



THE SETAUKET SPY

Benjamin Tallmadge District
Cub Roundtable News Letter



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February 2011 Cub Scout Pack Meeting

Tiger Cub, Wolf, Bear and Webelos Meeting

CORE VALUES

Cub Scout Roundtable Leaders' Guide

The core value highlighted this month is:

- ☆ **Resourcefulness:** Using human resources and other resources to their fullest. Through participating in Cub Scout activities, boys will learn different ways to solve problems using various methods and means.

TRAINING TOPICS

Your Relationships are your Resources: The District and Your Pack

Our district is led by a Key Three: District Chairman Ralph Weidler, District Commissioner Gerri Alfano and our District Executive Jim Grimaldi, who lead a team of volunteer Scouters.

The Local Council and your district are your resources to keep your Cub Pack healthy and capable of providing a quality Cub Scout program to boys and their families. If you think of it in medical terms they provide the services of a General Practitioner – a good family doctor – and an array of Specialists – experts in various Scouting fields.

The General Practitioner – Unit Commissioner.

Your district should assign an experienced, knowledgeable Scouter as your Unit Commissioner (UC). His or her mission is to ensure that your Cub Pack is healthy and successful: that the pack leaders and the Chartered Organization are achieving their Scouting aims.

Your Commissioner should regularly check up on how things are going in your pack: observing pack meetings and outings, or a pack committee/leaders meeting, or a phone conversation or coffee-visit with the CM or CC. Every leader, committee member or CR should feel free to contact their Commissioner.

Your Commissioner will on occasion, offer

advice on how best to use the resources of the BSA or the council to achieve your goals. When I served as a Unit Commissioner, the first questions I asked a CM or CC was: What do you want to accomplish with your pack? Where would you like to see this gang be next year? Answers varied. Some wanted more boys or more leaders, some wanted more outdoors stuff, some more badges or better meetings. No matter what the answers were, I did my best to see they had the where-with-all to get it.

The most valuable service your UC can provide is at rechartering. Then he/she can really help to ensure the necessary records, finances and instructions are available to smoothly process and register every boy and leader in time and help you become a Quality Unit. Occasionally a Unit Commissioner sees a need so serious that some specialist help is required -

The Specialists

Training – The District Training Team should be made up of experts on every Cub Scout leader position. In most cases, they were successful leaders of packs, committees and dens. They know how to make meetings and activities effective and fun and they have the abilities to demonstrate and spell it out for you.

They can make Fast Start training available for every leader as soon as they are recruited. They should regularly schedule *This is Scouting* and Cub Scout Leader Specific training so that no leaders of your pack are left to fend for themselves without this support. In an emergency, they should even be available for personal coaching to help a leader or committee member in difficulty.

Your district training team also takes an active role in supplemental training such as Pow Wow and University of Scouting and advanced training which is Wood Badge.

Roundtables – These are monthly meetings pack and den leaders of the whole district. They are led by a Roundtable Commissioner and a staff of several fun-loving, experienced Cub Scouters. Their specialties are to provide you with program ideas for the following

month.

Pack Leaders should expect Roundtable meetings that provide program help for pack leaders, den leaders, Webelos leaders and pack committee members. Each Roundtable should provide at least an hour's worth of help specifically aimed for the den and pack programs in following month. It should feature games, ceremonies, projects and other fun activities.

Membership – This district team has experts on how to recruit boys and leaders. They know where the boys are and how best to reach them. They also have access to all sorts of recruiting materials and will make sure that you have lots of flyers, posters, applications, and yard signs.

They can also help you with your packs relations with your Chartering Organizations and especially in getting more parents to participate in your program.

Camping – These are the outdoors people. They provide B.A.L.O.O. and Webelos Leaders Outdoors Training so that your pack can safely and effectively put on its own camping program. They can provide you with the council list of approved campsites for pack camping and the best locations for Webelos overnights.

Most district camping teams actively participate in their council Cub Scout and Webelos Day Camp and Resident Camp programs. They should be a valuable resource for your pack to schedule and prepare for summer camping.

They are also a link to the Order of the Arrow who often are available for stunning Pack-to-Troop graduation ceremonies.

Activities – The district Activities Team can provide advice on spectacular ceremonies, pack activities such as sports days, outings and service projects. They can also be a great source for Where-To-Go lists and Go See It places for your Tiger dens. Often districts provide activities where all packs are invited to participate. District award dinners and service projects like Scouting for Food or tree planting are common and provide better opportunities than most packs or Chartered Organizations could come up with on their own.

District sports days and even and even a pine-wood derby can be fun to attend. I have seen dozens of these but I have never seen a single one that provides better Cub Scouting than I have experienced at those put on by the many Cub Packs I have visited.

The Future

I hope that your district is providing these and more such services to you and your fellow Cub Scouters. The quality of our program depends on these volunteers continuing to work long after their

own boys have long left Cub Scouting behind. When your own stint as Akela to your Cub Scout is over, please consider joining your district team and extend this valuable tradition for the next generation of Cub Scout leaders. It's a rewarding experience.

SPECIAL OPPORTUNITIES

Duty to God Promotion Patch

P.R.A.Y. Publications

www.pravpub.org



Patch Availability

August 2010-July 2011: Fish

August 2011-July 2012: Eagle

August 2012-July 2013: Mountain

“Duty to God” is at the heart of the Scouting movement. Religious emblems reinforce this spiritual component and promote many of the values found in the Scouting program. The purpose of this “Duty to God Promotion Patch” is to encourage youth and adults to learn about and promote the religious emblems programs.

Requirements –

- ☆ Youth and adults must:
- ☆ Attend or coordinate a presentation or information seminar on religious emblems (sample resources and suggestions are available at www.pravpub.org).
- ☆ Make a commitment to fulfill their “Duty to God.”

Here are some examples:

- ☆ Adults can commit to having 50% of families participate in the religious emblems programs, nominating a worthy adult to be recognized with an adult religious award, serving as counselor in their local congregation, etc.
- ☆ Youth can commit to earning the religious emblem of their faith at an appropriate time, making a presentation on religious emblems to another unit, helping younger Scouts earn their religious emblem, etc.

The Patch

The Duty to God Promotion Patch is a four-segment puzzle patch. Only one segment will be offered in any given year. Participants are encouraged to earn all four segments over a four-year span. Visit

www.praypub.org to find out which patch is currently available. Patches may be pre-ordered for distribution at the presentation/ information seminar.

The DVD

The Duty to God Promotion DVD contains the resources to make a presentation on the religious emblems programs. These resources include the video "Promoting Duty to God (Religious Emblems)," Duty to God brochure/chart listing all religious emblems (No. 05-879), scripts (for presentations to Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, and Venturers), and Parent Handout.

Making a Presentation

- ☆ Find scripts, videos, handouts, and other resources at www.praypub.org
- ☆ Invite parents
- ☆ Provide information on emblems of ALL faiths
- ☆ Encourage Scouts to make a commitment to earn their religious emblem
- ☆ Present the Duty to God Promotion Patch to participants

Call and talk to the "Religious Emblems People" today!

1-800-933-7729 or visit them at www.praypub.org

CORE VALUE RELATED STUFF

Connecting Resourcefulness with Outdoor Activities

Chief Seattle Council

- ☆ **Hikes** - Take a "Search and Find" Hike. Look for different animal homes and discuss how resourceful they are in finding or making shelter.
- ☆ **Nature Activities** - Find NATURE everywhere - in a backyard, a puddle of water, a vacant lot, or a flowerpot. Examine different birds' nests and discuss how resourceful birds are in finding materials to use.
- ☆ **Service Projects** - Have the boys make a quilt from materials they glean from their closets (with parents' permission) or extra materials families have. Donate the quilt to a local shelter.
- ☆ **Games & Sports** - Play some problem-solving games. Have boys create their own game, or choose a pioneer style game or a game from another culture.
- ☆ **Ceremonies** - Point out the resourcefulness of a boy in accomplishing his advancements. Talk about prehistoric people and how they

made tools from what they found. Note that we all must work with what we have.

- ☆ **Campfires** - Have boys build an "Indoor Campfire" for those times when they want a campfire setting but cannot be outdoors.
- ☆ **Den Trips** - Visit a recycling center. Visit a quilt shop and talk about the history of quilts - how early Americans used everything they had. Discuss how early Americans had to raise and grow all their food.
- ☆ **Pack Overnighter** - Have an indoor overnighter, playing board games, cards, or games the boys love or have made themselves.

UNIVERSITY OF SCOUTING

University of Scouting is a Scout leader's learning adventure! It is an action-packed, fun-filled day of supplemental training where you choose the sessions that you want to take. Sessions are led by experienced volunteers, who will help you enhance your ability to deliver a fun and exciting program to the scouts.

Class sessions are designed to help leaders improve their skills and increase their knowledge about Cub Scouting, Boy Scouting, Venturing and Commissioner Service. The University of Scouting is a single day packed with a year's worth of fun, program ideas, and information.

This year we will be able to attend a University of Scouting on Saturday, January 22. It starts at 8am with Registration and Opening. Lunch is staggered and the day ends with a Closing Ceremony at 4pm. It will be held at the William Floyd High School in Shirley, NY.

Schedule and choices are available at the District Website and at www.sccbsa.org.

Please consider this worthwhile opportunity.

WEBELOS

Engineer



Engineer Ideas



- ☆ Draw a sketch of a bridge to build.
- ☆ Visit an office of civil engineers.
- ☆ Obtain a blue print of a building and ask an engineer to discuss the plans. Then tour the building.
- ☆ Visit a chemical production plant.
- ☆ Visit a college engineering department.
- ☆ Have an engineer visit your den and tell about his profession. He might be able to bring a set of blueprints, and explain the symbols used, and show how he uses blueprints.
- ☆ Visit The Corps of Engineers office if you are near one.
- ☆ Visit a bridge and take a tour.
- ☆ Measure the dimensions of your meeting place and include the location of doors and windows. Show how to sketch a simple floor plan with these measurements.
- ☆ Make catapults and have a contest. Demonstrate for the pack meeting.
- ☆ Have a resource person demonstrate the use of drafting tools.
- ☆ Visit a construction site with a contractor. Ask him to explain the use of blue prints and the order of construction.
- ☆ Have someone explain how to read topographic maps.

- ☆ Find pictures of different bridges and discuss the differences in their construction.

Types 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.

Geological & Mining Engineering: Includes activities related to the discovery and exploration of mineral deposits and the financing, construction, development, operation, recovery, processing, purification, and marketing of crude minerals and mineral products.

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.

Safety Engineering: Concerned with the prevention of accidents.

Sanitary Engineering: A branch of civil engineering that has acquired the impor-

tance of a specialized field due to its great importance for a healthy environment, especially in dense urban population areas.

Handyman



Handyman Ideas



- ☆ Have a clinic on the care and repair of bicycles. Set it up like a shop and have each boy bring his bike and do repairs, etc.
- ☆ Ask a cyclist to the den meeting to talk about proper care and maintenance of a bicycle.
- ☆ Have a bike inspection and bike rodeo.
- ☆ Invite someone from the local bicycling club to tell about the upcoming trips. Learn about the kinds of bicycles that are used.
- ☆ Visit a local bicycle shop and talk with the mechanic to see if he will show you how to do a safety check on your bike and perform minor adjustments.
- ☆ Organize a pack car wash.
- ☆ Visit a car wash facility.
- ☆ Visit a gas station, garage or tire repair shop.
- ☆ Have a family car inspection.
- ☆ Visit a service station. Ask an auto mechanic to show the different types of equipment they use. Watch a demonstration of preventative car maintenance.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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 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

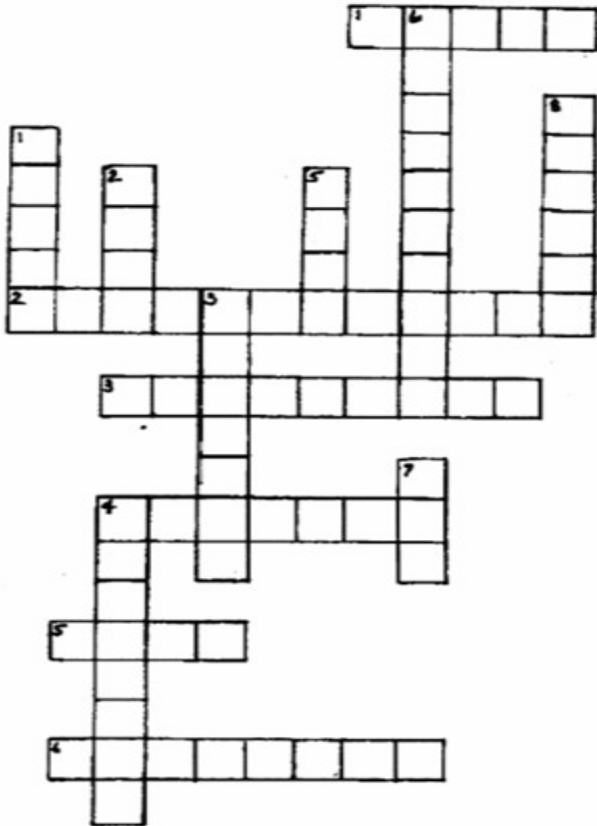
- 1-5 **Family Camp**
- 5-9 Cub Resident Camp

August

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

GATHERING ACTIVITIES

Cub Scout Crossword
Cascade Pacific Council



Across:

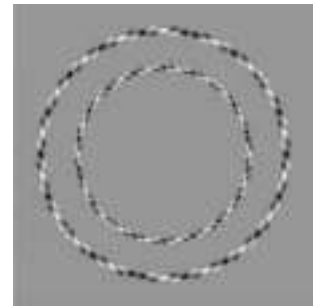
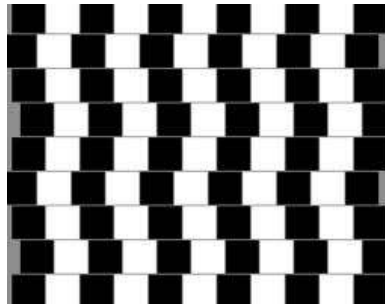
1. I wear it on my shirt to show my rank.
2. The highest award you earn in Cub Scouts
3. The _____ leads the pack.
4. Duty to God and Country is in the Cub Scout _____.
5. Do Your _____
6. When we are happy and helpful we give _____.

Down:

1. _____ means a good leader.
2. A third grade Cub Scout is a _____
3. Fourth and Fifth grade Cub Scouts are _____
4. Before you race this car you must build it.
5. A Second grade Cub Scout is a _____
6. The _____ comes in gold or silver.
7. Every week we meet in the _____.
8. The first rank you earn is _____.



Optical Illusions



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

January
Corner

National Mentoring Month

Hunt for Happiness, January 16-22

National Pie Day, January 23

Rising Star Month

No Name Calling Week, January 24-28

National Puzzle Day, January 29