

Prayer From Apollo

Have the pack form a large brotherhood circle (arms over each other's shoulders) and then read the prayer that was broadcast from outer space by Frank Borman from the Apollo in December, 1968.

"Give us, O God, the vision which can see Thy love in the world in spite of human failure. Give us the faith to trust Thy goodness in spite of our ignorance and weakness. Give us the knowledge that we may continue to pray with understanding hearts, and show us what each one of us can do to set forward the coming of universal peace." At this time, ask for a moment of silence, then dismiss the pack.

Tomorrow's World

In Tomorrow's World, our life will be different than it is today. We can only imagine what our life will be like.

Your presence tonight signifies that you are committed to making our country a strong nation and Scouting a good influence for our children and grandchildren. Scouting will surely be different in the future but the principles will still be the same – the building of a boy with strong character and prepared for leadership.

To touch the past, touch a stone.

To touch the present, touch a flower.

To touch the future, touch the mind of a boy.

## **TRADITIONAL BLUE AND GOLD**

### **OPENING CEREMONIES**

Magic Candles

You will need white candles, approximately 8" long, blue and yellow crayons, a drill, block paraffin

Drill \_" holes every inch down opposite sides of the candle. Put the crayons, one color at a time, in a plastic bag or between two pieces of waxed paper, and crush with a mallet or wooden spoon. Fill the holes in the candle with blue crayon bits on one side and yellow on the other side. Melt a block of paraffin and remove from the heat. As the paraffin starts to cool, whip with a fork or whisk (something you don't mind getting wax on), much like you are beating eggs or cream. As the paraffin cools, it will get the appearance of whipped cream. Working quickly, cover the sides of the candle with the whipped paraffin to hide the holes (use the fork or wear rubber gloves to protect your hands from the hot wax). If desired, sprinkle the candle with blue and gold glitter before the wax completely cools.

As the candle burns, it will drip blue and gold. Magic!

Magic Candle Opening Ceremony #1

CUB #1 We will open the Blue and Gold banquet by lighting this candle (light the Magic Candle).

Most candles are nothing but wax and string. They can mean many things to each of us – truth, warmth and loyalty. This is a special candle because in it we have mixed the colors of the Blue and Gold of Cub Scouting.

CUB #2 The white represents a well-planned Cub Scout program

CUB #3 The blue represents the boys – full of un, mischief and curiosity

CUB #4 The gold represents the well trained leaders – helpful and interested in the boys

CUB #5 The flame which draws from all three represents the spirit of Cub Scouting. Will you please rise and join me in the Cub Scout Promise?

Magic Candle Opening Ceremony #2 – The Magic Light of Scouting

Cub Scouts hold magic candles while the poem is being read, then candles are placed on each of the banquet tables so everyone can watch the blue and gold colors appear as they burn.

Our candle stands tall, straight and white.  
It burns and gives forth inspiring light.  
As its light shines forth, you will see  
Our colors blue and gold are regal as can be.  
As the blue appears, think of truth and loyalty  
The sky so blue, steadfastness and spirituality.  
When the gold shines forth, be of good cheer  
And think of the happiness and the sunlight so clear.  
As our candle's flame reaches toward the sky so blue  
Let us ask the Lord to give us wisdom to lead each boy straight and true.  
Hold each of us to be like our candles, straight and tall  
And to be inspired to give to God and our country, our all.

Celebrate Cub Scouting - Cub Scouting is.....

Arrangement: Seven Cubs line up across stage holding up posters as indicated. Each says his line pausing a moment after the CUB SCOUTING IS.....

FIRST CUB: (Holds up poster of Bobcat Badge)

Let's Celebrate Cub Scouting. Cub Scouting is.....

That new bobcat that the cub scout promise makes.

SECOND CUB: (Holds up a poster of Wolf Badge)

Cub Scouting is.....

That wolf cub when his first achievement he undertakes.

THIRD CUB. (Holds up poster for Bear Badge)

Cub Scouting is.....

That older bear cub who can tackle much more.

FOURTH CUB: (Holds up poster with Webelos emblem on it)

Cub Scouting is.....

That Webelos Scout who's running up a fine activity badge score.

FIFTH CUB: (Holds up poster with word FUN on it)

Cub Scouting is.....

All that plus much more too, giving us the reason what we're here to do.

SIXTH CUB: (Holds up poster with picture of a Cub Scout)

Cub Scouting is....

That boy clad in gold and blue making, this meeting important to me and to you.

SEVENTH CUB: (Holds up some type of patriotic poster)

Cub Scouting is.....

Being a good citizen you see, so won't you now pledge allegiance to our flag with me. (This Cub leads audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.)

### The History Of Scouting

In 1910, newspapers featured Model T Fords chugging along rutted roads at 8 miles an hour; Detroit's center fielder, Ty Cobb, batting .385; and Tom Swift hitting the book market with a bang. Buried deep in one newspaper, it was reported: "William D. Boyce, a Chicago publisher, incorporated the Boy Scouts of America in Washington, D.C. on February 8." That was all it said.

We can't blame reporters for missing the biggest story of the day, because who could have guessed that from such a small beginning, Scouting would become the giant it is today? From about 2,000 Boy Scouts and leaders in 1910, Scouting in the United States has grown to nearly 6 million strong. Although changes have been made in Scouting over the years, the ideals and principles have remained the same since its beginning--service to others and duty to God and country. Please join me in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### Scouting Is...

- Cub 1: As we prepare to join together in a banquet to celebrate the birthday of Scouting, it is important to remember why we chose to join the Scouting movement.
- Cub 2: Scouting is a program for young men and boys, which is much bigger than just the people who are Scouts. When we join together, we are able to do more and be more than just ourselves.
- Cub 3: Scouting is a sea of blue and gold uniforms. Scouting is a shirt full of patches. Scouting is a new neckerchief slide that you made yourself.
- Cub 4: Scouting is a new pocketknife and bandaged finger. Scouting is a picnic and a sack lunch. Scouting is learning a new game. Scouting is putting the worm on the fishhook yourself.
- Cub 5: Scouting is a hike in the park. Scouting is learning a new game. Scouting is picking sides and being chosen first.
- Cub 6: Scouting is all of these things and many more. To each of us it is a different experience. Most importantly, Scouting is caring parents and leaders who bring Scouting to each of us each and every week.
- All: Scouting is the Blue and Gold we celebrate here tonight. May we be grateful for past good fortune.

### Opening

Scouting was started by Lord Baden Powell of yore  
To teach young boys hunting and tracking lore.  
Our boys learn to have pride in all that they do  
Whether it be daily activities, crafts, or what have you.  
So wear the Blue & Gold for truth and spirituality,  
Also for sunshine, happiness, and steadfast loyalty.

### Blue and Gold Welcome

- Cub 1: We'd truly like to welcome you.  
To our banquet of gold and blue
- Cub 2: The food is great, the program grand  
And everyone lent a hand
- Cub 3: We're having a party to celebrate  
The Cub Scout birthday
- Cub 4: And we give our thanks to all those who  
Have helped promote the gold and blue.
- Cub 5: Blue and gold are our colors true  
No other colors would really do.

Cub 6: Blue is the color of the sky above.  
Gold is for sunshine, warmth, and love  
Cub 7: Come join us in our Cub Scout fun  
And delight in our colors of sky and sun  
Cub 8: So now we'll say it loud and bold  
Welcome to our Blue and Gold.

## INVOCATIONS

### A Reflection on the Philmont Grace

FOR FOOD: For food of combined thought from all around the world, to help us grow wiser in Scouting  
FOR RAIMENT: For our Scouting uniform, which we have not only the blessing to wear, but the duty to honor  
FOR LIFE: For a life of freedom in these great United States, a nation unsurpassed anywhere on this fragile planet, where we are truly free to live the aims of Scouting  
FOR OPPORTUNITY: For the opportunity of Scouting itself – to be here with you – some of the finest people in Scouting  
FOR FRIENDSHIP: For those we have met through Scouting and grown to love through that common interest – our love for ideals that we offer to the boys who mean so much to us.  
AND FELLOWSHIP: To share a laugh, to help a friend in some small way. To share a sunrise, a sunset. To climb a mountain and reach the stars.  
WE THANK THEE, O LORD: The one to whom we owe so much. Amen.

Invocation: Dear God, bless all the Scouts around the world. Help us to remember that we are all working together to help make our world a better place. Guide our words and our actions so that we set the kind of example you want us to set. Amen.

### Invocation

We fold our hands and bow our heads;  
And than thee Lord for our daily bread;  
For home and school and family,  
WE give thanks O Lord to thee.  
Teach us to be both brae and true;  
And bless our banquet, Gold and Blue.

Invocation: Our God and God of our fathers, we gather as loyal members of our Cub Scout Pack, and we pray for Thy blessings. Give us the vision to see our duty and the courage to perform it. Teach us to walk together in the spirit of brotherhood, so that we are true to Thee, who art Father of all. Guide us and guard us so that we shall be faithful sons of the righteous God, who is from everlasting to everlasting.

Invocation: Our dear Heavenly Father, we ask your blessing on the families in our Cub Scout Pack. We ask a special blessing on each Tiger Cub, Cub Scout, and Webelos as they give service to other people. Guide their steps as they grow into men, and help them as they do their duty to You and our country. Bless our food and the people who have prepared it.

Cub Scout Prayer: O Lord, that I will do my best. I come to Thee in prayer. Help me to help others every day. And teach me to be square. To honor my Mother and Father, And to obey the Cub Scout Law, too. This I ask that I may be a loyal Cub Scout true. Amen

Cub Scout Parent's Prayer: Look down upon my son, Dear Lord This smiling Cub of mine. Please take his hand along the way, So that he may never stray. Bless my son tonight, Dear Lord, And help him walk with Thee. Give him comfort, warmth and love; He's all the world to me. Bless his daily efforts, And make them strong and true; for life's a heavy burden, And we're all in need of you.

### GAMES & ACTIVITIES

#### Banquet Quiz

This is a gathering activity to be completed before the start of the meeting. When you find someone who fits the descriptions in # 1-10, have him or her sign in the blank provided. A person may only sign your form once, so choose wisely!

1. Someone who earned the rank of Eagle \_\_\_\_\_
2. Someone with a daughter in Girl Scouts \_\_\_\_\_
3. Someone who drives a red car \_\_\_\_\_
4. Someone who has a birthday in February \_\_\_\_\_
5. Someone who has a son who has earned the rank of Eagle \_\_\_\_\_
6. Someone who has been to the Philmont Training Center \_\_\_\_\_
7. Someone who wears size 8 \_ shoes \_\_\_\_\_
8. Someone who was born in another state \_\_\_\_\_
9. Someone who was a Cub Scout as a boy \_\_\_\_\_
10. Someone who has attended Cub Day Camp \_\_\_\_\_

#### BONUS QUESTIONS:

1. Who was the founder of Scouting? \_\_\_\_\_
2. The words DEN, PACK, AKELA and LAW OF THE PACK come from a book by an English author. The book  
Was \_\_\_\_\_ written by \_\_\_\_\_
3. Three men are generally regarded as the fathers of Scouting in the US.  
They were...

A,B,C Teamwork : Divide the group into teams of four or more.(You can do this by table or den). Give each team a pencil and paper for the captain, who will do the writing for his team. Have the captain write the letters of the alphabet down the left side of the page. At the signal to begin, the teams are to search the room with their eyes and try to find objects or parts of the room or articles worn by other players, which begin with a particular letter of the alphabet. As a player finds a suitable object, he tells the captain, who writes it next to the appropriate letter. The first team finished turns in its list to the leader, who reads it aloud to the other teams. Any incorrect words are eliminated. One point is awarded for each correct word. Additional points are awarded for correct words which have a double

consonant or vowel. Thus, the word "apple" for "A" would count 2 points since it has a double consonant. The other teams turn in their list for scoring. The team with the highest number of points, wins.

How many Words?: Another idea is to use all the letters in the Cubmaster's name (or anyone else you designate ahead of time) to see how many words you can form. You can add restrictions like no plurals ending in "s" or "es", etc, depending on the person's name.

Kim's Game Variation: Another is a variation on a classic Kim's game (memory-type) game. Each person says, "my name is \_\_\_ and I am bringing a \_\_\_ to the Blue and Gold banquet. The item must start with the same letter as their name. Each person says their name and what they are bringing, and repeats what each of the others are bringing. If the crowd is very large, you might have each table start a new chain to keep it simple and to keep it from lasting for hours.

## SONGS

### Boys And Men Of Cub Scouting (Tune Clementine)

Oh my father, oh my father,  
We are glad to have you here,  
Glad to have you join in Cubbing  
Glad to have you share our cheer.

#### Chorus

Everybody: All the boys and dads together  
Lift their voices so you'll hear,  
Pals in good and stormy weather  
Every day throughout the year.

Dads: Listen fellows, listen fellows  
We are proud to share your fun:  
We will help you with your Cubbing  
Till the highest badge is won.

### Chew, Chew, Chew Your Food (Tune: Row, Row, Row Your Boat)

Chew, chew, chew your food  
Gently through the meat.  
The more you chew, the less you eat  
And the better you will feel

### A Blue-Gold World (Tune: Small World)

It's a world of blue and a world of gold.  
It's a world of Cub Scouts and leaders bold.  
There is much they endure,  
With we, Cub Scouts, we're sure  
But they're teaching us to grow.  
We will try to do what's right.

Do our best with all our might.  
Tell them thank You here tonight.  
For our Blue-Gold World.

### Cub Scout Promise (Tune: America)

Cub friendships, pure and deep  
We promise we will keep  
Our pledge to thee  
We will honor and obey,  
Akela all the way  
And on our birthday  
Good Scouts we'll be!

### Baden-Powell (Tune: "Found a Peanut")

Found an honest man,  
Found a humble man,  
Baden-Powell was his name,  
Started scouting back in England  
Which led to his fame.  
First came Boy Scouts  
Then came Cub Scouts  
At first their numbers were quite small,  
But they spread to other countries,  
Now we're several million all.  
When he died,  
It was sad,  
To lose such a man.  
But his teachings have inspired us  
To do the very best we can.

### Birthday B.S.A. (Tune: On Top Of Old Smokey)

We were all at the banquet  
 On Blue and Gold day,  
 The whole family came here  
 To eat and to play.  
 Then somebody told me  
 We're \_\_\_\_ years old.  
 I could not believe  
 What I had been told.  
 They brought out a cake  
 Now how could a Cub Scout  
 When I get that old  
 Then somebody told me  
 An astonishing fact;  
 The Boy Scouts of America  
 Are older than that.  
 My Den Leader told me  
 That I shouldn't fret;  
 That's the age of Cub Scouting  
 I'm not that old yet!

Oh Blue and Gold  
 (tune: Oh Tannenbaum)

Oh Blue and Gold, Oh Blue and Gold,  
 You know it stands for truth untold  
 Oh Blue and Gold, Oh Blue and Gold,  
 The youth that wear it aren't so old

So carry on your colors bright,  
 Until the whole world you will light,  
 Oh Blue and Gold, Oh Blue and Gold,  
 The memories live though we grow old.

Blue And Gold  
 (Tune: Clementine)

We're the Bobcats,  
 Wolf and Bear Cubs,  
 And the Webelos are we.  
 Altogether we're a Cub Pack  
 Having fun in harmony.  
 We're the mothers,  
 We're the fathers  
 Helping Cub Scouts as they go,  
 Up the ladder of achievements,  
 Climbing higher as they grow.  
 Let's celebrate on  
 This occasion,  
 True to Blue and Gold are we.  
 Pack \_\_\_\_ is the number,  
 representing you and me!

Blue & Gold  
 (Tune: Clementine)

We're the Cubbies (Boys)  
 We're the Cubbers (adults)  
 Here we are both young and old,  
 Altogether we're a Cub Pack  
 Having fun at Blue & Gold.  
 We're the Bobcats,  
 Wolf, and Bear Cubs  
 And the Webelos are we,  
 Altogether we're a Cub Pack  
 Having fun in harmony.  
 We're the mothers,  
 We're the fathers,  
 Helping Cub Scouts as they go,  
 Up the ladder of achievement,  
 Climbing Higher as they grow.  
 Let's give thanks on,  
 This occasion,  
 To the mighty Gold and Blue,  
 Pack \_\_\_\_ is the number,  
 Representing me and you.

Do Your Best  
 (tune: Do-Re-Mi)

Do – to us means “Do your best”  
 Re – are cheers for all the fun,  
 Mi – is what I do myself  
 Fa – means father, mom, and son  
 So – what happens to our Pack?  
 La – with lots of this and that?  
 Ti – together, to the top!  
 Then that will bring us back to Do.

Cub Scout Orchestra  
 (Tune: London Bridges)

Directions:  
 Divide up into four groups  
 And at the last verse make sounds.  
 Piano goes plink, plink, plink  
 Fiddle goes ya, ya, ya  
 Drums go brum, brum, brum  
 Tubas go om-pa-pa, om-pa-pa, om-pa-pa

We have come to the Pack Meeting,  
 Pack Meeting, Pack Meeting,  
 We have come to the Pack Meeting  
 To play our:  
 “Piano” Verse

Repeat with the next verses

Verse 2: Fiddle

Verse 3: Drum

Verse 4: Tuba

Verse 5: Orchestra (all together)

We Belong

(Tune: "Are You Sleeping")

Blue and gold, blue and gold:  
That's our song! That's our song!  
Following Akela, Following Akela:

We belong! We belong!

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Cub Scout Vespers

Softly falls the light of day  
As our campfire fades away  
Silently each Cub should ask  
Have I done my daily task?  
For my country done my best  
Prayed to God before I rest  
Helped a friend along the way  
Have I done my best today?

You Ought to Be a Cub

(tune: Swinging on a Star)

Would you like to hike in a park,  
Sit at campfires way after dark  
Name a tree from the feel of it's bark  
Well, then you ought to be a Cub.

A Cub is a boy who wants to learn all he can,  
To learn about himself, about his land  
He's got curiosity, he like to have fun  
He feels good when he gets to help someone.  
He does his best, and he's always climbing up.  
You know you ought to be a cub.

And to you like to swing through the air  
On a rope you tied with great care,  
Be a Wolf then maybe a Bear  
Well, then you ought to be a Cub.

Taps for Cubs

As we close, each Cub knows  
What it means to be fair,  
To be true, to be proud  
Of the gold and the blue.

Meeting through, don't be blue  
Meet again with our den  
Until then  
Obey the Law, join the rest,  
Do your best.

Sun of gold, sky of blue  
Both are gone from our sight  
Day is through  
Do your best, then to rest  
Peace to you.

The Banquet

(Tune: "On Top of Old Smokey")

Or blue and gold banquet's  
The best one in town.  
We celebrate Scouting  
While gulping food down!  
Cub Scouting's a pleasure,  
And eating is, too!  
So pass the fried chicken'  
Here' to gold and to blue

He's Got Cub Scouts in His Hands

(Tune: "The Whole World in His Hands")

He's got Mom and Dad in his hands,  
He's got brothers and sisters in his hands.  
He's got Cub Scouts in his hands.  
He's got the whole family in his hands.  
He's got Tiger Cubs in his hands.  
He's got the Wolves and Bears in his hands.  
He's got the WEBELOS Scouts in his hands.