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March 2011 Cub Scout Pack Meeting

COMPASSION

Tiger Cub, Wolf, Bear and Webelos Meeting

CORE VALUES

Cub Scout Roundtable Leaders' Guide

The core value highlighted this month is:

☆ **Compassion:** Being kind and considerate, and showing concern for the well-being of others. Cub Scouts will develop care and concern for the well-being of others by learning about simple first-aid and preparation for emergencies.

TRAINING TOPICS

Every Child Deserves a Safe Haven.

Baloo Bugle

Every child should feel safe: no monsters under the bed, no bullies or predators lying in wait, no cruelty, no rejection, and no intolerance.

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Our dens and our packs must provide this to each boy. He must always feel welcome, respected, and safe whenever he enters into our meetings and events. No exception is permissible.

A Special Place

The following is from an earlier Scoutmaster's Manual and has been often reprinted in Scouting venues.

Scouting is a special place. The rules are the ones we know well: the [Scout Oath and the Scout Law](#). We create a safe haven in Scouting, a place where everyone should feel physically and emotionally secure. We do this in several ways:

We set the example for ourselves and others by behaving as Scouts should. We live by the Scout Oath and Law each moment of each day, to the best of our abilities.

We refuse to tolerate any kind of inappropri-

ate put-down, name-calling or physical aggression.

We communicate our acceptance of each participant and each other through expressions of concern for them and by showing our appreciation whenever possible.

We create an environment based on learning and fun. We seek the best from each participant, and we do our best to help him achieve it.

When Dave Lyons added this to a Training Tip years ago, he emphasized that rules implicit the Cub Scout Promise and the Law of the Pack were just as viable. It equally applies to Cub Scouting as well.

Just how can we turn our dens, our packs, our schools and even our homes into these safe havens? How do we recognize and then eliminate the conditions and situations that cause fear, intimidation or rejection? Like many other aspects, it takes commitment, planning and perseverance by all of us.

Start At The Top

We must start by recognizing that establishing quality is a top-down process. The Pack Committee, top leadership and even the Chartered Organization people must work together to get it off the ground. These are the adults who must show the example by behaving as Scouts should.

Buy-in By All

It is important that every leader – indeed every parent – in the pack agrees to our plan to make our pack a safe haven. That we will faithfully follow the rules in *The Guide To Safe Scouting*, and that we will do our best to ensure that each Cub Scout feels welcome, safe and secure

They need to make scouts feel free of physical and emotionally threats and intimidation, and welcome, accepted and respected. Once they agree that our pack and our dens will be safe havens and then act that way, things are off and running.

Choice of Activities

Scouting events need to provide a friendly, cheerful and affirming environment for ALL scouts. In our own conduct we must avoid unnecessary roughness, physical and verbal threats, foul language, and disrespect, and we should not tolerate such behavior by others. Cub Scouting should be fun, it should build character, and it should give scouts opportunities to gain confidence and self-respect by their successes. Avoiding negative behavior is not enough. We need to look for ways to make every boy feel welcome and respected. To see that all Cubs feel included and are encouraged by their involvement with the pack we can —

- ☆ Actively welcome and attempt to draw all boys into den and pack activities.
- ☆ Watch for those who feel left out because of their own limitations and interests, or because of something that happened; then we can intervene to give help and good will to such boys so that we can bring them back into our group.

*Adapted from Jerry Stedinger, Troop 2,
Baden-Powell Council; www.Scoutmaster.org*

Communication Is Important.

The better that the families in each den and in the entire pack know each other, the easier it is to establish safe havens. If you know a boy and know his family, you are more likely to watch out for him and keep him safe. He is more likely to trust you and come to you for help. Activities that bring families together – like Blue and Gold Banquets, pack picnics and campouts – foster good communication channels. When you plan these events, look for ways to mix families so they get to meet different people and get to know each other. Just knowing a boy by name encourages a certain guardian relationship. This is another good reason to always emphasize his name when honoring a Cub Scout in a pack ceremony.

Know Your Children's Friends

Parents must be vigilant. You have to be aware of who your children associate with both in and out of school. One of the huge benefits of Cub Scouting is that parents are forced to meet and communicate with other neighborhood parents which puts you one good step ahead. After a year in Tigers, two Cub Scout and two Webelos years, parents should feel comfortable checking with each other on all sorts of subjects that concern them. These relations can be invaluable to parents as their kids enter the teen years.

Den Codes of Conduct are Essential Tools.

Boys feel more secure when things are orderly and routine. It is important that Cubs not only are safe but that they also feel safe. Your den Code of Conduct should do just that. It should have a lot of boy-input so they feel ownership and should also address interpersonal relations that may be intimidating or threatening. At every den meeting a boy should be able to say, "I'm safe, I'm with friends, I'm having fun, and I belong."

SPECIAL OPPORTUNITIES

Disabilities Awareness

www.ussscouts.org

This subject was added in 2009. This is one area where a Cub Scout of any age can show Compassion.

Belt Loop



Requirements

Tiger Cubs, Cub Scouts, and Webelos Scouts may complete requirements in a family, den, pack, school, or community environment. Tiger Cubs must work with their parents or adult partners. Parents and partners do not earn loops or pins.

Complete these three requirements:

1. Visit with a friend, family member, classmate, or other person with disabilities. Find out what this person enjoys and what this person finds difficult.
2. Attend a disabilities event such as an Easter Seals event, Special Olympics, a performance with sign language interpretation, an activity with Guiding Eyes dogs, or a wheelchair race. Tell your adult leader what you thought about the experience.
3. Make a display about one or more disabilities. It can include physical, learning, or mental challenges. Share the display at a pack meeting.

Academics Pin



Earn the Disabilities Awareness belt loop, and complete five of the following requirements:

- ☆ People with disabilities move around in different ways such as crutches, scooters, and wheelchairs.

Explain the differences. With an adult's supervision and permission, try to safely use one.

- ☆ Using sign language, demonstrate the Cub Scout Promise and motto.
- ☆ Read a book about a person with a disability.
- ☆ Explain how your school helps students with disabilities (elevators, ramps, small classes, special tools and equipment, specialized teachers)
- ☆ Describe one of the following and its purpose: occupational therapy, speech therapy, or physical therapy. Visit with a person who works in one of these fields and learn about his or her position.
- ☆ Read about a famous person who has been physically or mentally challenged. Report what you learned to your den or family.
- ☆ For two one-hour periods, and with adult supervision, go about your normal routine doing chores, watching television, studying, etc. Change your abilities by using one of these experiences, then share what you learned with your den.
 - ☆ Hearing impairment — Muffle your ears with earmuffs or bandages.
 - ☆ Sight impairment — Blindfold one or both eyes.
 - ☆ Physical impairment— Bind an arm or leg so that it cannot be used.
 - ☆ Speaking impairment — Cover your mouth or do not speak
 - ☆ Choose an impairment of your own that is approved by an adult
- ☆ Look at a catalog and find three items that could help a person with disabilities in their daily life. Explain how each item would help the individual.
- ☆ Volunteer and help someone with disabilities in school, sports, or another supervised activity.
- ☆ Visit a nursing home or elderly person and help someone with a meal.
- ☆ Talk to someone who works with people who have disabilities. Ask what the person's position is like and how he or she helps people with disabilities.

CORE VALUE
RELATED STUFF

**Connecting Compassion
with Outdoor Activities**

Chief Seattle Council

(Adapted from B.A.L.O.O. Appendix E)

- ☆ Hikes - Take turns carrying items for each other on a hike. Do an "Inch Hike" to become aware of small animals we may harm if walking quickly.
- ☆ Nature Activities - Make bird feeders and keep them filled for at least one winter season. Play "The Camera Game" from the Cub Scout Leader's How to Book.
- ☆ Service Projects - Give service to elderly or disabled people, such as helping with trash, filling birdfeeders, planting flowers, sweeping, watering, taking in newspapers, etc.
- ☆ Games & Sports - Experience a disability in a game or sport. For instance by being blindfolded or having an arm rendered unusable, teach understanding when others have trouble with a game. Never tease. Show how winning is doing one's best.
- ☆ Ceremonies - Hold a ceremony to recognize compassionate behavior - especially compassion to peers.
- ☆ Campfires - Give a skit showing compassionate behavior. Don't laugh if someone makes a mistake. Clap and cheer for everyone.
- ☆ Den Trips - Visit shut-ins and/or elderly people at times other than holidays. Be patient and compas-

ANNIVERSARY WEEK HIGHLIGHTS

The Jewish Committee on Scouting is hosting a workshop for their Cub Scout Emblems, to help Jewish Cub Scouts earn their Maccabee and Aleph Emblems. For information on these workshops/classes, please contact Alan Morris at aamdpm@aol.com or our own Barry Kopeloff at dodey48@optonline.net for more details.

If you need Scout Sunday/Sabbath patches, the Catholic Committee on Scouting has some for sale. Please see the Events page on the District website for an order form or email Sylvia Murdolo at encourager@optonline.net.

I have also received information from Paul Callegari that he and his pastor will be holding Religious Emblem classes using the God and Me (Grades 1-3) and God and Family (Grades 4-5) for Webelos Scouts at Trinity Lutheran Church, Route 25A in Rocky Point. Classes will begin on February 12 and continue up to six weeks until emblem is completed. Class starts at 1pm on Saturdays and are lead by Paul and Pastor Bruce Kaifler. Cost is \$10 per Scout. For more information or to sign-up, call Mr. Callegari at 631-924-8143.



sionate when waiting for others who need to rest or are slower.

- ☆ Pack Overnighter - The B.A.L.O.O. syllabus does not list Pack Overnighter for four Core Values. This is one of the four. Not sure why. You could do the hike or game activity on the camping trip. Maybe have them try and set up a tent with an arm rendered unusable.

Cubs For Cubs

I can't wait to experience this year's Cubs for Cubs event. This year's theme is **Circus** and I think that the possibilities are endless. What makes us laugh? What amazes us? What confuses us and then teaches us lessons? How would your pack answers some of these questions? Do a booth and amaze the visiting Cub Scouts.

Some details:

Date: Saturday, April 30

Time: Setup: 9-10:30, 11am Start

Location: Baiting Hollow Scout Camp
WEBELOS:

Have the opportunity to camp out until Sunday, May 1. Checkout time is 10am. Bring food, equipment and a parent for a memorable campout.

I don't know about you but I love the Tiger Float Parade. The kids are so cute in their blue uniforms and they enjoy the crowd's attention as the parade goes around the Parade Ground.

What would a Cubs for Cubs Event be without the District Pinewood Derby Run-off? Bring your top speed Pinewood Derby cars and match your skills against other cars from other district packs.

For further information please see the flyer on the website Events page. Still need

some ideas, contact the Chairman of the Event, Brian Heinrichs. You can reach him by email at bheinric@optonline.net.

Scouting for Food

Our Annual Scouting for Food is scheduled for Saturday, March 19 starting at 9am at the Coram Firehouse on Middle Country Road. We get a lot of packs coming forward to do their share of community work. Bring your kids and your collected food and help the hungry of our community. Ask us for bags or visit the Council Service Center in Medford for King Kullen Bags. Contact the committee for questions:

- ☆ Gerri Alfano (email: gacommish@aol.com)
- ☆ Donna Dunn (email: DonnaDunn@aol.com)
- ☆ Ida Brownley (email: IdaBrownley@aol.com)

Great Brookhaven Clean-up

APRIL 16, 2011

Over the past few years, Brookhaven has benefited from the many Scouts who are assigned to a particular area close to where they meet. It seems as if they are seen all over the place. I seen their bright yellow-green shirts on the sides of main thoroughfares doing their very best for their community.

Every spring, individual volunteers and groups join the Great American Cleanup™, the nation's largest organized cleanup, beautification and community improvement program. Last year, over 2.3 million people in more than 15,000 communities all across America volunteered to pick up millions of

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tons of litter, renew parks, plant community gardens, beautify miles of roadway, and clean up rivers, lakes and seashores in their community, and more.

The volunteers know that they really make a difference, and the results are dramatic! The communities look clean and beautiful, and there is a new sense of hometown pride and accomplishment.

BALOO Training

Our Training Chair Ken Tinsley is anticipating a successful session on Saturday, March 12 at his BALOO Training. The very best Packs make sure that the best den leaders come to the training for a successful Pack camping experience. Check the Training page for the flyer and registration. It starts at 8:30am and will let out at 5pm. For your \$25, you will get food, drinks and course materials. Any questions call Ken at 631-476-1698.

Cub Fun & Faith Day

The Catholic Committee on Scouting for Suffolk County Council would like to invite all Cub Scouts and Webelos for a special day of Fun & Faith on Saturday, April 9.

Come to the beautiful grounds of Our Lady of the Island in Eastport. The facility has beautiful grounds including a prominent Stations of the Cross and Rosary Walk. We will have a day in Lent to reflect the beauty of Easter and Springtime.

Please see the committee's website: (www.ccos-drvc.org) for the registration

form. Early registration saves \$1 off the regular registration of \$8.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

February

- 6 Scout Sunday
- 10 Roundtable at Baiting Hollow Scout Camp
- 12 Scout Sabbath
- 27 JCOS' Awards Breakfast

March

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

April

- 9 Cub Fun & Faith Day
- 14 Roundtable at Baiting Hollow Scout Camp
- 30 Cub for Cub

May

- 7 AM: Work Day at BHSC
PM: District Dinner
- 12 Roundtable at Norwood ES
- 20-22 JCOS Conclave at BHSC (Family Camping for Cub Scouts)
- 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



Happy Earth Day

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Responsible Pet Owner's Month

International Friendship Week, Feb. 17-23

Pluto (the Planet) Day, February 18

National Time Management Month

Read Me Week, Feb. 21-25

For Pete's Sake Day, February 26