



# THE SETAUKET SPY

Benjamin Tallmadge District  
Cub Roundtable News Letter



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HAPPY BIRTHDAY, BSA  
Webelos: Scholar & Engineer  
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<http://www.btdistrict.org>

## MONTHLY THEME INFORMATION FOCUS

It's time to celebrate with a big birthday bash: Boy Scouts of America is 100 years old this year. Learn the History of how Scouting came to the United States. Find out about those who given us this Scouting legacy, such as Daniel Carter Beard, James E. West, Ernest Thompson Seton, Waite Phillips, and W.D. Boyce. Let's play birthday games, make party decorations and have birthday cake for the Blue and Gold banquet.

## **CORE VALUES** **CUB SCOUT ROUNDTABLE** **LEADERS' GUIDE**

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

- **Character Development**, Cub Scouts will develop a sense of pride learning about the history of the Boy Scouts of America and knowing that they are a part of it.
- **Friendly Service**, As boys learn about the unknown Scout, they will gain more understanding of the meaning of a Good Turn.
- **Preparation for Boy Scouts**, Boys will become more aware of the Scouting movement and will be excited and motivated to continue on to Boy Scouting.

The core value highlighted this month is:

- **Honesty**, While exploring the history of the BSA and its founders, Cub Scouts will see the importance of being trustworthy and keeping the Promise.

## **PACK ADMIN HELPS**

### **Are You A Ziploc Pack???**

*Sean Scott, Roundtable Commissioner  
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Most leaders recognize that rank advancement ceremonies should be impressive and representative of the amount of work the boy has put into earning the

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### **CUBS FOR CUBS 2010** **Scouting Through The Ages**



Date: Saturday April 24, 2010  
 Setup Time: 9:00 A.M. – 10:30 A.M.  
 Opening: 11:00 A.M.  
 Closing: 4:00 P.M.  
 Webelos checkout Time: Sunday April 25, 2010 at 10:00 A.M.  
 Location: Baiting Hollow Scout Camp

**Packs:** Each Pack is asked to choose a decade between 1910 and the present. Come up with a game or activity to run in your booth. **Tiger Cubs:** Each Tiger Den will be asked to design a float which will be in the Tiger Cub Parade at the opening ceremony. **Webelos:** there will be a Webelos and parent campout on Saturday night into Sunday. We will be organizing activities specifically for the Webelos. **You will provide your own meals.**

**Pinewood Derby Runoff:** Remember to hold your Pack's winners for all categories (Cubs, Tigers, and Webelos). They will qualify to compete for the District title. Trophies will be awarded at the closing ceremonies. **YOU MUST PRE-REGISTER BY APRIL 15, 2010'S ROUNDTABLE. REGISTRATION IS \$50.00 PER PACK AND INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING: PINWOOD DERBY RUNOFF, PATCHES AND ADMISSION FOR 2 LEADERS AND 8 BOYS.**

**Cost:** \$7.00 at event, \$5.00 with pre-registration (includes patch.) \$10.00 for Webelos campout (includes day admission, campout, and patch.) Food will be available at a nominal cost for lunch on Saturday. Any Questions, contact Brian Heinrichs at 345-5860 or E-mail [Bheinric@optonline.net](mailto:Bheinric@optonline.net)

award. But what about the belt loops, activity patches and other "smaller" awards your boys earn? Unfortunately, these awards are often given out using the "Baggie and Handshake" ceremony. You know, a baggie with the boy's name, and a hearty handshake. No offense, but that's not PHUN! And Scouting, *especially Cub Scouting*, is supposed to be PHUN!

What many leaders don't realize is that these "minor" awards can be a blessing in disguise—a chance to really make your meetings exciting, and get parents and boys alike pumped up about the Scouting program!

So how do you polish up your pack meeting to be shiny and baggie free? Use your imagination! There's no limit to what you can do to present awards to your boys, parents and leaders. Here are some ideas to get you started:

- Shoot your awards in on balloons. Tie up a string with some cut straws, tape the award to the balloon, the balloon to the straws, and fill the balloon with air. When you release the air from the balloon, it will propel the award/balloon rocket down the string. Take on the role of "mission control" and with a little help from some willing parents you have a space themed recognition!
- Tape awards to the undersides of Frisbees and throw them out to boys standing in the back of the room. Have them throw them back to you, and let an assistant reload the Frisbees. Or mount them on paper airplanes for similar effect.
- Put a dead tree or branch and put paper leaves on it with the awards stuck to the leaves for a conservation and nature themed ceremony.
- Place the awards in a piñata and let the boys go at it with a stick, one or two hits each. While they're taking their swings you can announce who got what.
- Hide the awards around the room and give each boy a treasure map that leads them to their award. Tell everyone what they received while they're looking. Or hide 'coins' that the boys can use to 'buy' their award from the Cubmaster, er, I mean Pirate King at the front of the room.
- Have them pan for gold nuggets and exchange them at the bank for their awards. You could make a speech about them being more precious than gold while you're at it.
- Dish them out of a pot dressed as a chef. Or

make cupcakes or a cake and stick them in the icing on top.

- Have someone dressed as a delivery person "hand deliver" important packages to the boys during the meeting. Or have them dress as a military courier or paratrooper, with open parachute dragging behind them. (I'd make sure they took as lengthy a route through the room as possible in order to catch and twist the 'chute around as many things as possible. Ham it up!)
- Fire them from catapults your Webelos made. Make castle walls from refrigerator boxes and shoot from inside the castle (or outside, depending on where you want to be...)
- Give them out as carnival prizes, with each boy performing some simple, fun skill. (Don't make it so hard that your Tigers can't do whatever it is, and just get something handed to them.)
- Find someone who's good at magic or sleight of hand to conjure them out of the boys ears, from under their hats or neckerchiefs, etc.
- Put them inside Whiffle balls or balloons and hit them out to the boys with a big plastic bat. Let them "field" the award.

One month my Assistant Cubmaster and I dressed as cowboys. We took the roles of Wells and Fargo, and were distributing the dividends of a successful summer of mining operations to our "employees" from a cardboard safe. Each boy got a small cloth bag marked "Gold—Property of:" with their name on it. Halfway through the ceremony, another leader appeared to rob the bank. We wrapped him with a Mylar emergency blanket we had hidden behind the safe and pulled him out of the room as he shouted, "Drat! Foiled again!"

Another month, we dressed as pirates and distributed awards from a treasure chest, while punctuating the ceremony with a variety of pirate jokes. It doesn't need to be elaborate, just fun and memorable. Use costumes, props and your imagination. Anything that requires throwing, catching, hitting, running, jumping, breaking, popping, bouncing, stomping, rolling, crawling, climbing, swinging or dropping is bound to bring a smile to the face of a nine-year-old.

Don't be afraid to explore and write your own ceremonies! And make it PHUN!

*Sean Scott is the Cub Scout Roundtable Commissioner, Cub Scout Training Chairman and Cubmaster in the Tahquitz District, California Inland Empire Council*

## SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY

### Heritages

[www.usscouts.org](http://www.usscouts.org)

*As we are looking at the heritage of the BSA this month, it would be a great time to work on this Loop and pin.*



The requirements listed are from the Cub Scout Academics and Sports Program Guide (34299B) 2006 Printing.

*Webelos Scouts that earn the Heritages Belt Loop while a Webelos Scout also satisfy requirement 12 for the Family Member Activity Badge.*

#### Belt Loop

*Complete these three requirements:*

- Talk with members of your family about your family heritage: its history, traditions, and culture.
- Make a poster that shows the origins of your ancestors. Share it with your den or other group.
- Draw a family tree showing members of your family for three generations.

#### Academics Pin

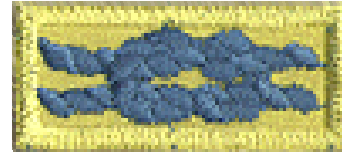
*Earn the Heritages belt loop, and complete five of the following requirements:*

- Participate in a pack heritage celebration in which Cub Scouts give presentations about their family heritage.
- Attend a family reunion.
- Correspond with a pen pal from another country. Find out how his or her heritage is different from yours.
- Learn 20 words in a language other than your native language.
- Interview a grandparent or other family elder about what it was like when he or she was growing up.
- Work with a parent or adult partner to organize family photographs in a photo album.
- Visit a genealogy library and talk with the librarian about how to trace family records. Variation: Access a genealogy Web site and learn how to use it to find out information about ancestors.
- Make an article of clothing, a toy, or a tool that your ancestors used. Show it to your den.

- Help your parent or adult partner prepare one of your family's traditional food dishes.
- Learn about the origin of your first, middle, or last name.

### Knot of the Month Cubmaster Training Award

[www.usscouts.org](http://www.usscouts.org)



*Has your Cubmaster earned this??  
Can you surprise him or her at the Blue and Gold with it??*

The Cubmaster Training Award can be earned by any registered Cubmaster. A brief summary of requirements include: (This list does not match the Scorecard but it is what is listed at <http://www.scouting.org/scoutsources/CubScouts/resources/CSLeaderRecAwards.aspx>)

#### Tenure

- Serve as a registered assistant Cubmaster for one year and a registered Cubmaster for one year, or serve as a registered Cubmaster for two years.

#### Training

- Complete Cubmaster Fast Start training.
- Complete This Is Scouting and Cubmaster Specific Training.
- Complete Youth Protection training.
- During each year of tenure for this award, participate in a Cub Scout Leader pow wow or university of Scouting, or attend at least four roundtables.

#### Performance

- As a Cubmaster or assistant Cubmaster in a pack, earn the national Quality Unit Award at least twice.
- Earn the National Summertime Pack Award at least once.
- Plan and conduct pack meetings during each year registered as Cubmaster.

For the complete requirements and a progress record, go to: <http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/34169-53.pdf>. For more information on the National Centennial Quality Awards, check with your Commissioner or: <http://www.scouting.org/scoutsources/awards/centennialawards.aspx> More on the National Summertime Pack Award and how to earn it can be found at: <http://www.scouting.org/scoutsources/CubScouts/>

To my faithful readers of the Benjamin Tallmadge District's *Setauket Spy*, We expanded this publication for some exciting new features. Besides great articles from *Baloo Bugle* and breathtaking advertising for District and Council Events, we want to bring you news that is closer to home.

Has your Pack done outstanding projects or service? Maybe you are just so proud of your Cubs. How about sharing the experience with the rest of the District. In future editions, pages 4 & 5 will be dedicated to Pack News. You can give us copy (newspaper term for article) and pictures and we will promise it will go in as soon as possible. First come, first served though. Submit to me by email: [encourager@optonline.net](mailto:encourager@optonline.net).

I would like to thank Pack 79 in Yaphank for the first of what I hope to be many submissions. You know you guys are great! Let the rest of BT District know.

Yours in Scouting, Sylvia Murdolo, Your humble Editor



## Pack 79, Yaphank

went into high gear asking for donations of bath and body products for this worthwhile charity. Amazingly, many, many donations came in. Michelle put her den and den chief James Fiore of Troop 433 to

The den leaders of Pack 79 wanted to help their Cubs earn the *Year of Celebration Award*. Michelle Fiore of Pack 79's Wolf den called and spoke with Ms. Chris Manchoski of Little Flower about their needs. Ms. Manchoski told Michelle that her young people needed sundry items and would appreciate any and all donations since the Holiday Season was approaching.

The Pack was invited to help Michelle and the Wolf Den to help with this service project. Everyone



Michelle, James and Wolf Den



Ms. Manchoski of Little Flower Services, accepting the donations.

work organizing the donations into individual bags. A total of 65 bags of soap, shampoos and body wash was donated. Chris of Little Flower wants to thank all the dens of the pack, Waldorf & Associates and Long Island Jedi for their help with this effort.

In another Service Project for the *Year of Celebration* award specifically for the Service Ribbon, new Cubmaster Brian Heinrichs also requested donations of cell phones for the non profit organization CELLPHONES FOR SOLDIERS from his Bear Den of 10 boys. "Every boy came in with no less than 10 phones," Brian told me. Amazingly, each boy collected the cell phones in only two months.



Brian's Bear Den with assistant den leader Kim Kaucky and "helper" Hunter Kaucky. Photo is courtesy of [www.cellphonesforsoldiers.com](http://www.cellphonesforsoldiers.com).

The Town of Brookhaven recognized their efforts with a Certificate of Appreciation for each Bear Scout at a December Town Board Meeting.

In an ongoing Service Project, Junior Webelos Den Leader Nancy Pallino is collecting hats, gloves and scarves. She's requesting that if anyone would like to contribute to please contact her at her email: [hob-bes8798@optimum.net](mailto:hob-bes8798@optimum.net).





BREAKING NEWS: Marc Alessi, NYS Assemblyman for District 1 will honor the Pack for these Good Turns as well, with certificates for each Cub Scout.

Would your Pack like to learn more about the *Year of Celebration Award*? Please visit:

<http://ww2.scouting.org/100years/100years/ayeofcelebration.aspx> to learn how you can celebrate Scouting's 100th Anniversary in Style!

### Honor the Founders Golden Empire Council

Honor the Pioneers of Scouting by following their example:

- **Baden-Powell** - Play some of the games he used to teach his scouts, or put together a book of sketches as he often did. 
- **William D. Boyce** - Put out a pack newspaper about the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary to honor him as he was a publisher. 
- **Ernest Thompson Seton** - Learn about animal tracks or how wolves live to honor Ernest Thompson Seton, who began as a bounty hunter and learned to love and protect the wolf. He even added a wolf track to his signature!  There's a great comic book about Seton's wolf adventures, to download at [www.pbs.org/wnet/...comic-book-lobo-king-of.../4360/](http://www.pbs.org/wnet/...comic-book-lobo-king-of.../4360/)
- **James E. West** - Read some articles in "Boy's Life" – he purchased the magazine in 1912 – or earn the new Disability Awareness Belt Loop, since West had one leg permanently shortened by tuberculosis as a child.
- **Dan Beard** - Practice telling stories about the outdoors (maybe even a folktale!) to honor Dan Beard, who was a beloved storyteller and outdoorsman. 

## WEBELOS SCHOLAR

### *Baltimore Area Council*

One of the Mental Skills group of Activity Badges. The Scholar Activity Badge experience can help to improve the Webelos Scouts' relationship with their school. It will help the Scout understand why an education is important. When presented with interest and enthusiasm from the leader, this badge will not seem like drudged up schoolwork! Help the boys to learn that there is more to school than just homework.

#### **Objectives**

- To familiarize Webelos Scouts with the "roots" of a school system. To convince Webelos Scouts that schooling is essential.
- To introduce Webelos Scouts to careers in education.
- To teach Webelos Scouts the benefits of a good education.

#### **Where to Go and What to Do**

- Plan a trip to the library to have the librarian demonstrate the use of a microfilm or microfiche viewer. Be sure to make a reservation. Look for the news of the day each boy was born.
- Invite the parents of Webelos Scouts to come to a den meeting dressed in the type of clothes they wore to school. Have them bring along such things as class pictures, yearbooks, report cards, etc., and allow each ample time to share his/her school days with the den.
- Have a panel of parents with various jobs explain their schooling and training for these jobs.
- Invite an educator to talk with the den about some of the scholar requirements.
- Do a service project for your school.
- Contact the parent-teacher organization of your school and offer to do a flag ceremony at their next meeting. Perhaps the Webelos Scouts could report to the organization about their work on the Scholar Activity Badge.
- Briefly visit a school board meeting. Let them know you are coming. They may be interested to know the boys are working on the Scholar Activity Badge.
- Talk about the seven habits for studying.

This badge is an easy one for boys to earn if they are doing well in school. Unfortunately some boys do not like school and see it as place of confinement

rather than of learning. The Webelos den leader may influence a boy's opinion of school by showing his own positive attitude toward this badge and the importance of "an education. A teacher or principal can sign for the first three requirements of the badge if the boys talk to them. Albert Einstein said: "The most important method of education always has consisted of that in which the pupil was urged to actual performances." Make it happen in the Webelos den so that the boy is doing something as often as possible, and under good guidance he will be learning the skills that will help him get more out of life and be a better citizen.

**Note:** To add some extra fun to this month's badge, try to stump the Webelos Scouts with some brain-teasers, riddles, intelligence tests or puzzles.

#### **Seven Ways to Improve Grades**

- **Learn to Listen:** Look at the speaker, concentrate on his words, take notes, and participate in discussions.
- **Develop Good Study Habits:** Avoid distractions, have supplies handy, do homework at the same time each day, make a list, do the things you hate first, schedule a short break if needed.
- **Use the Right Reading Technique:** Learn to skim by glancing through whole paragraphs at a time; use slower, more careful reading when you must understand and remember.
- **Improve Your Vocabulary:** Look up words you don't know, write them down, and use the word (s) in your next conversation.
- **Sharpen Your Writing Skills:** Brainstorm for ideas, organize your thoughts, keep sentences short, use neat handwriting, double check spelling and punctuation.
- **Learn How to Take Tests:** Study well ahead of time (don't cram), relax, then face the test; read the directions carefully; answers questions you know for sure, pace yourself, work steadily; go back and fill in missing answers as best you can; double check your work for careless errors and omissions.
- **Develop a Positive Attitude:** You are what you think you are -use positive thinking!

## ENGINEER

#### **Background**

Engineers take the raw materials of nature and change them for the use of all of us. There are many kinds of engineers – from civil engineers to chemical engineers to mechanical and electrical engineers. Webelos Scouts may find a type of engineer that they want to be someday.

### Ideas For Den Activities

- Learn to use a level.
- Make a pulley and use it correctly.
- Visit a construction site and see the plans which are being followed .
- Make catapults and demonstrate them at Pack meeting.
- Make a home made flashlight.
- Learn electricity safety.
- Invite an architect to come and visit. Have the architect show and explain a floor plan of a house.
- Discuss property lines. Have a surveyor show how property lines are determined and measured.
- Discuss different types of engineers. If one can visit your den, let the engineer describe briefly what he does.

### Careers In (Fields of) Engineering

**Aeronautical Engineering:** Deals with the whole field of design, manufacture, maintenance, testing, and the use of aircraft both for civilian and military purposes.

**Astronautical Engineering:** Closely related to aeronautics, but is concerned with the flight of vehicles in space, beyond the earth's atmosphere, and includes the study and development of rocket engines, artificial satellites, and spacecraft for the exploration of outer space.

**Chemical Engineering:** Concerned with the design, construction, and management of factories in which the essential processes consist of chemical reactions.

**Civil Engineering:** Perhaps the broadest of the engineering fields; deals with the creation, improvement, and protection of the communal environment; providing facilities for living, industry, and transportation, including large buildings, roads, bridges, canals, railroad lines, airports, harbors, and other constructions.

**Electrical Engineering/Computer Science:** Divided broadly into the engineering of electrical power distribution systems, electrical machinery, and communication, information, and control systems.

**Industrial or Management Engineering:** Pertains to the efficient use of machinery, labor, and raw materials in industrial production.

**Mechanical Engineering:** Broadly speaking, covers the design and operation of all types of machinery and small structures.

**Sanitary Engineering:** A branch of civil engineering that has acquired the importance of a specialized field due to its great importance for a healthy environment, especially in dense urban population areas.



## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### January, 2010

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

23 **TRAINING: Cub Leader Position Specific**

25 Council Fellowship Dinner

### April, 2010

15 Roundtable

tbd TRAINING: BALOO

24 Cub for Cub Event

24-25 Webelos Spring Campout

tbd *CCOS Cub Fun & Faith Day*

### May, 2010

1 District Dance

7 JCOS Annual Convocation, Webelos overnight

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

**Scout History Word Search**  
*Pat, Baltimore Area Council*



Baden Powell  
Bear  
Den Mother  
Influenza  
Lion  
Valley Forge

Be Kind to Birds  
Bobcat  
Get out the Vote  
James E West  
National Good Turn  
Webelos

Be Square  
Cubbing  
Green Bar Bill  
Liberty Bell  
Tiger Group  
William Hilcourt

Wolf

National Jamboree

### January Shanigans

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International  
Wayfinding Month

Hunt for Happiness  
Week, Jan. 17-23

Bald Eagle Apprecia-  
tion Day, January 17

National Mentoring  
Month

National Take Back Your  
Time Week, Jan. 25-29

Celebration of Life  
Day, January 22