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PRE OPENING ACTIVITIES

Jumbled Snacks

By Last Frontier Council

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Junk Food Word Search

Heart of America Council

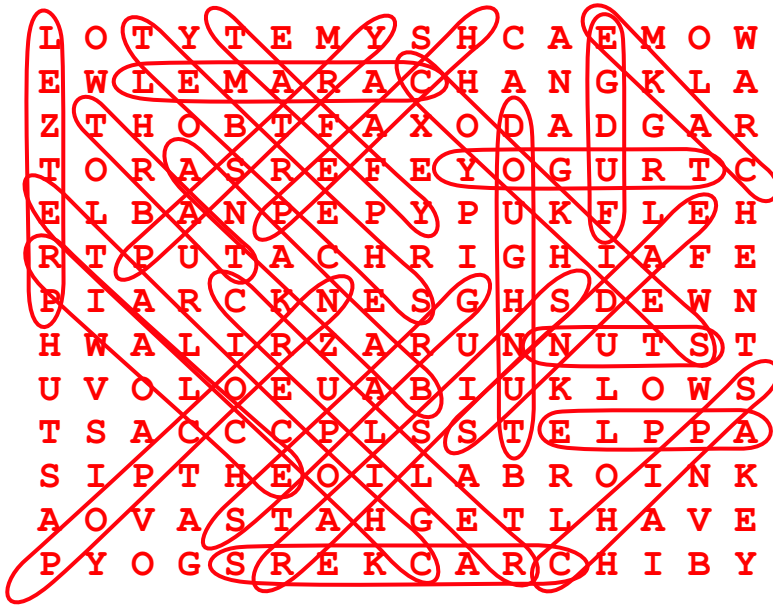
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Words for the Junk Food Word Search

BANANA SPLIT	FRENCH FRIES	POTATO CHIPS
BROWNIES	FUDGE	SODA
CARAMEL	HARD CANDY	SWEETS
CHEESECAKE	ICE CREAM	TAFFY
CORN CHIPS	LICORICE	TARTS
LOLLIPOPS	PIE	POPSICLES
CRACKERS	CUPCAKES	
TORTILLA CHIPS		
MARSHMALLOWS		COTTON CANDY
WHIPPED CREAM		CHOCOLATE CAKE

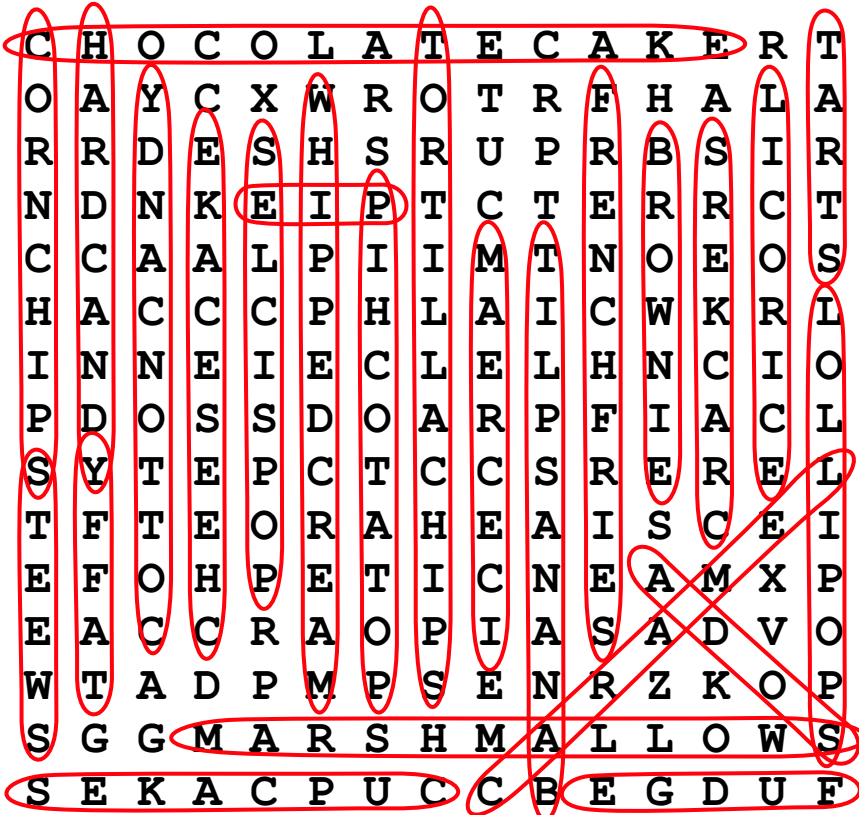


ANSWERS TO JUMBLED SNACKS



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| BANANA | ECLAIR | PEACH | CHOCOLATE |
| CRULLER | SUNDAE | TAFFY | FUDGE |
| YOGURT | SHERBET | CRACKERS | CAKE |
| CARAMEL | PASTRY | RAISINS | POPCORN |
| APPLE | CHIPS | TART | COOKIES |
| GRAPES | NUTS | PRETZEL | |
| DOUGHNUT | | | |

Answers to Junk Food Word Search



Cubs in the Kitchen

By Last Frontier Council

BEFORE YOU START

B ... Be sure that an adult will be in the kitchen with the Cubs at all times.

E ... Equipment should be out and ready before cooking begins.

F ... First, wash hands (to the elbows) before handling food.

O ... Opt for aprons to keep clothes clean and give something to wipe hands.

R ... Read ingredient lists and instructions at least once before starting any recipe.

E ... Easier to ask for more adult help before you begin than while in the middle.

AFTER YOU'RE DONE

A ... Always clean up immediately. Better for Cubs to learn the right way.

F ... Foil or plastic wrap should be used to cover all foods and finished recipes.

T ... Turn off the oven or stove.

E ... Everything needs to be returned to its original place.

R ... Remember that clean counter tops and tables are part of the clean-up process.

THINK SAFETY

S ... Serrated knives are safer to use than dull or fine slicing knives. Cut away!

A ... Always wipe up floor spills immediately to prevent slips and falls.

F ... Fight grease fires by covering with baking soda NOT WATER!

E ... Easy-to-reach potholders or oven gloves are a must.

T ... Turn pot and pan handles toward the center of the stove so they won't be bumped.

Y ... You (or another adult) should be in the room where boys are cooking at all times.

ANYTHING THAT CAN BE TURNED ON MUST BE TURNED OFF!

Opening

By Western LA County Council

Personnel: 5 Cub Scouts and Cubmaster
Props: 5 colorful paper ornaments with script written on each US Flag and Pack Flag.

Setup: Flags are already in the front. Cubs enter from side one at a time and reads his script.

Cub 1: December is a fun time of the year. It is a time for giving and sharing.

Cub 2: It's the last Pack meeting for the year 2000! We have lots of great Scout memories!

Cub 3: It's our chance to look ahead to keep our Cub Scout Spirit strong for another year!

Cub 4: December is a wonderful time for families to celebrate in many ways.

Cub 5: It's also a time for gifts. What you give of yourself is much better than any gift you could buy.

Cubmaster: Please stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Alternate Opening

Ask the Scouts and parents from your Pack to come up with a parade of nations, using costumes from their countries of family origin. Open the meeting by having each Scout walk to the front of the meeting room and saying "Merry Christmas," "Happy Holidays," etc. in the language of the country of their dress.

Advancement

`Twas the Night of the Pack Meeting
 `Twas the night of the pack meeting and all through the place,
 Not a boy was stirring, anticipation on each face.
 It was time for advancements and they all turned an ear,
 So when their name was called, they would hear it loud and clear.
 The Cubmaster was checking his list, not only once but twice,
 To see which boys had worked hard and earned awards this night.
 When all of a sudden, the Cubmaster as ready with helpers nigh,
 To pass out awards as the boys called were filing by.
 First came the Bobcats all new to the pack,
 Akela is ready with the guidance and experience they lack.
 Come up all you new Cubs, You're our Bobcats tonight,
 Your final step as a Bobcat is to do a good deed and you must do it right.
 (Call boys and their parents forward and present awards).
 Second are the Wolves, experienced that is true,
 But there is still much to learn, Akela's not through.

Come up all our Wolf Cubs, you are Wolves to be praised,

Achievements and electives you've done,
 So with Wolf badge and arrow points, in rank you are raised.

(Call boys and their parents forward and present awards).

Third are the Bears most experienced so far,
 Akela's teachings they've heeded, they're way above par.

Come all our Bear Cubs, your work and learning is applauded,

For completing achievement and electives,
 tonight you're rewarded.

(Call boys and their parents forward and present awards).

Last are the Webelos, but not least to be sure,
 Akela's lessons they've learned, now Boy Scouts is their lure.

Come up all our Webelos, your activities are harder,

Your accomplishments you wear so proudly on your shoulder.

(Call - boys and their parents forward and present awards).

Now, let's give all these cubs our Santa applause for a job well done!

Much Like Snowflakes

One of the most beautiful objects formed by nature is a snowflake. It would take most of us a long time to "design" a shape as beautiful as a single snowflake. Yet, in an ordinary snow fall, billions upon billions of snowflakes fall to the earth, and no two are exactly alike.

Tonight, we are gathered much like snowflakes, in that we are here because of beautiful objects, our sons, and their "designs" are each as different and unique.

When water freezes to become a snowflake, it forms crystals. This simply means that the water comes together in a geometric shape we call a crystal. As it freezes, the crystals are small and almost invisible. But when the snow is formed, these crystals are carried up and down in the atmosphere on currents of air.

Let us look at our Bobcats tonight. We gathered them up, and now they are being carried along the path of Cub Scouting. Would _____ and his _____ parents please come forward to receive his honors.

As the crystals move up and down, some of them begin to gather around each other, forming a

nucleus that lets the crystals grow larger. Soon, there may be hundreds of crystals together. Our Wolves and Bears are much like the crystals at this stage. They have gathered in groups together around their Den Leader. They have grown through their achievements and their electives. Would _____ and their parents please come forward to receive their honors.

When a group of crystals is large enough, it begins to float down toward the earth and we call it a snowflake.

These represent, of course, our Webelos Scouts; growing rapidly and maturing constantly. They are gaining ground toward their next step in Scouting, Boy Scouts. Will _____ and their parents please come forward.

I would like all the Scouts who received awards tonight to please stand. Each snowflake begins as a single drop of water and grows to different sizes. You too are growing. - May you always recognize the beauty of your differences and enjoy your unique place in life.

Christmas Advancement Ceremony

By Santa Clara Council

PROPS: Cardboard Christmas tree with holes for various colored lights or small tree (real or artificial).

Unscrew bulbs so they can be screwed in later.

Small wrapped gifts under or near tree containing bulbs — each labeled with boy's name.

CUBMASTER: (Invite boys forward to open gifts - each containing a bulb and advancement award.)

Boy screws bulb into lights of tree)

This holiday tree is rather bleak and common but as each boy adds a bulb, the tree, and indeed the room, becomes brighter, more cheerful. The spirit of the holiday increases with each new light bulb which represent each boy's advancement.

Cub Scouting does for a boy's life what the bulbs do for this ordinary fir tree makes it brighter a thing of greater beauty, something to behold and enjoy. Ordinary trees and ordinary boys are special in and of themselves, but here we can witness an added dimension.

Thank you parents for encouraging your boys.

Thank you Den Leaders for helping him along — because of all of you our lives are fuller, richer and brighter.

Audience Participation Stunt

A Merry Mix Up!

Print each item in this list on its own index card, and number the cards (any order). Pass out to the audience.

A narrator reads the story aloud pausing at each blank space. The people in the audience take turns filling in the blanks by reading their cards. This makes a humorous story which everyone will enjoy.

A quart of eggnog

A little lamb

Bubble Gum

A pair of dirty socks

Bag of Jolly Ranchers

Charizard

Horseshoes

A broken TV.

The Millennium Falcon

Great America

A hornet's nest

A long white beard

4 animorphs

Hot mince pie

A candy cane

Slime

Green shoelaces

A dog's bone

Highway 101

A ragged apron

A snow shovel

Lipstick

Pikachu

A light saber

A tail light

A Christmas carol

14 cookies

Pack---Cub Scouts

It was a cold winter night at the North Pole. The icicles on the eaves of Santa's cozy house hung down like _____ and the snowflakes were falling fast as _____. Inside, Mrs. Clause sat in her rocker that creaked like _____. She was knitting a pair of mittens the color of _____. "Where can Santa be?" she wondered as she went to the stove. She picked up a _____, fastened it to _____ and stirred a bubbling pan of stew with it. The stew smelled delicious, just like a _____. "It's time for Santa to be home from his round the world trip" Mrs. Clause grumbled. "Last year his sleigh

Got stuck in _____, a runner broke off and he had to fix it with _____ and _____ but this year he promised nothing would go Wrong, because he took along _____ for luck. Just then two little elves burst into the room. Their frightened faces were the color of _____ and the bells on their shoes jingled like _____.

"Mrs. Claus !" they cried, "Come with us! Something's happening over at the workshop!" Mrs. Claus tossed her knitting into _____ which happened to be nearby. She followed the elves so fast she almost tripped over _____ in the doorway, and the door slammed with a noise like _____ as the three rushed to Santa's workshop. Overhead the stars twinkled like _____, and the snow lay on the ground as deep as _____. The quaint windows of Santa's workshop, which was shaped like _____, were brightly lighted, and Mrs. Claus could see a figure inside. He was grabbing leftover toys off the shelves with as much noise as _____ and tossing them into a big bag which was a lumpy as _____.

"Robber!" she whispered to the elves. "You grab _____, and you grab _____ and I'll make a noise like a _____, and we'll scare him away." But before Mrs. Claus could say _____. The workshop door opened and the person inside hurried out, his heavy sack loaded with Santa's toys. "Stop thief!" Mrs. Claus tried to shout, but she was frightened, her voice sounded like _____. The figure with the sack stopped short, then there was a jolly laugh and a "Well, bless my buttons ...what are you doing out here so late?" It was Santa himself! He explained that he'd run out of toys and had to return to the North Pole for more. He hurried into the house for a bowl of stew, which tasted better than _____ on that cold night.

Then Santa rushed to his sleigh, the reindeer stamped their feet with a noise like _____, and they rose into the air as gracefully as _____.

Audience Participation/Skits

By Santa Clara Council

Santa Knows About Rudolph's Nose

Characters: Santa Claus; 6 Elves (wearing Santa hats made from red crepe paper); Rudolph (wearing cardboard or paper band around head with horns attached.)

Scene: Santa sitting in an easy chair by fireplace

reading newspaper. It is Christmas Eve.

Elf 1: (Comes running to where Santa is sitting and breathlessly says:) Oh Santa, come here. Bad news I must tell. Rudolph's nose is all frozen. Not a thing can he smell!

Elf 2: (Running in as other elf exits.) Hey Santa, listen here, while sad news I tell you. Poor Rudolph's nose is cold and it's turning all blue.

Elf 3: (Hurrying in as 2nd elf leaves.) Oh Santa, I've come to tell of Rudolph's plight. He has a cold in his nose that has put out his light!

Elf 4: (Follows 3rd, etc.) Santa, Oh Santa! I'm sorry to tell. Rudolph's nose is all warm and he doesn't feel well!

Elf 5: (Same as above) There's something I must say, but I'd really rather not. You see, poor Rudolph has a nose that's very hot!

Elf 6: (Same) Santa, please come! See Rudolph's burned nose! It's all black like charcoal, not red like a rose!

(After all elves have entered, spoken their parts and left, then Rudolph comes in and Santa holds up his hand to keep him from speaking.)

Santa: (While Rudolph hangs his head.) No! Don't say anything, but please let me guess. Your friends were all lying, so you've come to confess. I knew all the time that it was only a plot. For how could your nose be both cold and hot?

Rudolph: Well you see, Santa Claus, I was feeling quite low, and decided on our trip I didn't want to go. But now I've learned a lesson. The truth is always best. It could have saved me from this embarrassing mess!

(Santa pats Rudolph on the head. Rudolph smiles and scampers off stage.)

Santa's Big Secret

Characters: Santa Claus (Scout uniform under Santa suit), Reporter, Numerous elves (Scout uniforms under jackets).

Scene: Elves are in background working making toys or putting toys in sacks. Santa is directing them when reporter comes out with microphone.

Reporter: This is Scoop Smith the roving reporter for radio station KCUB, on the scene here at Santa's workshop. Santa, may we have a word with you please?

Santa: Oh sure, we're real busy getting ready for our deliveries. What can I do for you?

Reporter: All of our listeners want to know how you got into the gift-giving business. Did your father give gifts or what

Santa: Well, it all began when I was eight years old...I just started doing good deeds, you know, helping people and such...and it just became a habit.

Reporter: Good deeds, huh, that sounds familiar. Say, what is that under your jacket?

Santa: That's my best kept secret...(Opens jacket)

Reporter: A Cub Scout Uniform!!!!!! You're a Cub Scout?

Santa: Yes, well, no. I WAS a Cub Scout, then a Boy Scout, and then an Explorer. I wear this uniform to remind me of where it all started...way back years and years ago. I just loved helping other people and doing good things.

Reporter: Well, that explains your involvement, but how do you get all of these elves to help you?

Santa: Show the man.....(Elves open jackets to show Cub Scout Uniforms.)

Run-ons/jokes

By Santa Clara Council

Why does Santa visit his doctor before Christmas?

Because he always get a flue shot before he slides down chimneys.

What did Santa Claus say to the lumberjack?

There are only 23 chopping days left until Christmas

Why did Santa Claus send for a barber?

He needed someone to trim his Christmas tree.

Father: They know when you're sleeping. They know when you're awake. They know if you've been bad or good.

Mother: Are you telling Junior about Santa's elves?

Father: No. I'm telling him about the CIA and the FBI

Why does Scrooge love Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer?

Because every buck is dear to him.

Games

By Santa Clara Council

Snowball Relay

Players divide into two teams, and line up behind a starting line, at one end of the room. Each team is given a simulated snowball - either of cotton or Styrofoam - and a piece of cardboard. On signal,

the first player on each team tries to move the ball across the floor and back, by fanning it with cardboard. (Player may not touch snowball with his hands or cardboard) Player .then gives cardboard o next team member, who repeats action. Game continues until all team members have fanned the 'Snowball' to finish line and back. The first team to finish is the winner.

Christmas Present Relay

Group is divided into relay teams. Runners run to a table, untie, unwrap, rewrap and tie up a Christmas package, while wearing large workman's gloves. Then he runs back to his team to touch off the next player. Team to finish first receives candy canes.

Stuff Santa's Stocking

Divide Den into two teams. Tell them that since Santa fills their stockings they're going to fill his. Give each team a sack filled with at least ten objects ... pencil, ball, book, etc. and a blown up balloon ... also in the sack is a pair of old panty hose or a long pair of tights ... at the word GO each team tries to fill their stocking first without breaking balloon .. first team through with unbroken balloon is winner ... small candy cane makes nice prize for each team member.

Kris Kringle Relay

Boys line up in teams, relay style. Each team has two shoe boxes representing Kris Kringle's boots, On signal, each player in turn places his feet in the boxes and shuffles up to and around a chair, at the opposite end of room, He shuffles back to starting point where the next boy takes over. First team to finish wins.

Jingle Bell Chow Mein

This game is a good one to test the skill of your boys. You will need 2 shallow bowls, several jingle bells (about the size of a marble), and 2 full length pencils with erasers on them.

To play the game, place all the jingle bells in one bowl. The player uses the two pencils as chopsticks. With the eraser, end down, the player tries to transfer as many bells as he can from one bowl to the other. He can use only one Hand. If only a couple players are used, set a given amount of time. When using teams, the team to get all the bells in the bowl first wins, with each boy taking his turn to transfer all bells into the other bowl, and the next boy transferring them back into the first bowl, and so on.

Songs

By Santa Clara Council

SANTA'S COMING

(Tune: She'll Be Coming 'Round the Mountain)

He'll be driving 8 brown reindeer when he comes,
He'll be driving 8 brown reindeer when he comes,
He'll be driving 8 brown reindeer, driving 8 brown
reindeer,

He'll be driving 8 brown reindeer when he comes.

(Other verses)

- He'll be coming down the chimney when he comes.
- He'll be dressed up in a red suit when he comes.
- We'll all peek to see him when he comes.
- We'll give him milk and cookies when he comes.

CUBS 12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS

(Tune: 12 Days of Christmas)

On the first day of Scouting Akela gave to me... A
den leader swinging from a tree
2nd... 2 screaming Bobcats
3rd... 3 skinny Wolves
4th... 4 hungry Bears
5th... 5 Webelos
6th... 6 Arrow points
7th... 7 silly den chiefs
8th... 8 shouting Scouts
9th... 9 warring Eagles
10th.. 10 Derby cars
11th.. 11 funny den skits
12th.. 12 wacky cheers

Give a Gift

By Western LA County Council

(Tune: I'd like to teach the world to sing)

I'd like to give the world a gift,
That all men will be free.
And though I'm just a growing boy,
There's things that I can see.
I see that Scouting is a way
To start to understand,
That caring, helping, smiling,
learning Help me be a man.
And so at Christmas there's a gift
That you can give to me.
Please help me grow in mind and spirit
To be what I can be.

Cub Elves

(Tune: Up on the Housetop)

Down in the basement Cub Scouts pause,
They are helping Santa Claus

Toys, games and puzzles, and goodies too,
Make children happy, yes they do.

Ho, ho, ho w ho wouldn't go?

Ho, ho, ho, w ho wouldn't go?

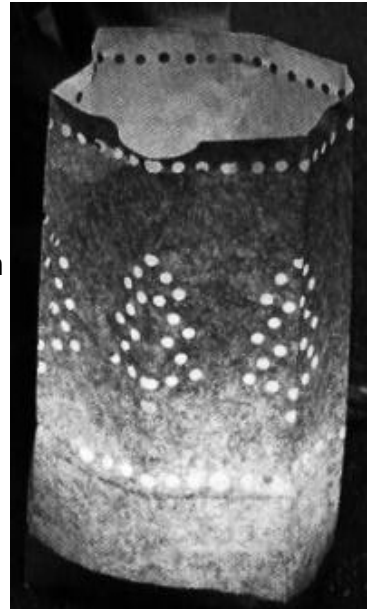
Out helping Santa, (click, click, click?)

Try a good will project, quick, quick, quick.

Crafts

Celebrate the Winter Solstice with Lights

Marking the beginning of Winter with a simple celebration of lights. Make Luminaries. Take a brown paper lunch bag and trace a simple pattern in pencil on one side. Punch out your design with a hole punch. Fill each luminary with about 2 inches of sand and sink a votive candle or tea light in the center. Place the luminaries along a walk, patio, or deck. Have a grown-up light them and then bask in the glow.



Glittery Lacy Ball Ornament

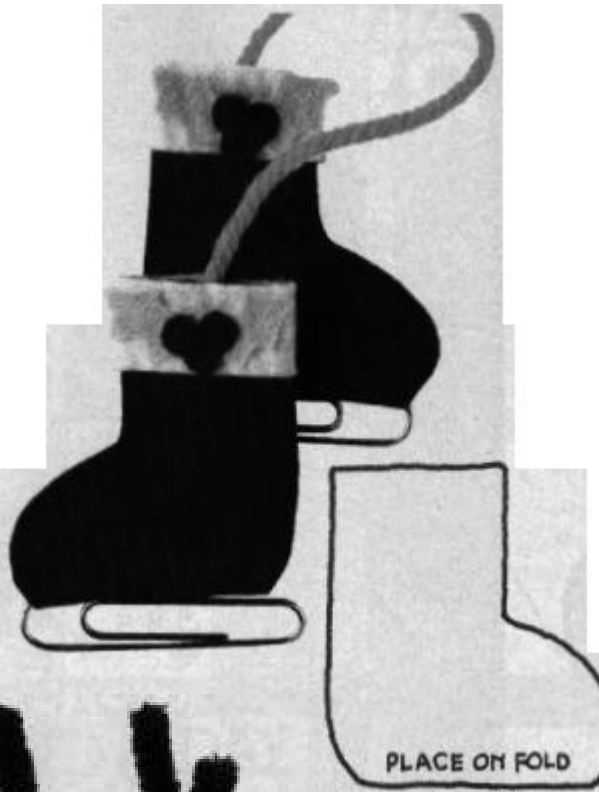
You will need: cotton embroidery thread, a bowl, glue, water, glitter, and a rubber balloon.

1. Blow up the balloon.
2. Mix equal parts of glue and water in a bowl.
- 3 Soak the embroidery thread in the mixture.
4. Wrap the thread around the rubber balloon (see illustration) a number of times, first running the thread between your thumb and pointer finger to strip off excess liquid.
5. Sprinkle glitter on the wet thread that is wrapped around the balloon.
6. Let the thread dry thoroughly in a warm, dry place. (If the rubber balloon shrinks before the thread is dry, the thread balloon will be lopsided.)
7. With help from an adult, if needed, pop the rubber balloon and carefully remove it.
8. If the thread balloon is too weak, try again with heavier thread or a little more glue in the mixture.
9. You can make several thread balloons and attach a string to each one; then you can hang them up as ornaments.

ICE-SKATES ORNAMENT

To make ice-skates ornament, you will need: red, white, and green felt scraps; two 2" (5 cm) paper clips; 8" (20 cm) piece of red or green yarn; craft glue; scissors; and hole punch.

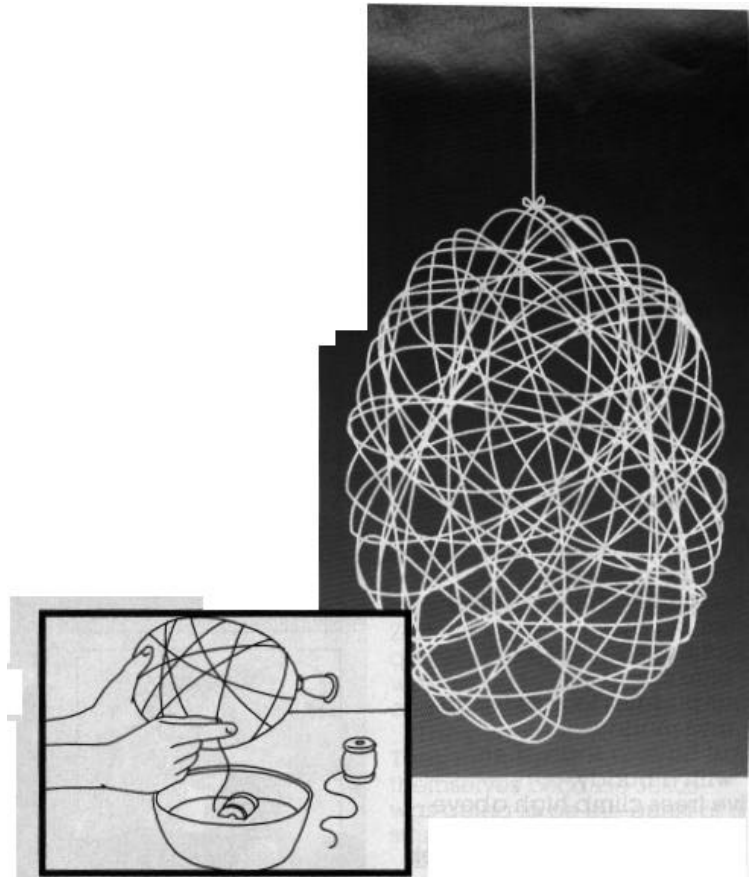
1. Enlarge ice-skate pattern trace onto red felt, and cut out
2. Fold one piece of skate so that straight tops meet, tuck 1" (2.5 cm) of yarn inside, then glue tops together, and let dry. Repeat for other skate.
3. Cut white felt to fit completely around top of each skate, then glue in place (see illustration).
4. Punch holly berries out of red felt. Cut holly leaves out of green felt.
5. Glue holly leaves and berries to white felt trim (see illustration).
6. Slip paper clip through open fold on bottom of Skate.



RUDY WALNUT ORNAMENT

To make this ornament, you will need: two 2" (5 cm) pieces of thick black pipe cleaner, 6" (15 cm) piece of thick black pipe cleaner, 7" (18 cm) piece of yarn, walnut, strong glue, small red pompom two plastic eyes, and desired trim.

1. Wrap a shorter piece of pipe cleaner around each end of longer piece, about 1" (2.5 cm) from end.
2. Fold yarn in half, forming loop, and lay along seam of walnut.
3. At midpoint of nut and at right angle to nut seam, place strip of glue across string; then attach pipe cleaner along glue strip.
4. Glue on eyes and pompom nose. Add trim.



Rope Wreath

- A nice decoration that will last along time!
Time Required: 1 or 2 meetings, and "home work" needed!

You'll need:

Plastic lid 7" diameter.

Sisal rope, 1/4" 3' length per boy (Natural sisal makes the best fringe)

Big cooking pot with lid

Large scissors

Old hairbrush

Trim items to suit your cultural traditions.

1. Cut sisal rope into 12" lengths, and soak in

Warm water in the big pot.

2. While rope soaks, cut the center out of the plastic lid. Don't cut through rim!
3. Play a quick game.
4. Separate rope into ply strands, and loop knot them around the rim, with all the loops on one side. To knot: Fold strand in half, put loop over the lid rim, and pull ends up thru loop. Pull tight.



5. Untwist ends while wet - and split carefully into individual strands.
6. Take home, allow it to dry a few days, and brush while still a bit damp.
7. Decorate at home, or bring back to next meeting to finish.



Chocolate Kisses Wreath

Materials:

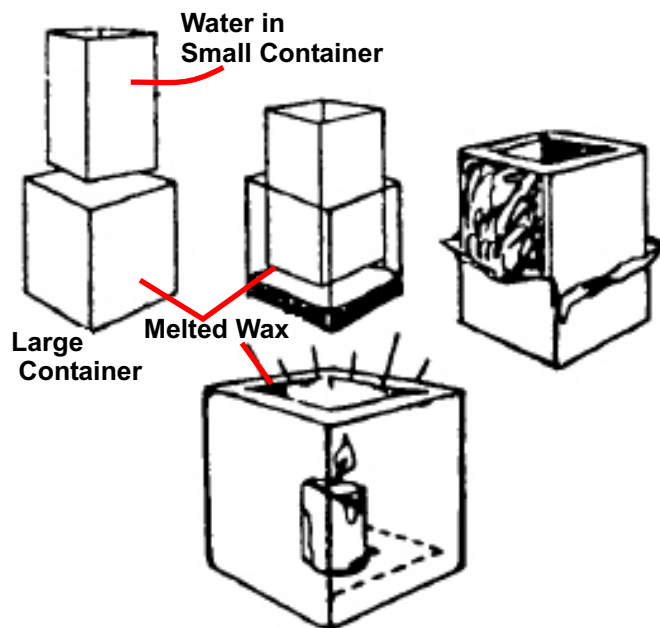
- Foil covered chocolate kisses
- Poster board
- Cake frosting
- Gum drops
- Ribbon

Cut a large circle from the poster board and one from the center of this circle. Use the cake frosting to cover the circle and glue the chocolate kisses and gum drops onto the wreath.



Everlasting Candle

This is a large candle-like shell in which the light from a small candle inside glows through the shell. Cut a half gallon milk carton in half. Melt paraffin and bits of wax crayons for color in a double boiler. Pour into carton to a depth of about an inch and let harden. Fill a quart milk carton with water and center it in the larger container. Now fill the space between the cartons with paraffin. Let it harden overnight. Remove the carton (fill it with hot water if it sticks. Peel off the larger carton. The shell can be decorated with whipped, melted paraffin for a frosted appearance and by pressing in sequins, beads or glitter.



Make a Dreidel

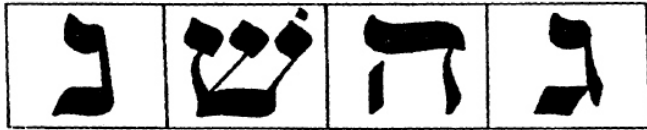
Materials:

- 3" x 9½" construction paper strips
- Empty half-pint (8 ounce) milk carton
- Tape
- Hebrew letter cut-outs (see below)
- Scissors
- Glue
- Sharp pencils

Instructions: Give each Scout a strip of construction paper and an empty milk carton. Demonstrate how to wrap the paper around the four sides of the milk carton, then tape the strip securely in place.





Reproduce the Hebrew letters on this page for each Scout. Have the Scout cut out the letter and glue one letter to each side of the milk carton. With scissors, carefully poke a hole through the bottom center of each milk carton. Have the Scout

insert the pencil from the top of the milk carton through the hole in the bottom. Close the top of the milk carton and tape the pencil in place. You are now ready to play the Dreidel game.



Dreidel Game

You will need ten small objects (buttons, pennies, dry beans, etc.) for each player and ten for the center pile. Have a group of four to six Scouts sit in a circle on the floor. Explain to each player that each Hebrew letter on the dreidel represents a different action.

- The letter  "Nun" means to do Nothing
- The letter  "Shin" means to add two objects from your pile to the center pile.
- The letter  "He" means to take half of the objects from the center pile. If there are an odd number of objects, round up to the higher number.
- The letter  "Gimmel" means to take all the objects from the Center pile.

The first player spins the dreidel on the point of the pencil. When the dreidel stops, the player acts according to the letter that is facing up. The game continues with the person to the first players right, with each player spinning, then acting according to the above rules. When a player has no more items, they are out. The only one Scout has any items left, he is the winner.

'Tis the Season Closing Ceremony

Connecticut Rivers Council

Cubmaster: This is the season of lights. It is a time when the days are shorter so the nights are longer, yet somehow things are brighter. Stores and homes are bright with holiday lights. Thousands of homes have a single light to show the way for the Christ child, others have candles burning to commemorate the miracle of Hanukkah, and some light candles to honor the heritage of Kwanzaa. Even the stars in the winter sky seem brighter at this time of year. But the most important glow is from the spirit of goodwill that we live with year-round in the Cub Scout Promise and the Law of the Pack. Before we all leave to get on with our holiday celebrations, let's stand and repeat the Promise and Law together. Happy Holidays!

WEB SITES

These sites are current as of 11/8-04

By Baloo's Bugle

[Http://www.janbrett.com/gingerbread_baby_house.htm](http://www.janbrett.com/gingerbread_baby_house.htm)

A craft project to go with the Jan Brett's book, The Gingerbread Baby. No cooking (but, alas, no eating) with this house. A quick and easy holiday decoration.

Make a Gingerbread House from HolidayOrganizer.com

<http://organizedchristmas.com/article38.html>

Sweet and easy mini houses make perfect holiday place cards. Also has a recipe for a good, stiff gingerbread dough for an average-sized gingerbread house (templates included).

Necco Gingerbread House

<http://www.necco.com/gingerhouse.htm>

Necco wafers, the candy that's 150 years young, makes a beautiful roof on a gingerbread house. The bakers at Necco have teamed up to create directions for a classic construction. No patterns or templates here, but measurements are included. Necco recommends baking the house pieces a day or two (possibly weeks! This tough gingerbread freezes well.) in advance. It's no fun to have walls of hot gingerbread caving in at the construction site.

Graham Cracker Gingerbread House

<http://www.bry-backmanor.org/holidayfun/ginger.html>

Make a Gingerbread House out of Graham Crackers.

Chiquita Kids

[Http://www.chiquitakids.com/index_flash.asp?bhcp=1](http://www.chiquitakids.com/index_flash.asp?bhcp=1)

Cubroundtable.com

Jewish site for kids

[Http://www.torahtots.com/holidays/chanuka/chanuk.htm](http://www.torahtots.com/holidays/chanuka/chanuk.htm)

Edible/Inedible experiments

<http://www.madsci.org/experiments/>