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Theme: New Buddies

PRE OPENING ACTIVITIES

September: New Buddies

Tigers – Ach at Den Meeting Bobcat 1, 4, 6, 2D, 4G – Ach at Home Bobcat 2, 3, 5, 7, 8

Elect. 6, 9

Wolf - Ach at Den Meeting Bobcat 1, 4, 7, 2A, 2C, 4A, 12D – Ach at Home Bobcat 2, 3, 5, 6, 8, 2D-G, 4A-F 7E

Elect. 1A, 11A, 20A, 23D

Bear – Ach at Den Meeting– 3F, 7A, 9E, 11C, 16B, 23B (partial), 23C (partial) 24A

Ach at Home 1 or 2, 9F or 9G, 17A, D, E, F

Elect. 9A, 17A, 17E God (1 or 2) Country (3, 4, 6) Family (8, 9, 10, 11) Self (15, 17, 18, 24)

Hard to believe that the summer is gone. Both of my children are headed to college. One near home, the other in Florida. The oldest was in Cub Scouts then Boy Scouts and is now an adult leader with the Troop. My daughter was in Girl Scouts through Junior High and what they learned has helped them grow and have a strong foundation as they become adults. Does the Charter Connections, the Scout Oath and the 12 points of Law have any effect on our youth? Yes, it creates Leaders for tomorrow but teaching them today through activities, skills, teaching their fellow scouts skills that they have mastered. Strengths that America needs.

WHAT MAKES A BUDDY?

Find the hidden words within the grid of letters.

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WORDS FOR WHAT MAKES A BUDDY

FRIENDS	BROTHER	LONG LASTING
BUDDIES	TEAM	CLOSE
COOPERATION	PARTNER	FUN
NEW	OLD	PLAYMATES
TRUE FRIEND	SCOUTS	DEN

With the new year starting, why don't you take some time to see what you can do to ease new parents, scouts or leaders into your program. Try to remember what it was like to learn a new way to talk (scouting has a different language if you are not used to it). do you remember what was needed, where to buy it, when to have it by. All of these thoughtful ideas say WELCOME to the Pack more than the words we say.

Get the parents the info, help them assemble it in their heads and show support for their involvement will go a long way to getting them to volunteer and stay active. Johnny likes to say My parents helped us do this, so help his parents succeed by giving them the right tools.

[If you have ideas that your Pack uses that could be used in other Packs write me a note to CubRT@woh.rr.com](#) and I'll list them with your Pack number.

If you have Venturing Crews who are looking for ways to show off their talents have them write to me as I am working on my U of S degree and I am putting together a Venturing guide to teach the Cub skills and could use Venturing crews to try it out. Most Venturing crews don't have the info on the requirements for the Cubs and Webelos and its either been a long time since they were in the program or they started as Boy Scouts so the packet should help both groups. Venturing crews need to learn a skill and then demonstrate it to other Venturing members or someone one else, so I thought why not Cubs. I brought it up first that they could show off their skills also at the Roundtables so the leaders could be taught the skill also. Gives the Roundtable staff some great presentations and the youth some experience doing the show.

NOTE: Interesting note that on page 9 in the May-June 2008 issue of **SCOUTING** "As of January 1, 2008, the BSA requires Cub Scout leaders to complete each of these courses (Fast Start, Youth Protection and New Leader Essentials and Cub Scout Leader Specific Training) to earn the Trained emblem to wear on their uniform. Fast start and Youth Protection can be found on line and you need to finish the training and not stop since you will have to restart the program it does not save. Also print out your

certificate at the end to show that you completed the program. Sometimes there can be a glitch in the program and drop your records.

Special new designs on the **National Summertime Pack Award**



It is not too late for your Cubs to earn their National Summertime Pack Awards and for the pack to earn it, too receive their attractive, full-color certificate, and National Summertime Pack Award streamer for the pack flag. Dens with at least 50 percent of their members at the three summertime activities receive a den participation ribbon. Check it out at www.scouting.org . And look at how they have spiffed up the pins - there is a different color ring on the pin for each year, coordinated with the slide color!!! Check out **The National Summertime Award info packet (253KB)** **Summertime Pack Award Application (5KB)** at <http://www.cubroundtable.com/miscellaneous.htm> **National Summertime Pack Award pin, No. 00464, Cub Scouts and Webelos Scouts, right pocket flap.**



Cub Scout Outdoor Activity Award. Pocket flap award worn on the right pocket flap of the uniform shirt. Each successive time the award is earned, **a wolf track pin may be added to the flap.**

Scouts can earn the Recruiter Patch if they invite another boy to join scouting.



Just some of the awards Cubs can earn.



Enter the 2008 Boys' Life reading contest

Write a one-page report titled
"The Best Book I Read This Year"
 and enter it in the Boys' Life
 2008 "Say Yes to Reading!"
 contest.

The book can be fiction or nonfiction. But the report has to be in your own words — 500 words tops. Enter in one of these three age categories:

- * 8 years old and younger
- * 9 and 10 years old
- * 11 years old and older

First-place winners in each age category will receive a \$100 gift certificate good for any product in the Boy Scouts official retail catalog. Second-place winners will receive a \$75 gift certificate, and third-place winners a \$50 certificate.

Everyone who enters will get a free patch like the one on this page. (And, yes, the patch is a temporary insignia, so it can be worn on the Boy Scout uniform shirt, on the right pocket. Proudly display it there or anywhere!) In coming years, you'll have the opportunity to earn different patches.

The contest is open to all Boys' Life readers. Be sure to include your name, address, age and grade in school on the entry.

Send your report, along with a business-size, self-addressed, stamped envelope, to:

Boys' Life Reading Contest
 S306
 P. O. Box 152079
 Irving, TX 75015-2079

Entries must be postmarked by Dec. 31, 2008 and must include entry information and a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

Your teacher might ask you to write about what you did this summer and maybe you can write about the story and then send it in.

Welcoming Program

(A simple program for the opening meeting of the year.)

No scenery is required for this program. There are no costumes, unless the organization sponsoring has a uniform. The verse may be said by individual performers or by groups of children. Have the performers line up on stage. Let each performer (or performers) step forward as he gives his verse. The final two verses are given by all. Insert the name of your group where indicated. In the seventh verse, have the performers point at the audience on the last line.

1st Speaker:

Another year is starting, and we'd like to welcome you. And tell you what our purpose is, and what we hope to do.

2nd Speaker: The Cub Scouts are a group of boys; It helps us grow up strong, And teaches us to do what's right and fight against what's wrong.

3rd Speaker: It shows us how much we can do, if we work as a team; Then we'll have fun and jobs won't be as hard as the first seem.

4th Speaker:

We'll go on hikes and field trips, to learn of nature's wonders, So we'll respect her when we're grown and not make any blunders.

5th Speaker:

And we'll be shown in many ways that each man is our brother; And we will see the joy there is in helping one another.

6th Speaker:

We'll learn to be good citizens and, hopefully, we'll see that laws are made for all the men so each man can be free.

All:

To do all this, the Cub Scouts need Good leaders - this is true - That means we need the help of all OF YOU-AND YOU-AND YOU!!!

All or One:

And now, to start the year off right, in a good and proper manner, We'd like you all to rise and sing Our own "**Star—Spangled Banner.**"

SAMPLE PACK COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

Opening:

Greeting and introduction of new members or guests - Chairman.

Minutes:

From previous meeting - Secretary

Planning:

Next pack meeting -
Chairman/Cubmaster
Pre-opening activity
Opening
Game
Song
Skit
Advancement
Announcements
Closing
Other activities

Den Activities/Reports:

Den Leader Coach
Advancement
Activities
Ideas
Other

Planning:

Next three months - Chairman/All
Pack meeting themes/programs
Fund raising
Special events/activities
Recruiting
Leadership transition
Day Camp
Other

Financial Report:

Treasurer
Income/Expenses
Budget status
Other

Assignment of responsibilities:

Chairman,
Cubmaster,
Den Leader Coach

Other/New Business:

Chairman

SUCCESSFUL PACK OPERATION

The following guidelines have been followed successfully by many packs, We suggest you use this as a check sheet to determine where your pack operation can be improved.

— Adult leaders attend monthly roundtables regularly.

All dens meet weekly.

Two-deep leadership in all dens.

Trained Den Chiefs in all dens.

— Den leaders meet regularly with den chiefs.

— Pack has at least one Webelos den - more if needed.

— Regular monthly pack leaders' meetings.

— Regular monthly den leader/den leader coach meetings.

— Pack holds annual pack planning conference to plan year-round program.

— Pack has plan to transfer Cub Scouts into Webelos dens when they prepare to graduate from 5th grade.

— Pack holds impressive graduation ceremonies into Boy Scouting.

— Pack conducts at least one service project each year for community or chartered organization.

— Impressive ceremonies are used for induction of new families and for advancement.

— Pack has an effective membership recruiting plan.

— Pack has close working relationship with a Boy Scout troop.

— Badges and awards are presented at the monthly pack meeting immediately following when the boys earned them.

— Pack reregisters on time with at least 50% of its members.

— At least 50% of registered boys advance in rank each year.

Pack earns Honor Unit Award.

— Leadership and performance of adults is recognized regularly.

THE PACK MEETING

There are several elements of a successful pack meeting. The most important thing to remember is that the pack meeting is for the BOYS. Cub Scouting is THEIR program.. .not the adults.

Elements of a good pack meeting include:

Planning

Timing

Participation

Fellowship

Recognition

Spirit

FUN, FUN, and more FUN!!!!

The meetings should be planned with goals in mind. Themes, current fads, or events that Cub Scouts are interested in can help keep things on track. Pack meetings should be kept under 90 minutes in length. The interest of the Cub is limited. So is that of an adult, especially if there is a good show or football game on TV at the same time as the meeting.

The Cubmaster should not be the only adult involved in the program. Parents, leaders, and the boys should be involved. Individual den participation is essential. If boys and their parents are involved, they are more likely to enjoy the program and keep coming in the future. Fellowship is a must for any pack meeting. A gathering time activity such as a game before the meeting, gets people together and acquainted. Fellowship after the meeting is just as important. Refreshments are a good way to get people to mix and visit. This is a great time to recruit adult volunteers. Prepare a written agenda for the pack meeting and be sure to use it! See that all leaders have copies before the meeting starts. Stay with the written game plan unless something drastic makes you change. The use of the written game plan will make the meeting move smoothly, permit it to end on time, and prevent leaving something important out.

FUN... the most important element, should not be overlooked. If people have fun, they will return and remain enthusiastic about the Cub Scout program. The spirit of Scouting should prevail throughout the pack meeting. Show enthusiasm for the program... enthusiasm is contagious. Pass it around!

CREATIVE COMMUNICATION

Most Cub packs have a lot of people involved - a lot of people who need to know what is going on, where, and when. Some information needs only to go to parents, other information goes to den leaders, members of the committee, the boys, or the district. Lines of communication need to be kept open between:

- * the council and pack
- * the district and pack
- * the cubmaster and den leaders
- * the sponsoring institution and pack leaders

- * the pack and the community
- * the leaders and the Cub Scouts
- * the leaders and the parents
- * the parents and Cub Scouts.

Many things occur from poor communication.

The pack may miss an important event, the boy may not receive his next advancement, the parents may miss out on an exciting outing. There are many ways to improve communication and let everyone know what is happening. Some things that can be done to improve communications are:

- * take notes
- * encourage an exchange of ideas
- * be consistent in communications to leaders and parents
- * don't make communication to parents entirely the den leaders responsibility
- * understand that others may interpret the information differently.

Here are some ideas how to keep communication lines open:

Yearly Calendar

Each year at the annual planning meeting the pack should set monthly themes for the program for the next 12 months. Along with the themes the pack meeting, dates, times, and places should be set. This information is vital and should be shared with every family in the pack as soon as it is available.

Survey Sheets

This communication device helps to gather information. If a survey sheet is completed by each family, valuable information is in the hands of the pack leaders. This will help the leaders know and understand the boys' families and help in accessing available resources and talents. The Parent Talent Survey Sheet is an excellent form to use and is available at the Council Service Center.

- * listen clearly to what others are saying
- * plan and be prepared

Newsletter

A pack newsletter can help alert everyone to the events that a pack has scheduled. It can help to inform everyone on what has happened. Newsletters may include den assignments for the pack meeting, dates of upcoming events, fund raising information, new Cubs of leaders, and other items of interest. Don't forget to thank everyone who has helped! If newsletters are mailed they are more likely to be seen by parents than if hand delivered by the boys.

Cub Scout**Personnel:** 8 Cubs**Equipment:** 8 cards upon which are large letters to spell C U B S C O U T.**C:** is for COMRADESHIP; we learn to get along.**U:** is for UNITY; together we are strong.**B:** is for BOY; wild and woolly - but nice.**S:** is for SOCIALS; you needn't ask us twice.**C:** is for COURTESY, of which we all know.**O:** is for OUTINGS; we're rarin' to go.**U:** is for UNIVERSAL; Scouts are known in every land.**T:** is for TEAMWORK; we'll lend you a hand.**Collections****Personnel:** 11 Cubs and Den Leader or Den Chief.**Equipment:** Cards with letters spelling out C O L L E C T I O N S**Narrator:** We would like to tell you what we collect from Scouting.**C:** is for COURTESY. A Scout learns to do good deeds and respect others.**O:** is for OUTING. Outing is one of the most fun parts of Scouting. Camping and hiking, we always look forward to our time outdoors.**L:** is for LEARNING. A Scout learns many things, first aid, knots, physical skills, citizenship and sportsmanship.**L:** is for LEADERS. One of the most important parts of the Scouting organization.**E:** is for EXPLORING. A Scout learns the skills he needs to explore the outdoors.**C:** is for CHALLENGES. A Scout is presented with many challenges and is helped to meet them and to succeed.**T:** is for TRY. A Scout learns to always try to do his best.**I:** is for IDENTIFY. A Scout learns to identify different kinds of leaves, trees and tracks.**O:** is for OBSERVE. A Scout observes the Outdoor Code when ever he goes camping or hiking.**N:** is for NATIONALISM. Every Scout around the world is a patriot to his country.**S:** is for SCOUTING. We are very glad Baden-Powell had the vision to bring this program into being**YOU ASK ME**

You ask me what it's all about

Why turn a boy into a Cub Scout?

To take some bay, so young and frail

And' start him up the Cub Scout trail.

From Bobcat to Wolf and on to Bear,

With all those awards and arrow points share.

Through to Webelos and then on to Scouts,

Giving guidance through his problems, fears and doubts.

And then on through school and out into life he'll trod.

With respect and love for his fellow man.

To watch him grow so tall and free.

Till one day a leader he will be.

And then, he too, just like you and me,

Will take another boy so small and wee.

And will teach that boy,

With pride and joy,

To grow in love and kindness and to be a Scout.

Yes Yes! That's what this is all about!

RECOGNITIONS

Everyone likes to be told that they are appreciated and that they are doing a good job. In the Scouting program, it is important to remember that the adults, as well as the boys, need to be recognized for what they do. The Scouting program itself recognizes the boy through the Advancement Plan (see Cub Scout Leader Book) and adult leaders through the Cub Scout Leader Recognition Plan. Remember that no one can ever be recognized too much; we all need encouragement and pats on the back. Being recognized for participation and involvement gives a sense of self-worth and also ownership. Recognition will keep adults and boys in the program longer and encourage "doing ones' best" with the result in having enough helpers for every project and a successful pack program. There are several things to remember about recognition. Recognition should be sincere and appropriate. Using it otherwise will diminish it's meaning. Just as important is how the recognition is given. Recognition should be given by the appropriate person and in front of peers. If the award given is a serious one, then the presentation should show the importance of the award. A fun award should be presented in a humorous atmosphere. Thought should be given to the presentation, so as not to take away from the recognition. Using a variety of presentation techniques, as well as types of award, will keep interest levels high.



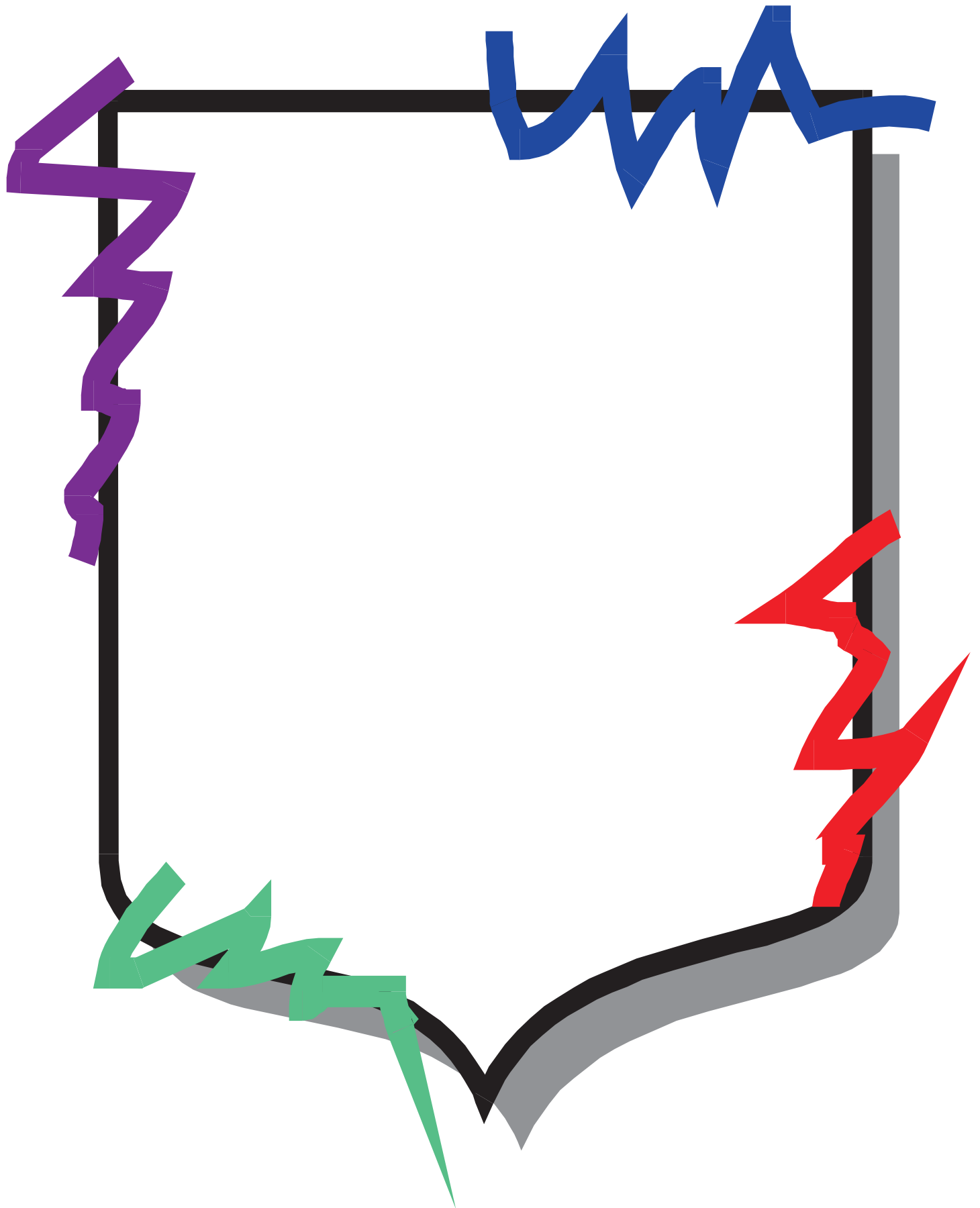
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