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Cub Roundtable News Letter



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November 2010 Cub Scout Roundtable

December 2010 Cub Scout Pack Meeting

RESPECT

Tiger Cub, Wolf, Bear and Webelos Meeting

CORE VALUES

Cub Scout Roundtable Leaders' Guide

The core value highlighted this month is:

- **Respect:** Showing regard for the worth of someone or something. Through interacting with pack families, Cub Scouts will develop appreciation and respect for different families and traditions. Through pack service projects, they will learn to treat the environment with care.

TRAINING TOPICS

Why Should Your Den Do Skits?

Bill Smith, the Roundtable Guy

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It builds **team work**. The Cub Scouts in your den work together to visually tell a story (often amusing) to the rest of the pack. It takes cooperation and exchanging ideas that lead to a common goal.

It creates reasons for other **den activities and projects**. Building scenery, props, and costumes all make good program ideas. Story telling is a great way to trigger an idea for a den skit.

Putting on a skit at a pack meeting or pack campfire is an excellent way to get the **support of parents**. Instead of den skits, you may want to try family skits.

A Den skit at a pack meeting can and should be the highlight of the evening. It makes pack meetings better and den meetings more fun.

It's not only fun, and boys just like to show off but getting your den to perform at a pack meeting will help **prepare them for Boy Scouts**. Communication is one of the set of leadership skills that Boy Scouting fosters amongst its members. The ability to stand up in front of the public and say something is an important part of the program.



Boys of Cub Scouting age can be incredibly shy. We try to help them overcome this by making it fun in the Cub Scout program. Run-ons, cheers and especially skits are all fun ways to help them feel comfortable **performing in public**.

Original Skits

As Boys get more comfortable performing at campfires and pack meetings, they should be ready to make up their own original scripts.

Your Den Can Write a Script!

Writing a skit is not as hard as it may seem, though it does basically take some imagination. A basic subject or plot, such as the theme of the month, will get you started in the right direction.



HOW TO WRITE A SKIT:

Let's examine what a skit is.

Basically it represents the following items:

- ⇒ **BOY WANTS SOMETHING** Friendship, a gold mine, a game trophy, to find a lost world, or something else. Stating the goal up front makes it easy for the audience to follow the great plot.
- ⇒ **BOY STARTS TO GET IT** By canoe, plane, horseback, on foot, right at home by using his brain, or some other way. The plot unfolds and the main characters are introduced.
- ⇒ **OBSTACLES STOP BOY** Crocodile, nature, native headhunters, a secret enemy, a false friend, or other problem. Aha! The villain appears and tension mounts.
- ⇒ **BOY ACHIEVES GOAL** Through an act of kindness, bravery, wisdom, magic, unexpected help, or some other way. The happy ending and the cast takes their bows to a cheering crowd!



HERE ARE SOME IDEAS ON SKITS:

- Act out a favorite story
- Act out parts of a story such as Treasure Island
- Use new ideas
- Act out poems
- Jokes (from Boy's Life even?)



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Nursery rhymes
Indian legends
Trip to the moon by astronauts
Satirize commercials

Make the skit fun for the Cub. To avoid problems in skits, keep the following in mind:

- ⇒ **Keep the Skit Simple** - Don't expect boys at this age to understand complicated plots. If possible, have the boys compose the skit. You may give them ideas, but if they compose the skit they will enjoy it more and also better understand it.
- ⇒ **Keep It Short** - (3-5 minutes). A long, drawn-out skit will make the audience restless.
- ⇒ **Avoid Long Memorized Dialogue.** - Again, boys of this age cannot be expected to memorize long lines of dialogue. Keep the dialogue to a minimum. Have the boys speak slowly and loud. It is a good idea to let the Cubs practice their skit at the pack meeting place in advance of the pack meeting.
- ⇒ **Use Simple Props** - Props can be made from cardboard and signs can be put up to indicate scenery. Adding appropriate accessories to everyday clothes can make costumes. Most costumes, intended to be cut from fabric and sewn, can also be cut from crepe paper and glued and/or stapled by the Cubs themselves.
- ⇒ **Let Every Boy Participate.** - When a den puts on a skit, every member needs to be a part of it. Create parts for each person. One boy can introduce the skit by setting the scene. Others can be animated scenery, form a chorus to repeat important lines, or create sound effects. Certainly building props and costumes contribute, but make sure the builders get credit.

CAMP FIRE SKITS

Skits are important elements of campfire programs. If your den is doing one remember that things are different out there. The boys will have to use their outside voices. Actions should be somewhat exaggerated so that everyone will see them and follow the action.

If your presentation is between the camp fire and the audience, the actors may be silhouetted by the fire light. On the other hand, if they operate behind the fire, action on the ground may be hidden by the fire.

In any case, safety around a fire is very important so guard against sudden action or commotion anywhere near the fire.

TIPS TO HELP CUB SCOUT ACTORS

Let's face it ... Cub Scouts are not professional actors, but they can have fun presenting skits and pantomimes. The audience should also be part of the fun. Here are a few tips that may help your skit to be the smash hit of the meeting -- simply because the audience could tell what was happening or being said.

- ⇒ Speak clearly, distinctly, and a little slower than normal. Remember that the people in the back row want to hear you.
- ⇒ Every action should have a purpose or meaning - - movements should be somewhat exaggerated.
- ⇒ Events in action should be performed one at a time so that the audience will not be confused.
- ⇒ It is important to know what to say -- and it is also important to know when to say it.
- ⇒ If your Cub Scouts understand how a character feels (happy, sad, sorry, angry, proud, etc.) in a given situation, and why a character does a particular piece of action, the Cub Scout will be able to react in a similar manner.
- ⇒ Two characters engaged in dialogue should not face each other directly. Instead, they should face the audience in a 3/4 position, so that the audience will be able to hear them more clearly, as well as have a better view of facial expressions.
- ⇒ In Pantomime, gestures and facial expressions are more important than costumes. What is done is more important than what is said.

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CORE VALUE
RELATED STUFF

Connecting Core Values with Outdoor Activities
Catalina Council

- ☆ Show respect for the history of your area. Hike to a museum or historical building and learn about the history of your community. Take a historical hike.
- ☆ Show respect for the environment. Clean up trash in a designated area. Observe a certain species of animals to see how they live together and what nature laws they obey.
- ☆ Show respect for the flag. Raise the flag at the local school every morning for a specific period of time. Do some community cleanup projects. Offer to lead a flag ceremony at a community event or recreational league game.
- ☆ Show respect for your competition. Play a team sport and demonstrate good sportsmanship. Refrain from calling the opposition names. Show respect for your leaders, both youth and adult.
- ☆ Hold a ceremony to inaugurate the Denner or to graduate Wolves to Bears or Bears to Webelos, complete with "tux", "top hat", and "judge". Conduct a ceremony to honor your den leaders.
- ☆ Show respect for our Founding Fathers. Re-enact an historical event, (e.g. the signing of the Declaration of Independence). The boys could even be in costume with a huge feather pen.

Very Important POPCORN News!
Due to High Volume of Orders, Trails' End will not be able to deliver our orders until the first week of December. Please have your Unit's Popcorn Kernel contact [Donna Dunn](#) for more info.



SPECIAL OPPORTUNITIES

Service Stars (Year Pins)

www.pack132.us

www.usscouts.org , www.scouting.org ,

We all want our Scouts to attend everything. We want them to stay with the program. So don't forget to recognize them for being there another year and for being at "everything."

Service Stars



Service stars are Gold metallic numbered stars worn with colored background to indicate years of service in Scouting. The sample above is a two year Service Star. Cub Scouts and Webelos Scouts wear stars with gold background, centered 3/8 inch above the left pocket. Service stars are calculated based on registration information. That's the reason why they are called "service stars". They are not based on "graduation" or "movement" from one program element to another (from Wolf to Bear, for instance) nor from program to program (from Cub Scouting to Boy Scouting, for instance). Each year of service is calculated based on the anniversary of the Scout's date of registration.



There are six Official BSA service star backings:

- ☆ Orange for Tiger Cub youth (Discontinued in 2001)
- ☆ Yellow for Cub Scout youth
- ☆ Green for Boy Scout youth
- ☆ Brown for Varsity Scout youth
- ☆ Red for Exploring/Career Awareness Exploring or Venturing/Sea Scouting youth
- ☆ Light Blue for all adult service, Regardless of program

Placement

Stars are worn 3/8 inch above the top of the left pocket. Or 3/8 inch above the top Square Knot recognition.

Only the correct total number of years should be worn. When your son receives his 2nd year Service Star, remove the first and put it in your "Memory Box" or other holder.

The 10 Commandment Hike in Patchogue, NY *An Interfaith Activity*

The 10 Commandment Committee for the Suffolk County Council, BSA is inviting you to participate in its upcoming Interfaith Activity. A four mile Hike through the Village of Patchogue, we will be visiting 10 Houses of Worship to discuss one of the Ten Commandments and the faith community and its history.

Registration	8am at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church North Ocean Ave Patchogue, NY
What to Bring	Lunch Necessities for a Hike Non-Perishable Food Item for Patchogue's Food Pantries
Other Notes	Class A Uniform
Need more info?	Contact Barry Kopeloff or Sylvia Murdolo
Registration Forms link	http://www.sccbsa.com/docs/20100818_10_commandment_reg.pdf

Note for adults on wearing Service Stars

An adult has the option to wear the appropriate color backgrounds for their youth service and blue for their Adult service or they may combine all adult and youth service and wear only the light blue Scouter's service star background.

Webelos Activity Pins

Webelos Badge – While earning this badge, show respect by wearing the uniform properly, showing respect towards the flag at all times, and demonstrating respect for the Scout Oath and Scout Law.

Athlete #3, 4 – Show respect for yourself and your body by learning what you can do to stay healthy and by beginning physical workouts with stretching to protect your body.

Citizen #4, #9, #14 – Explain why you should respect the flag, and show how to do it; tell what you can do to show respect for the law and help law enforcement agencies.

Communicator #9, 10 – as you learn about another way to communicate, or using another language, be respectful to everyone – ask for ideas on how respect

can be shown to those with other ways of communicating.

Communicator #11- #14 – As you use the internet, be sure to have respect for yourself and others; follow family and general rules of internet safety.

Craftsman #1 – Explain how to safely handle tools – respect the potential danger of ignoring safety rules.

Engineer #4 – Explore property lines with a civil engineer and learn how respect for property rights is maintained.

Family Member #5 – During family meetings, show respect for yourself and others, especially in what you say and how you say it. **Family Member #9, 10, 13** – Learn how to clean your home, take care of your clothes and dispose of trash and garbage – proper care of your possessions is part of being respectful.

Fitness # 5-#8 – Learn about and tell an adult why you should avoid tobacco, alcohol and drugs – and how avoiding such things can help encourage self-respect.

Handyman #2 - #10, #15 – Demonstrate respect for possessions by learning how to take care of them; clean and properly store hand tools or garden tools.

Naturalist #1 – Respect Character Connection. **Naturalist # 12, 13** – Clean up litter in your neighborhood to make it safer for animals; earn the Wildlife Conservation Belt Loop.

Outdoorsman #5, #6 – Discuss how to follow Leave No Trace; do an outdoor conservation project with your den or a Boy Scout troop.

Showman #2 – Write a puppet play about Respect.

Showman #16 – Give a monologue about Respect.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

November

- 12 & 13 *POPCORN*: Take Order Distribution (postponed)
- 18 Roundtable
- 26 10 *Commandment Hike* - p 4

December, 2010

- 3 *POPCORN*: Payment Due!
- 4 Den Leader TRAINING
- POPCORN*: Take Order Distribution (rescheduled)
- 9 Roundtable



January, 2011

- 13 Roundtable
- 22 University of Scouting

February

- 6 Scout Sunday
- 10 Roundtable
- 12 Scout Sabbath
- 27 JCOS' Awards Breakfast

March

- 10 Roundtable
- 12 BALOO TRAINING
- 19 Scouting for Food
- 23 TRAINING: Cub Scout Leader Specific

April

- 2 CCOS' Cub Fun & Faith Day
- 14 Roundtable
- 30 Cub for Cub

May

- 7 AM: Work Day at BHSC
PM: District Dinner
- 12 Roundtable
- 20 JCOS Conclave at BHSC
- 27-30 **Family Camping at BHSC**
- 28 Memorial Day Flag Placement

June

- 4 Flag Retrieval Day
- 9 Roundtable at BHSC

July

- 1-5 **Family Camp**
- 5-9 Cub Resident Camp

August

- 14-18 Cub Resident Camp
- 18 Roundtable
- 9/2-5 **Family Camp**

Disclaimer: This is a partial list. Please consult the BT District Website and the Council Website for any changes.

GATHERING ACTIVITIES



AKELA
 ELDERLY
 FRIENDS
 MANNERS
 POLITE
 SELF

COUNTRY
 ESTEEM
 KINDLY
 MOTHER
 POSSESSIONS

COURTEOUS
 FATHER
 LANGUAGE
 PEOPLE
 REVERENCE
 TEACHER



Nutty November

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

National Inspirational
Role Models Month

National Farm-City
Week
Nov. 19-25

Name Your PC Day,
November 20

National Peanut Butter
Lovers Month

National Family Week &
National Game & Puzzle
Week, Nov. 21-28

You're Welcome-giving
Day & Thanksgiving
Day, November 26