 1 *Happy New Year*
- 14 Roundtable

February, 2010

- 7 Scout Sunday
- 8 *Scouting's 100th Anniversary Day*
- 11 Roundtable
- 13 Scout Sabbath

March, 2010

- 11 Roundtable
- 20 Scouting for Food
- 20 CCOS' Cub Fun & Faith Day

April, 2010

- 15 Roundtable
- tbid TRAINING: BALOO

May, 2010

- 1 District Dance
- 13 Roundtable
- 28-31 Family Camp
- 29 Flag Placement

June, 2010

Summer events are at BHSC

- 5 Flag Pickup
- 10 Roundtable

July, 2010

- 1-5 Family Camp
- 5-9 Cub Resident @ BHSC

August, 2010

- 15-19 Cub Resident @ BHSC
- 19 Roundtable & Annual Barbecue

GATHERING ACTIVITIES



Try to find the following art terms, up down, forward, backward and diagonally:

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| acrylic | airbrush | brush |
| canvas | cartoon | clay |
| collage | decoupage | drawing |
| easel | hue | intensity |
| mixed media | mosaic | mural |
| oil | paint | palette |
| paper | pastel | pencil |
| photography | pottery | primary |
| sculpture | secondary | shade |
| sketch | tertiary | tile |
| tint | watercolor | wood |

Hey Everyone,

**Happy Thanksgiving to you
all from all your friends at
Benjamin Tallmadge
District**

**We all are grateful for your
efforts for the Scouts of our
District.**

God bless you!

November Nonsense

Source: <http://www.brownielocks.com>

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American Indian
Heritage Month

World Kindness Week,
Nov. 9-16

Name Your PC Day,
November 20

National Peanut
Butter Lovers Month

National Family Week &
Game & Puzzle Week,
Nov. 22-28

Thanksgiving Day,
November 26