



# THE TETAUKET SPY

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CUB SCOUT POCKETS

Webelos: Communicator & Citizen

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## MONTHLY THEME INFORMATION FOCUS

What can possibly be in a Cub Scout's pocket? What is in a boy's pocket can tell a lot about who he is and what he likes. The boys can share and show off their collections and maybe even start a new one! Put some marbles in the boy's pockets and teach him how to play the game of marbles. Pick an interest of the boys and go on a field trip to explore and learn about it. Maybe a trip to a rock quarry in search of fossils, or a nature hike around the den meeting site to pick up items. This is also a great month to educate the boys on what can go on their uniform and then make some goals to accomplish their rank advancement, special awards, belt loops and pins, and involvement in camps and council events. This might be a good month to work on the Collecting or Marbles 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:

- ☞ **Family Understanding**, Cub Scouts and their family members share memories through their collections.
- ☞ **Personal Achievement**, Boys take pride in their new interests and collections.
- ☞ **Fun and Adventure**, Starting a new hobby is an adventure that can lead to hours of FUN

The core value highlighted this month is:

- ☞ **Honesty**, While enjoying and sharing their hobby of collecting, the boys will learn the importance of being trustworthy and loyal.

## **CUB SCOUTS - 2010**

The **2009-2010 Roundtable Planning Guide** has this announcement about the **end of monthly themes**:

“New for 2010-2011: Beginning in September 2010 and the 2010-2011 program year, the method of presenting Cub Scout den and pack meetings will undergo exciting enhancements with big benefits for boys, den leaders, and pack leaders. With these enhancements, monthly themes will no longer be used.”

[www.kismif.org](http://www.kismif.org) has the following from a National Innovation Council update via the Cornhusker Council website.

“Cub Scouts 2010. The development of materials to support the change in the delivery method for Cub Scouts continues. Teams of volunteers are working to make the necessary changes within publications and training. A full timeline of deliverables will be rolled out at Top Hands in August.

**Highlights include:**

- ☞ **A new Den and Pack Leader's Resource Guide**—a one stop tool for running den and pack meetings. This will replace Program Helps. This new resource will be available online and in print.
- ☞ **Den meeting plans**, the core to this methodology, are being expanded to support dens that meet year-round. These plans also will support those that don't work around a school-year calendar and those that meet more frequently than twice per month. Plans will support advancement, electives, activity badges, and summer-time activities and awards.
- ☞ **Fast Start** (den leader and Cubmaster) and **Leader Specific Training** (den leader and Cubmaster) will be changing to reflect the change in delivery method and to better time

content delivery with new leaders' information needs. Den Leader and Cubmaster Leader Specific Training will be available online as well as in a trainer-presented format.

- **Roundtable** will be largely unaffected, although the seasonal themes used historically will be discontinued in favor of a calendar more tightly aligned with the traditional Scouting calendar.”

### Knives – Guide to Safe Scouting

A sharp pocketknife with a can opener on it is an invaluable backcountry tool. Keep it clean, sharp, and handy. Avoid large sheath knives. They are heavy and awkward to carry, and unnecessary for most camp chores except for cleaning fish. Since its inception, Boy Scouting has relied heavily on an outdoor program to achieve its objectives. This program meets more of the purposes of Scouting than any other single feature. We believe we have a duty to instill in our members, youth and adult, the knowledge of how to use, handle, and store legally owned knives with the highest concern for safety and responsibility.

Remember—knives are not allowed on school premises, nor can they be taken aboard commercial aircraft.

*References: Boy Scout Handbook, Fieldbook, Bear Cub Scout Book, and Wolf Cub Scout Book*

## TRAINING TIP

### Parents and Family

The [Cub Scout program of the Boy Scouts of America](#) underscores the relationship of the family to the Scouting program and the importance of the family in the development of the Cub Scout age boy. Cub Scouting gives families sets of age appropriate activities structured so that parents and other family members have considerable control of how the Cub Scout grows.

Families are the basis of society. It is in the family that a child learns at an early age about love, values, social interactions, self-esteem, and preparation for today's world. Today's family has been targeted as vital to the future of our nation and our world.

[The BSA Family Program](#)

The Cub Scout program of the Boy Scouts of America is unique among the various Cub programs in the World Scouting movement. Our method is based on activities a boy could do around his own home or in his immediate neighborhood. While most other Cub organizations conducted a sort of “junior Boy Scout” program, with a few leaders in each pack, the BSA opts for something quite differ-

ent: fun stuff right in and near his home.

Family involvement is an essential part of Cub Scouting. When we speak of parents or families, we are not referring to any particular family structure. Some boys live with two parents, some live with one parent, some have foster parents, and some live with other relatives or guardians. Whoever a boy calls his family is his family in Cub Scouting.

### [Purposes and Methods of Cub Scouting](#)

When we fail to involve the parents and the rest of the family in the Cub Scout program, we deliver a second-rate value to the boys. It will lack one of the important aims of the program: **Family Understanding**. We should be building those traits that will help the boy grow to become a good husband and father. Making family an integral part of Cub Scouting helps to make that happen. Of course, it is not always easy to do that. It doesn't work automatically. It takes a certain amount of knowledge and skill to convince a reticent parent to get involved. It might also take some effort and patience to sell the benefits to overworked, busy parents. It might seem easier to take the shortcut and leave the parents and family out of the picture.

Every time I hear the excuse that parents in our pack just won't cooperate, I wonder how much effort was taken to find out what those adamant folk wanted for their sons. How much time was taken to get to know the parents, and to explain how valuable their interest and involvement would be to the boy's development.

Do those uncooperative parents love their kids? Do they care about their sons' growth and what sort of adults they will turn into? Or are we so caught up in our own roles as Cub Scout leaders that we take the easy route and not even bother trying – let alone do our best. Most parents of Cub Scouts will be influenced by one or more of the following factors:

**LOVE** - Most parents love their children and want to express their love in tangible ways.

**CHILDHOOD MEMORIES**- Many adults have fond recollections of their own good times with youth organizations like Scouting. They want their children to have similar opportunities and are willing to work to make it happen.

**AIMS AND IDEALS** - We want our children to grow up to become good citizens with strong character traits and to be physically and mentally fit. Giving Good Will, Helping Other People, and Duty to God and Country, are important educational goals.

**STRENGTHEN THE FAMILY** - The Cub Scout program is designed to strengthen communication and respect between family members.

**ROLE MODEL-** Parents are role models for their children. Taking an active part in their son's Cub Scout program is a way of teaching boys how to make things happen. Every boy deserves to see his parents doing something important for his pack or den.

### How many minutes does he get?

Bringing a boy's family into his Cub Scouting fun and adventure has the effect of multiplying the benefits many times. A Cubmaster's direct contact with any one boy is miniscule. It becomes apparent that the CM had little or no practical effect on a boy's growth. The CM's job was to enhance the ability of others to do that.

Den leaders spend more time with each Cub Scout. A good DL will have quality one-on-one experience for several minutes every week with each Cub Scout. Just think of how much more personal growth is possible in one hour a week with six or eight rambunctious, very unique Cub Scouts. Obviously much more effect than what a mere Cubmaster can provide.

However once the parents become part of his Cub Scouting, the time element explodes. Something as simple as preparing a meal (Wolf Req. 8C) can be as much as an hour of quality one-on-one time for just that boy. A lot of ordinary family living is described in the boys' books and so can be part of Cub Scouting. Each boy spends a lot more time with parents and other family members than he does with pack or den leaders. The parents have ample opportunities to either enhance the benefits of our program or diminish them. Which do we want?

The key, of course, is to convince parents, right from the start, that they are Akelas, that they have the abilities and the responsibilities to use the time they spend with their sons to achieve those ten purposes of Cub Scouting. Almost any of the activities that families engage in can relate back to Cub Scout ideals and methods. Whenever we can accomplish this, we greatly multiply our power to help the boy grow. Cub Scouting then, is no longer just one hour a week, but becomes as much time each boy spends with his family. This is a huge improvement over what we can accomplish by ourselves..

We leaders must take on the job of selling this concept to parents as soon as their sons join. Fast Start, Parent Meetings, face-to-face interviews, messages delivered in ceremonies, newsletters and web sites all can be used effectively to get parents on board. The *Scout Parents Unit Coordinator Fast Start* on E-Learning and the [Scout Parents web site](#) have more good ideas. We

really want parents to understand the purposes and Character Connections in our program and then use them in every day life.

The Yankee Clipper Council gives this advice to parents:

As you learn more about how Cub Scouting works and what goes on in a den and a pack, you will see that the program helps your boy in these five important developmental needs.


The uniqueness of Cub Scouting is that you, as his family, join the program with your boy. You will help him all along the way.

[Cub Scouting and Your Family](#)

Getting parents involved is not an easy task for leaders to do. It takes planning, a total commitment of the pack leadership, and often an unbelievable amount of patience to pull it off. For some leaders, it will take a complete turn around in attitude. It's so easy to treat parents as uncooperative Philistines looking for baby sitting. Yes, parents are busy and have all sorts of competing priorities but they also love their kids and want them to get the best out whatever they do. We have a great program of ethical education mixed with fun and adventure. It's our job as leaders to convince parents that Cub Scouting has wonderful tools for them to use with their Cub Scout sons.

### Scouting is primarily, an educational program.

- ☛ The program teaches boys a complex of moral and ethical traits that promote self-reliance, self-discipline, self-confidence and self respect.
- ☛ We teach young men the duties, obligations, privileges and functions of citizenship.
- ☛ We promote healthy, drug free, growth and developing physical skills.
- ☛ We practice mental skills of judgment, problem solving, concentration and imagination.



**It's that time again**

## POPCORN FUNDRAISER

**August 31 is our Annual Popcorn  
Kick-off Event. Get your Unit Kernel and Contact  
Donna Dunn District Kernel**

**for more information on how to take advantage  
of this great method of Fundraising. Donna can  
be reached by phone 736-5518 or by email:  
[DonnaDunn@aol.com](mailto:DonnaDunn@aol.com).**

## WEBELOS COMMUNICATOR

### *Baltimore Area Council*

The activities required for this badge help a Webelos Scout to understand how he and others communicate.

Webelos enjoy being able to communicate in code it's like knowing a happy secret. Codes are used all over the world. When you send a telegram or a cable, you are sending a kind of code. During war-time, codes are an important way for sending secret messages. Even the brands marked on cattle and markings on planes and ships are kinds of code. Codes usually have two parts. The first is making the code, known as "encoding" the message. The second part is called "decoding", which tells the person who receives the encoded message how to read and understand it. Part of the Community group.

### **Objectives**

To learn about various forms of communication problems that other people may have. To become aware of different ways that people can communicate.

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

- ☞ Have a visually impaired, hearing impaired, or speech impaired person or a teacher for those with these impairments explain their compensatory forms of communication.
- ☞ At the local library, find books about secret codes and various forms of communications.
- ☞ Visit the base of a ham radio operator.
- ☞ Have a parent who uses a computer in his/her job explain its functions. Visit a computer store
- ☞ Visit a travel agent to see how a computer is used to book a flight. This could also be used as part of the Traveler Activity Badge, as you determine cost per mile of various modes of transportation.

## CITIZEN

### *Santa Clara Council*

This activity badge focuses on developing leadership and good citizenship characteristics in the youth. While working on this badge it is a great time to work on flag ceremonies and proper respect for the flag and the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **OBJECTIVES**

To foster citizenship in WEBELOS Scouts. To teach boys to recognize the qualities of a good citizen. To introduce boys to the structure of the U.S. government. To familiarize boys with basics of

American history. To convince boys that laws are beneficial. To encourage WEBELOS Scouts to become community volunteers.

### **Den Activities**

- ☞ Discuss requirements of badge with boys. Decide on a good turn for school, church or community and plan how to carry it out. Boys make logbooks to record their work on the badge.
- ☞ Plan a special good turn for the next Pack meeting; such as setting up chairs, ushering, clean-up, etc.
- ☞ Visit a local government agency. Find out how it works, what service it provides, how it affects boys and their families.

### **Decommissioning a United States Flag Properly**

#### *Great Salt Lake Council*

*"The flag, when it is in such condition that it is no longer a fitting emblem of display, should be destroyed in a dignified way, preferably by burning." (The United States Flag Code)*

I always get asked how to decommission a flag properly, so here is a simple and dignified way in which to decommission the flag.

1. Gather the Den or Pack to flagpole and fire pit. Make sure they are all at attention and this is a great time to teach and instruct them on the meaning of the flag and how to show proper respect for the flag. Make sure to tell them that by burning the flag tonight it shows our dedication and respect to this sacred emblem of our country.
2. Raise the flag one last time in a proper flag ceremony and salute and repeat the Pledge of Allegiance one last time. Then lower the flag and use two or four people to hold the corners of the flag.
3. Hold the flag over the fire and when the middle of the flag starts on fire fold the corners in so none of the flag's ashes falls to the ground but all of it stays in the fire pit. Keep someone to watch the fire until it dies out.
4. Let the fire continue to burn and die out on its own. When the fire is completely gone and the coals are cool, retrieve the grommets and present them to someone special. (This could be a Scout leader, the owner of the flag, or military servicemen's family or anyone else.) An idea to make sure the boys remember the experience is to use 35mm film canister and present each boy some of the ashes from the fire so they can hold them dear and remember the event. To learn more about how to properly decommission the flag, talk to the Veterans of Foreign Wars or the American Legion. Suffolk County Council holds a Flag Retirement Ceremony every year. The date for this year's is June 12, 2010.

# BENJAMIN TALLMADGE DISTRICT 2009-2010 YEAR'S CALENDAR

## **MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

**Summer events are at  
Baiting Hollow Scout Camp**

### **August, 2009**

13 Roundtable and Annual Cook-out

31 Popcorn Kick-Off Event

### **September, 2009**

4-6 Family Camp at BHSC

10 Roundtable

14 Show-N-Sell Orders Due

25 & 26 Show-N-Sell Distribution

26 TRAINING: Cub Leader Position Specific

### **October, 2009**

3-4 TRAINING: Webelos Leader Outdoor Training

8 Roundtable

24 Baiting Halloween

### **November, 2009**

7 Show-N-Sell Product Return

7-8 Webelos Woods

9 Take Order & Prizes Due

12 Roundtable

14 TRAINING: Cub Leader Position Specific

20 & 21 Take Order Distribution

27 CCOS Advent Prayer Service

### **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 100 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

tbd 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

F R P O E K A H S K L I M Z E  
 I N O G D R I N K S S C I M I  
 C L P A A S L U S H E E R I L  
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 R O O T B E E R F L O A T D E  
 E I S S T D E D A R E P V C A  
 A E N B T E E F E D O P I O D  
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 A P U N C H M I M E Y N M O F  
 A S L E A X E I H T O O M S A  
 N D E R T T L H E G P R E A T

GATORADE	ICE CREAM SODA	ICED CAPPUCCINO	ICED COFFEE	ICED TEA
JUICE	KOOL AID	LEMONADE	LIMEADE	MILK
MILKSHAKE	PUNCH	ROOT BEER FLOAT	SLUSHEE	SMOOTHIE
SODA POP	SUNNY D	TANG	WATER	YOP



### August Anticipation

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

American Indian Heritage Month	Assistance Dog Week: Aug. 9-15	National Relaxation Day, August 15
Happiness Happens Month	Be Kind To Humankind Week, Aug. 25-31	Be an Angel Day, August 22