

National Pike District Cub Scout Roundtable
November 12, 2007

December Theme: Celebrations Around the World
Webelos: Craftsman, Scientist



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Welcome New Leaders
Split Sessions
 Tiger Cub and Den Leaders
 Webelos Leaders
 Cubmasters
 Pack Committee

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Notes:

Coming Events

Nov. 17– Cub Leader Basic Training, Columbia Academy
Jeff Seymour, jjseymour2@address4email.net, 410-730-5376
Dec. 5 – Recharter Turn-in, St. Johns LDS Church and
Glenwood Branch Library, Dana Edwards, 410-379-8092,
Dana.V.Edwards@ssa.gov

December Roundtable: December 10, 2007
January 2008 Theme: Cub Scout Car Show
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Dec. 10 – Recharter Turn-in, Columbia Academy
Dec. 11 – Recharter Turn-in, St. Johns LDS Church and
Glenwood Branch Library
Dec.28 – Jingle Bell Beaver Day, Broad Creek Scout Camp
Jan. 24 – Council Recognition Dinner, Details TBA
Feb. 2 – Klondike Derby, McKeldin Area, Patapsco State Park
Randy Miller, 443-812-1606, randymiller10@comcast.net
Feb. 9 – Mall Show, The Mall at Columbia
Pat Hamilton, 410-740-2594, phamilton2@comcast.net
Feb. 23 & 24 – Scouting for Food Bag Distribution
Details TBA

***Want to invite one of your pack leaders to Roundtable
and you're not quite sure how to give directions to the
Columbia Academy? There is a map located at:***

<http://mywebpages.comcast.net/npcubtraining/>

This site also has previous Roundtable Handouts available for
downloading and contact information for training.

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“The Junk Drawer”

Some of the most useful things on our homes find their way into the junk drawer.

Cub Scout Immediate Recognition Kit Notice

We have received the following letter today relating to defects in the Cub Scout Immediate Recognition kit (Item No. 01804). Below is a picture of the item:



The Boy Scouts of America has directed all of its Scout Shops and all retailers who sell the product to remove it from their shelves immediately and return it to us.

Purchaser will be advised by Kaboot as to further action to be taken.

We are also contacting our councils and asking them through their websites and newsletters to urge anyone who may have purchased the item to remove the Cub Scout Recognition token badge from their children's possession and, until further instructions are received, keep it in a safe place where only adults will have access to them.

Our highest priority is the safety of our youth members and their families.

Boy Scouts of America apologizes for any concern this matter causes parents. BSA is doing everything we can to ensure the health and safety of all those who participate in our program.

October 2, 2007

National Supply Group
Boy Scouts of America
P.O. Box 7143
Charlotte, NC 28247

Dear Sir:

We have been advised that product safety testing for the Cub Scout Immediate Recognition Kit, Item 01804, that we supply to the Boy Scouts of America may contain lead levels in excess of U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission standards in the paint on one component of the kit, the token badge. In light of this development, we have decided to initiate a voluntary recall of the product and have instructed our counsel to move forward with the voluntary recall without delay.

Pending formalization of the details of the recall, we urge all consumers to remove the Cub Scout Recognition token badge from the children's possession and be kept in a safe place where only adults will have access to them. Detailed instructions for returning the product for replacement will be provided when the recall is announced.

We have received no reports of any injuries resulting from use of the kits. Nevertheless, we urge that this action be taken as a precautionary measure, and as a reflection of our commitment – shared by Boy Scouts of America – to sell only products of the highest quality.

Yours truly,

Chuck Kelderhouse
President
Kaboot Products, Inc.

..... From our District Director

And Now, On a Lighter Note...

Boys' Life Reading Contest Enter the 20th Boys' Life Reading Contest Now!

Write a one-page report titled "The Best Book I Read This Year" and enter it in the *Boys' Life* 2007 "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, or 11 years 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 will receive a \$75 gift certificate, and third-place a \$50 certificate.

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

The contest is open to all *Boys' Life* readers. Be sure to include your name, address, age and grade 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

For more details go to www.boyslife.org

Entries must be postmarked by Dec. 31, 2007



PACK RESOURCE SHEET

December 2007 Theme: Celebrations Around the World

Some of the purposes of Cub Scouting developed through this month's theme include

Spiritual growth. Cub Scouts will study the holiday celebrations of many lands and faiths.

Friendly service. The pack and dens will have the opportunity to complete a service project this month.

Respectful relationships. Cub Scouts will learn to be respectful of the heritage and beliefs of others.

The core value to be highlighted this month is

Faith. Through studying the holiday celebrations of other cultures and faiths, Cub Scouts can learn that duty to God has many options.

Opening Ceremony: Season's Greetings

Materials: Wreath, globe, menorah, piñata, candles, star ornament, corn (each boy holds an item)

CUB SCOUT 1 (wreath): Season's Greetings! This is a season of celebrations.

CUB SCOUT 2 (globe): Families all around the world celebrate their holidays in many different ways.

CUB SCOUT 3 (menorah): Jewish families celebrate Hanukkah, the Festival of Lights.

CUB SCOUT 4 (piñata): In Mexico, children celebrate Las Posadas by breaking piñatas.

CUB SCOUT 5 (candle): St. Lucia's day is celebrated on December 13 in Scandinavian countries.

CUB SCOUT 6 (star ornament): Christmas Day is celebrated in many different ways in different parts of the world.

CUB SCOUT 7 (corn): African American families celebrate Kwanzaa from December 26 to January 1.

CUB SCOUT 8 (candle): And here at our pack meeting, we are celebrating the Cub Scout spirit.

ALL: Please join us in repeating the Pledge of Allegiance.

Prayer: Working Together

Dear God, bless all Cub Scouts and their families around the world. Help us remember that we are working together to make the world a better place. Amen.

Cheer: Snowflake Cheer

Each audience member points to another person and says, "You are one of a kind!"

Song: "Celebrations Around the World"

Tune: "Three Blind Mice"

Happy Holidays, Happy Holidays,
Around the world, around the world;
Switzerland and India,
Philippines and Austria,
Peru, Japan, America—
We celebrate.

Happy Holidays, Happy Holidays,
Around the world, around the world;
Ireland and Colombia,
Poland, Laos, Nigeria,
Mexico, Ghana, Canada—
Let's celebrate!

Advancement Ceremony: Around the World

Materials: A large globe, the badges of rank and assorted small international flags on a table; stars taped to the globe

Preparation: Each star has the name of a boy who has earned an award; each star is placed on the globe on a country that has a Scouting program. Colors correspond to the ranks: Yellow—Bobcat, Orange—Tiger Cub, Red—Wolf, Blue—Bear, Green—Webelos.

CUBMASTER: Every minute of every day of every year, thousands of boys are enjoying the fun and excitement of Cub Scouting somewhere in the world. The Cub Scout uniform varies from country to country, but all the uniforms have one thing in common—they promote Scouting and its goals. Cub Scouts are also awarded different badges of rank in different countries. In Japan and Korea, Cub Scouts earn the Rabbit, Deer, and Bear badges. In Australia, the badges are the Bronze, Silver, and Gold Boomerangs. In South Africa, Cub Scouts earn the Tenderpad badge.

While working on their badges, Cub Scouts all around the world shine as brightly as the stars in the sky. Tonight, we have some stars of our own to recognize.

(The Cubmaster spins the globe, removes a star identifies the country, then reads the boy's name and calls him and his family to receive his badge, starting with the Bobcats, spinning the globe for each boy)

These boys, like Cub Scouts all over the world, have worked together and developed new interests, which make them better citizens of our country and of the world. Let's give them a big hand to show how proud we are of them.

Closing Ceremony: Cub Scout Promise

Materials: Eight unlit candles in a room with subdued lighting

NARRATOR (*lights his/her candle*): This candle represents the spirit of Cub Scouting. Cub Scouts are the future of the world. There are Cub Scouts in nations all over the globe. May the ideals of Scouting stay with them forever. (*Lights the first Cub Scout's candle.*)

Cub Scout 1: I promise (*lights candle of Cub Scout 2*)

Cub Scout 2: To do my best (*lights candle of Cub Scout 3*)

Cub Scout 3: To do my duty (*lights candle of Cub Scout 4*)

Cub Scout 4: To God (*lights candle of Cub Scout 5*)

Cub Scout 5: And my country (*lights candle of Cub Scout 6*)

Cub Scout 6: To help other people (*lights candle of Cub Scout 7*)

Cub Scout 7: And to obey the Law of the Pack.

Narrator: If every leader in every country followed this simple promise, the holiday wish of "Peace on Earth" would no longer be just a wish—it would be reality

All: Happy holidays to you, and to all a good night.

Cubmaster's Minute: World Brotherhood of Scouting

Cub Scouts all over the world are celebrating their own unique holiday traditions this month. As our pack meeting comes to an end, let us all remember that we are part of the World Brotherhood of Scouting. If we all remember the Scouting principles that guide us and live by our Promise and Law of the Pack, the world will be a better place for us and the generations to come.

Game: Gift Wrapping

Materials: One box, wrapping paper (precut to size), tape, ribbon, and bow for each team

Divide the group into teams of two. With each player keeping one hand behind his back, each team races to wrap the "gift" (box). Judge for speed and neatness.

Game: African Ring Game

Materials: A small plastic ring, paper cups

Give the ring to one player. Give one cup to each of the remaining players, who place their cups upside down on a table. Then they turn around and close their eyes while the player with the ring hides it under one of the cups. Other players turn back and take turns guessing where the ring is. The player who finds the ring is "It" for the next game.

Game: Circle of World Brotherhood

Materials: Long rope with ends tied together to form a circle

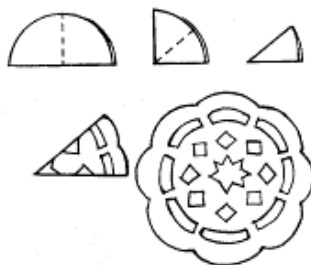
This is a teamwork game. Players should be similar in size. Start with a small circle; gradually increase the size as the boys get used to this game. Players sit around the rope circle. The object of the game is for everyone to stand up, tugging the rope. If everyone pulls at the same time, the entire group should be able to come to a standing position. Now, everyone, let one hand go and wave to friends in the circle!

Project: Holiday Paper Cutting

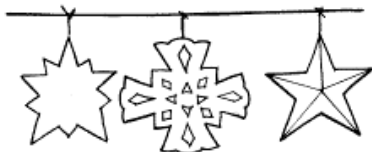
Materials: Paper (tissue paper, construction paper, copy paper) in different colors, scissors

At holiday time, children and adults in many countries make paper-cutout stars, snowflakes, or banners. Tape finished stars and snowflakes on the wall and hang banners on string.

STAR/SNOWFLAKE



FIESTA BANNER



Project: Paper Bag Piñata

Materials: Large paper grocery bag, crepe paper streamers in two different colors, scrap paper, hole punch, glue, cord, scissors, wrapped candy and small toys, blindfold, stick

Fold down the top of the bag inside about 3 inches. Punch one hole on each side in the top of the bag. Attach cord to the bag.

Starring at the bottom of the bag, apply a thin line of glue and attach crepe streamer so it goes all around the bag. Repeat the process using alternating colors. Cut and glue scrap paper to make a clown face. Turn the bag upside down and glue as many streamer pieces as possible to the bottom. Hang the piñata to dry. Fill it with candy and toys. Suspend the piñata well clear of breakables; have blindfolded children hit it with a stick. This piñata does not have to be broken. If a child hits it just right, it will swing upside down, spilling everything.



Project: Hanukkah Mobile

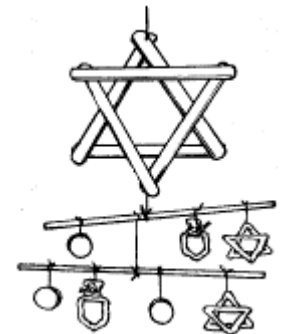
Materials: Chenille stems, gold-wrapped chocolate coins, six craft sticks, two sticks (skewers, 1/8-inch dowels), thread, glue

Large Star of David: Glue three craft sticks to form a triangle. Make a second triangle. Glue the two triangles together to form a six-pointed star.

Small Star of David: Form one chenille stem into a triangle, then intertwine another chenille stem through the first, forming a six-pointed star.

Dreidel: Shape one chenille stem into a dreidel. Wrap loose end around the stem.

Glue thread to each chocolate coin. With thread, hang dreidels, Stars of David, and candy coins from two sticks. Hang the top stick from the large Star of David.



WEBELOS ACTIVITY

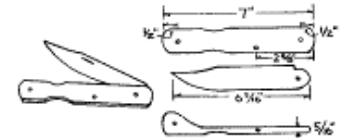
BADGE PROJECTS

Craftsman: Practice Knife

Materials: Two paint stir sticks, 1/8-inch drill, handsaw, three each No. 6 screws and nuts

Webelos Scouts can present the knives to the Bear den at the pack meeting.

Bear Cub Scouts can use the knives to practice with before they handle real ones for their Whittling Chip cards. Boys must treat the knife as if it were real. They can practice sharpening the blade on sandpaper.



Scientist: Borax Crystal Snowflake

Materials: Two chenille stems in color of your choice, string, wide-mouthed jar, pure borax (laundry booster), pencil, tablespoon

Cut one chenille stem into three equal lengths. Twist the lengths together in the center to form a six-pointed star. Attach the second chenille stem to the end of one point by bending the tip of the point. Bend the second chenille stem and attach it to the second point. Continue, forming a snowflake pattern. With string, hang the snowflake from a pencil. Place the snowflake in the jar to make sure it hangs freely. Take it out. Fill the jar with boiling water. Mix borax into the water one tablespoon at a time. Use three to four tablespoons of borax per cup of water. Stir until dissolved. (Some powder settling to bottom of jar is OK.) Place the snowflake into the jar. Leave in the solution overnight.

Tiger Cubs

Tiger Welcome Ceremony

This ceremony was updated with deletion of the Tiger Cub Motto and Tigers earning Bobcat before Tiger Rank. This ceremony is designed to welcome new Tiger Cubs and/or groups into Tiger Cubs. The Tiger ceremony prop can be made from wood. Paint a simple Tiger Totem on it and mount the candles or lights as shown. I use a large black circle that I Velcro to a display board. Then I have four round toes, each with a picture for the part being read. The ceremony was based on the old Tiger Promise but was modified to be current. Don't hesitate to modify it even further if you wish.



Narrator: When a boy becomes a Tiger Cub, he is just beginning a trail that will lead him through Cub Scouting and into Boy Scouting. This Tiger Cub Totem (hold up) is a symbol of the first part of that trail, the Tiger Cub trail, one that you will walk with your adult partner during the coming year as you search, discover, and share the world around you. Tonight I would like to present to each of you this totem to wear on your uniform. It is to remind you of all the fun you will have while working on the Tiger Badge this year with your partner. As you progress through Tiger Cubs and finish each achievement requirement, you will be presented a bead to hang from your Tiger Totem. There are White beads for Family Activities, Orange beads for den activities, and Black beads for Go See It activities. The Tiger Totem has a special meaning for you. Listen carefully as we explain it.

Tiger Leader: The palm in the Totem represents the spirit of scouting (light the front candle). The spirit of scouting is one of helping and friendship. Each toe has a special meaning for you, too. Listen close.

Cubmaster: The first toe is (light first candle) to remind you to of your duty to God. Your parents and religious leaders teach you to know and serve God. By following these teachings, you show your love to God.

Asst CM: The second toe is (light second candle) to remind you to love your family. A Tiger Cub should always be kind and helpful to his family. By helping your home to be a happy place, you show your love to your family.

Asst. TL: The third toe is (light third candle) to remind you to love our country. This means being a good American. You help your community in any way you can. By being a good citizen, you show your love to your country.

Cubmaster: The fourth toe is (light fourth candle) to remind you to always **Do Your Best**, as you search, discover and share in our world. The world we live in is a big and beautiful place. There are many things to learn. As a Tiger cub, you will learn a lot about your world.

Now, each time you see a Tiger Totem, it will help you to remember how to be a good Tiger Cub. Would all Tiger Cubs and their partners please stand and repeat the Cub Scout motto. "**Do Your Best** "

Congratulations on completing your first step as Cub Scouts. Welcome!! We are excited to have you in our pack.

I welcome all of you to the adventure of Tiger Cubs!

Cubmaster may now lead the pack in a Tiger "spelldown".

Give me a T----(audience yells T!)

Give me an I----(I!)

Give me a G----(G!)

Give me an E---(E!)

Give me an R---(R!)

What's that spell?-----(Tigers!)

What's that spell?-----(Tigers!)

What do they say?----(R-o-a-r!)

*(or do The Tony the Tiger
Cheer – "They're great")*

Achievement #2 Where I Live

This achievement lets the boys learn about their communities. Learning about their communities will help them realize that when they take care of it the stronger it becomes. And they develop a sense of pride of their communities becoming good citizens of where they live.

Family Activity 2F -

Together with your adult partner, look at a map of your community. The map can be one your adult partner has, or a map that your adult partner draws with you. On that map locate your home, and find three places you like to go. Places to find on the map could be your school, your place of worship, the place where you have your pack meetings, a store, a park or playground, or the house of a friend or a relative.

If the choice is made to draw a map be sure to put this in their scrapbook.

Den Activity 2D -

This Achievement fits with the Citizenship Character Connection. When we say the Pledge of Allegiance we show that we are proud to live in our country.

If you are wearing your Tiger Cub uniform when you say the Pledge of Allegiance, give the Cub Scout salute and face the U.S. flag. You do not have to take off your Tiger Cub cap if you are wearing one. If you say the Pledge of Allegiance when you are not in uniform, remove your hat, and place your right hand over your heart. When you salute or place your hand over your heart, you are showing your respect for the flag.

Practice the Pledge of Allegiance with your den, and participate in a den or pack flag ceremony.

Go See It Activity 2G –

One of the easiest ways to get to know your community is to go out and “do the town.” Understand that each community is different and you may not be able to do in one community that you could do in another. The following is a list of suggested places besides the Police Station or Fire Station listed in the Achievement within many communities that the Tiger group could visit when working on this Achievement.

- ✓ Visit Town Hall. Learn what services are available for others within your community.
- ✓ Visit a bakery, a restaurant or store.
- ✓ Have a scavenger hunt. Plan the list of items that can be found locally.
- ✓ Plan a ‘make believe’ stay at home vacation.
- ✓ What other things can be done or visited in your area.
- ✓ Visit a nursing or retirement home.
- ✓ Take a tray of favors for the children's ward of a hospital.
- ✓ Visit community organizations that give aid to the needy.
- ✓ Visit a recycling center. Take aluminum cans and or plastic containers.
- ✓ Visit fire station, hospital or police station.
- ✓ Visit museums, zoos or historical sites.

From A to Z What Families Can Do To Help Their Communities

Southern NJ Council

- A. **Adopt** a stream, park or roadside to clean up and keep beautiful.
- B. **Bring** lunch to school in a lunch box. Save your paper bags.
- C. **Care** for toys so they will last longer. Then you won't have to replace them and can pass them on.
- D. **Donate** clothes that you have outgrown to a needy person or someone smaller.
- E. **Encourage** others to join you in collecting glass, newspaper and aluminum to be recycled.
- F. **Flatten** empty cans, boxes and other containers so they don't take up so much space
- G. **Get** in the habit of turning off the water when you brush your teeth. Turn it on only to wet your brush and to rinse.
- H. **Help** by caring about our wildlife & be very careful with matches.
- I. **Insist** on buying products that are biodegradable (they rot or decompose when discarded.) Most plastics are not.
- J. **Jog** or walk, ride a bike or scooter from place to place to save energy.
- K. **Keep** jars of cold water in the refrigerator so you won't have to run the tap water waiting for it to get cold.
- L. **Look** for the recycled symbol on products you buy.
- M. **Make** it a habit to cut each six-pack ring. These sometimes wind up in the oceans. Animals often get caught in them.
- N. **Never** litter. Always put your trash in a trash can.
- O. **Open** the blinds in the wintertime to let in the sun. Close blinds in the summer to keep out the sun's heat.
- P. **Plant** a tree to stop soil erosion, give you shade and give birds a home.
- Q. **Quit** buying products that have a lot of packaging.
- R. **Reduce** the amount of water you use to keep clean. Take showers, not baths.
- S. **Save** energy by asking your parents to turn down the thermostat.
- T. **Turn** off lights if you are the last person to leave a room. Turn off appliances if you are not using them.
- U. **Use** products made to be used many times, such as sponges or cloth towels.
- V. **Value** and appreciate your Earth. Realize that you can make a difference.
- W. **Watch** what you pour in the drain. Hazardous waste can get into the ground water.
- X. **eXamine** labels before using products. Certain household cleaners can be dangerous.
- Y. **Yearn** to do what you can to help our environment. Grow up to be an adult who takes an interest, too.
- Z. **Zip** to close doors and windows if they are opened when the heater or air conditioner is on.

WALK AROUND THE BLOCK

Circle Ten Council

Shadow Walk: Walk only in the shadows, that may require some jumping. (Don't plan this walk at noon since that is when shadows are their shortest)

Smell Walk: Sniff your way around the block. Write down the odors you recognize, and draw a picture of what causes those smells. Label how you feel about each smell.

Color Walk: Choose a color like red and walk only toward red object for as long as you can. Can you make it all the way around your block? Write a history of your color walk. You might try drawing a map of it.

Sound Walk: Listen your way around the block. Write down the sounds you recognize. Draw a picture of the things, which cause these sounds. Label how you feel about each sound.

Other Achievement #2 Ideas

York Adams Council

Gathering: Have a map of your community spread out on a table. As scouts and their partners arrive, have them mark on the map the location of their home. Compare distances between each Tiger and to the nearest store or local landmark of your choice.

Opening: For Tigers this is short and sweet. Remember the new slogan you are learning in Scouts---**KISMIF (Keep it simple, make it fun)**. Ask a Tiger and his partner to lead the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag. As group leader, explain the theme for this meeting and how you hope everyone will learn a little more about your community.

Information Sharing: Again this is as it sounds.

Share any information coming from the Pack, i.e. When is Pack meeting, what do the Tigers need to do to prepare, when the next meeting will be and who is running it. Should there be expenses for the group, now is the time that money should be collected.

Activity: Using the map, that now has the group's homes located, start locating various other parts that make up a community. Go around the room and have each scout name another aspect of the community. Some of these may include: Fire Station, Police Station, Town Hall, Library, favorite restaurants, video store, personal place of worship, hospital or physician's office, and more and more and more. Take a minute with each suggestion and see if your group can tell you how this place helps the community. Believe me the video store will have a totally different answer than the police station.

Now it is time to get away from the table. Ask the boys to do an impromptu skit where they meet one by one on the street and each is going somewhere different. See how many places within the community they wish to go. This is the adult partner's time to see the hidden hams within their boys.

Closing: Congratulate the Tigers for a job well done on their skit. Remind partners of any future commitments and gather everyone in a circle for your closing comments. This can be just a single statement of what your community means to you. Thank everyone for coming and send them on their way.

Meeting Ideas

1. Draw a map of your community and include places of interest as listed from the group.
2. Make fire chief and policeman puppets as found in the Tiger Cub Resource book.
3. Play pin your town on the map, again described in the Tiger Cub Resource book.
4. Using a town map, plan and do a Town bike trip.

Advancement Ideas:

Alice, Golden Empire Council

Tiger Achievements:

Ach. #1D – make a family scrapbook to show how your family celebrates

Ach. #4D – use this as a “springboard” to talk about how misunderstanding of another culture can lead to bias;

Ach. #5F – Character Connection of Faith;

Tiger Electives:

Elec. #1 – Share how different families celebrate;

Elec. #2 – make some decorations for a celebration;

Elec. #4 – frame a picture of your family enjoying a celebration;

Elec. #6 – share a song used for a celebration;

Elec. #7 – make and play an instrument used to celebrate in your own or another culture;

Elec. #8 – getting to know your religious leader can help you complete the Faith Character Connection;

Elec. #11 – do a project to help the needy;

Elec #12 – make some cards to share with someone who is lonely;

Elec. #25 – make a holiday snack to share;

Elec. #36 –go to a holiday musical performance or play with your family or den;

“Celebrations Around the World”

Gathering Time Activities

How Many?

Baloo's Archives

Fill a clear container filled with red, green and white jellybeans, holiday M&Ms, counting as you fill. Everyone makes a guess on a slip a paper (be sure they include their first and last name) as to how many treats are in the jar. The winner gets the container & candy.

Gingerbread Person Photo Shoot

Baloo's Archives

Get a refrigerator or wardrobe box. Decorate the front with a gingerbread man. Cut a hole in the front of box so cubs can show their faces while having their picture taken.

Santa's Bag

Trapper Trails Council

Number ten brown paper bags from one to ten. Put a familiar Christmas - related article in each bag and staple shut. Each boy is given a pencil and paper on which he lists numbers one through ten. He tries to guess what is in each bag by feeling through the paper, and records on his paper his guess. Boy with greatest number of correct answers is winner.

Note: This can be modified for other holiday celebrations.

Celebrations Around The World Word Search

Trapper Trails



P R E S E N T S C R B R H S L
W R E T P Y E O V A E O A D E
C Z A E A V A C X B L H K N O
S L A M O R E D M L L A U E N
R C Z L A C B E I T S T N I K
E T O N I D C E R L O S A R W
M B C V G E A A L K O U H F R
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S O R X T L N G F X X Q S M D
M O N I P Z Z H I F A M I L Y
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CHRISTMAS
DECEMBER
FAMILY
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Opening Ceremonies

Opening Ceremony 1

Props: Box wrapped with holiday paper and tied with a bow. In the box are a menorah, small Christmas tree, invitation, (Kwanzaa candelabra if appropriate), Instant Recognition patch and beads, small wrapped gift, small felt stocking, and card saying "Do Your Best."

Cubmaster: (Opens box and looks inside.) December is one of the most exciting months of the year, and certainly one of the busiest. This month we have: Christmas (Takes out tree.); Hanukkah (Removes menorah.); Kwanzaa (Removes candle holder.), and Holiday parties (Takes out invitation.). What a great time for all of us! Our pack has had lots of fun this month working on advancements (Takes patch and beads from box.), but one of the best things was our special service project/Good Turn (Takes stocking from box.) We've been busy, and all the time we have followed the Cub Scout Motto: (takes paper out of box and shows it while saying motto) "Do Your Best". Now den ___ will present the colors.

Opening Ceremony 2

Setting- Cub Scouts come on stage one at a time, carrying appropriate props, and line up facing the audience. A narrator reads the poem.

(Boy 1 enters, carrying a wreath with sign on it saying "Season's Greetings".)

Narrator: Season's greetings to everyone, We're glad you joined us for the fun; 'Tis certainly the happy time of the year, with everyone bursting with Holiday Cheer. *(Boy 2 enters, carrying a globe with some Christmas tinsel wrapped around the base.)*

Narrator: Each country has its special ways of celebrating the Holidays. Let's see what other people do to celebrate their customs, too. *(Boy 3 enters carrying a candle.)*

Narrator: On Christmas Eve in Ireland, candles shine so bright, as children place them in windows, to shine into the night. *(Boy 4 enters carrying a piñata.)*

Narrator: In Mexico the children gather goodies from the floor after they break the Piñata filled with prizes by the score.

Starry Night

(Dim or turn off room lights except for an electric candle or flashlight)

This is the season of lights and stars, when days are short and nights are long with beautiful stars.

Lord Baden-Powell, the founder of Scouting, once said this to his scouts, "I often think when the sun goes down, the world is hidden by a big blanket from the light of heaven. But the stars are little holes pierced in that blanket by those who have done good deeds in this world. The stars are not all the same size; some are big, and some are little. So some men have done great deeds, and some men have done small deeds, but they have all made their hole in the blanket by doing good before they went to heaven."

Let's remember when we look at the starry sky, to make our own hole in the blanket, by doing good deeds and helping other people.

Opening Ceremony

Preparation: Find the following items and attach the words for that item on them somewhere.

Candle, wreath, candy cane, red tree ornament, and star tree topper.

Put all items in a basket to have boys pull out during ceremony. You could predetermine who is going to pull out what from the basket, reminding them that the star is last if you use the alternative ending. This is a ceremony that you can be creative with, you can add other items as necessary for the number of boys in your den.

Candle: This is the candle Mary and Joseph used to find their way in the dark.

Wreath: This wreath symbolizes the eternal nature of man; it has no beginning and no end.

Candy cane: This candy cane reminds me of the shepherd's crook used at the time of the birth of Christ.

Red tree ornament: This ornament is used to symbolize the blood Jesus shed for us.

Star tree topper: This star is a symbol of the "new star" seen when Jesus was born.

Alternative ending: This star is a symbol of the "new star" seen when Jesus was born; it is also a part of our American flag, let's stand and pledge allegiance to that flag.

Advancement Ceremonies

From Dave Lyons, aka "Commissioner Dave" author of Baloo's Bugle.

Be careful at this time of year when presenting awards. The boys have EARNED the awards. If you incorporate too much Santa Claus and Christmas into your ceremony, the awards will come out as gifts. Gifts although given out of love, are not earned, or deserved (just as the greatest gift to mankind – the birth of our Savior was an undeserved gift of love). That is one reason why I do not show ceremonies with Santa or with gifts. Please be careful to maintain this distinction in your award presentations CD

Advancement Ideas from Holland

Alice, Golden Empire Council

Take a page from the fun-loving Dutch – wrap each boy's award in tissue, then tie with yarn and before the Pack Meeting begins, string the yarn all over the room, under and over other yarns leading to other boy's awards, between the rungs of chairs – when the boy's name is called he is given the end of his yarn string and must follow it all the way to the end. You could use a different colored yarn for each boy, or make it even harder and use the same color yarn! If it seems to difficult for a boy, invite his parents to come up and join the fun!

Along the same lines, the Dutch like to plant notes with riddles leading to the final prize, in this case, a box or envelope with the boy's awards inside. This will take some extra time before the meeting – either use rhymes or riddles – again, the boy can get help from his den, his parents, or the whole audience.

..... *From Baloo's Bugle*

Advancement Ceremony

Have all awards/advancements wrapped in holiday paper. Place packages under a Christmas tree, or hang them on the tree before the pack meeting begins. Have a string of lights on the tree, with empty sockets corresponding to number of awards being presented. In each package also have a Christmas tree light(s) with the Cub's first name on it (using permanent marker). Color-code the lights—green for Bobcat, yellow for Wolf, blue for Bear, red for Webelos, white/clear for arrow points.

As the boys are called forward with their parents to get their awards, have each boy open his package and put his bulb(s) into the empty sockets on the tree. Once all the boys have received their awards, plug in the lights. At the end of the meeting, each boy can take his light(s) home.

Advancement Ceremony: Snowflakes

CM: 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 snowfall, billions upon billions of snowflakes fall to the earth, and no two are exactly alike.

CM: 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.

CM: 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.

CM: 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 their parents please come forward to receive their honors?

CM: 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?

CM: 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?

CM: 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.

Pack/Den Activities and Crafts

Advancement Ideas:

Alice, Golden Empire Council

The **Language & Culture or Heritage Belt** Loops fits this theme – especially if you are learning how different people celebrate – boys of every rank can work on it.

Tiger Achievements and Elective Ideas are in the Tiger cub Section

Wolf Achievements:

Ach. #5 – if tools are being used to make a gift for someone;

Ach. #8c – if you make breakfast for your family for St. Lucia's Day – (check out the ideas for Dec. 13th);

Ach. #10b – if you make a game for your family for Christmas;

Ach. #10f,g - if you attend a Holiday program or have a game night with your family;

Ach. #11 – Complete the Character Connection for Faith and work on the religious award for your faith;

Wolf Electives:

Elec. #3 – make something useful (how about door stops for your chartered organization or your church?);

Elec. #6b – if you choose a book about holiday customs or another culture;

Elec. #9 – if you help prepare for a holiday party or make a gift for someone;

Elec. #11d – if you learn and sing three special Christmas songs, perhaps for a Christmas program at school or church;

Elec. #20d – if you go skiing,

Elec. #20e, f – if you go ice skating or skate outdoors;

Elec. #22 – if you learn phrases in another language to celebrate another culture's holiday.

Bear Achievements:

Ach. #1 – Faith Character Connection;

Ach. #2 – work on the religious award for your faith;

Ach. #9f – make a special holiday dessert;

Ach. #10b – have a family fun night at home or make some gifts together;

Ach. #13 a, b, c, f, g – Help shop for groceries for Holiday meals, compute the cost per person, learn how to save and keep records of your spending, play a board game that involves using money;

Ach. #15c – explain and play a game from another country with your den;

Ach. #17a – choose a holiday show to watch with an adult;

Ach. #18d, e – Write an invitation or thank you notes.

Bear Electives:

Elec. #2 – study and chart the weather;

Elec. #8 – if you make and play an instrument to celebrate a cultural holiday, or if you play an official instrument as part of holiday performances;

Elec. #11 – if you use a camera to help record holiday and family fun;

Elec. #20b, c – if you participate in skiing or ice skating.

Webelos Activity Badges:

Artist 3, 6, 7, 8 – if you use these talents to make a gift for someone;

Craftsman (assigned) – use your skills to make gifts – 2 wooden objects and 4 items from clay, plastic, leather, metal or some other material;

Family Member #8 – plan a family fun night and #11 – earn the Heritage Belt Loop;

Scientist (assigned) – try the M&M Chromatography experiment as part of the Science

Belt Loop; Showman, if you do any of the suggested requirements in connection with holiday performances or pack meeting skits, or if you make a set of puppets and put on a show as a special gift.

Milk Jug Luminary

DesPlaines Valley Council

Materials: Sand, empty plastic gallon milk containers, votive candles or tea lights, scissors, fireplace matches

Directions:

1. Clean milk gallons and remove all labels.
2. On the side nearest the handle, cut a slit one inch tall and three inches long about one inch up from the bottom.
3. Pour about one inch of sand into the container. Shake to distribute sand evenly.
4. Push votive or tea light into the middle of the sand.
5. Use fireplace matches to light.

Tips

These are very unusual luminary. They don't blow over or get snuffed out if it's wet and windy. They give a lovely white light. At a cost of 10 cents each, they are a very inexpensive way to decorate the outdoors at Christmas and other times of the year. Care must be taken to place the tea light near the center of the container but not directly under the spout.

Cookie Cutter Bird Treats

Trapper Trails Council

Materials: Mixing bowls, measuring cups, measuring spoons, mixers-electric or manual, rolling pin, drinking straws, and ribbon.

Ingredients: 1 Cup unsalted butter, softened 3 eggs, beaten, 3½ cups all-purpose flour, sifted 1 teaspoon baking soda, 1½ teaspoons cream of tartar ½ teaspoon salt, mixed birdseed

- ✓ Cream the butter, then beat in the eggs.
- ✓ Sift together the flour, baking soda, cream of tartar, and salt.
- ✓ Gradually add the dry ingredients to the butter and egg mixture.
- ✓ When well mixed, cover and chill.
- ✓ Flour surface of cabinet top and roll out the dough to about a ¼ in thickness.
- ✓ Cut out shapes with the cookie cutters;
- ✓ at the top of each cookie, make a hole with a drinking straw.
- ✓ Press in a coating of the birdseed.
- ✓ Preheat oven to 350 and bake for about 12 minutes.
- ✓ When cookies are cool, insert a length of ribbon through each and tie.

Caroling Party

Sam Houston Area Council

The whole idea is to spread good cheer and holiday spirit to each of your Scouts' families by having the boys sing carols at each boy's house. At each house have the parent provide a different refreshment. For instance, the first house could provide hot cocoa. The next house could provide cookies. The next house could provide some finger sandwiches, and so on, until all of the boys' homes have been visited.

Holiday Time

Sam Houston Area Council

The holidays are a time of laughter and good cheer, for gathering together and making memories that will last forever. These holiday traditions will live from year to year. Some outdoor activities that you and your den can do are:

- ✓ Decorate an outside tree with homemade animal-friendly decorations, such as strings of popcorn, birdseed balls, and pinecone/peanut butter feeders.
- ✓ Take a car or bus ride through neighborhoods gaily decorated with bright shining lights and lawn ornaments.
- ✓ Stroll through the neighborhood singing holiday carols.
- ✓ Take a walk in the woods gathering pinecones and other nature items to use to make holiday decorations and presents. End each activity with a holiday party!

Water Glass Symphony

Trapper Trails

Items Needed: 8 glasses of about the same size and shape, teaspoons, water

- ✓ Line up eight glasses.
- ✓ Fill the first glass about 1/8th full of water for the high note, the second glass should be 1/4 full, the third glass should be 3/8ths full for the next note, and so on.
- ✓ Each glass should sound like a note on the music scale (do, re, mi, fa, sol, la, ti, do).
- ✓ You may need to tune your music scale (add or remove water with teaspoon) until each note rings true.
- ✓ Use a metal teaspoon to gently tap out the scale and any other familiar melodies (Jingle Bells, Silent Night). Or, assign each glass a number or letter.
- ✓ Conduct the symphony by calling out the number or letter, and letting each musician tap his glass.

Cracked Ice Candles

Trapper Trails

Items Needed: ½ gallon paper milk carton, 10" candle, 1½ lb. paraffin, 3 trays of ice cubes, Crayon bits (optional)

1. Cut the top from the carton and rinse out any milk or juice.
2. Crack ice cubes into large pieces. Drain off any water and return to freezer.

3. Melt the paraffin in a double boiler over low heat. Do not melt wax over direct flame. Always have adult supervision while working with wax.
4. For color, add crayon bits to melting wax.
5. While the wax is melting, center candle in carton and surround with cracked ice.
6. Quickly pour the melted wax over the ice.
7. Let cool for half an hour, then cut off carton.

TREAT BASKET

Trapper Trails

Items Needed: Clear plastic soda bottle, cleaned, $\frac{3}{8}$ inch satin ribbon, hole punch, ruler, scissors, craft knife, paint

1. Using the craft knife, an adult should cut 2¼" from the bottom of the bottle.
2. Punch ten holes, about 1" apart, ½" down from the edge of the dish.
3. Paint as desired.
4. When paint is dry, thread a 22" length of ribbon over and under through the holes, leaving a 2" tail at the beginning.
5. Tie ribbon ends together. Fill with favorite treats.

Christmas Cinnamon Ornaments

Trapper Trails

Items Needed: 1 cup applesauce, 1 oz. powdered cinnamon, 1 oz. ground cloves, 1 oz. ground nutmeg, 1 oz ground ginger, cinnamon for cutting board.

- ✓ Combine ingredients to make a stiff dough.
- ✓ Roll out on board dusted with ground cinnamon.
- ✓ Cut with cookie cutters of your choice.
- ✓ Using a straw, put a hole in the top for string.
- ✓ Lay out flat to dry.
- ✓ Turn over every 12 hours until completely dry.

Pomander

Sam Houston Area Council

Materials: Firm, fresh oranges or lemons, whole dried cloves, toothpick, nylon net, ribbons or pretty yarn

- ✓ Use the toothpick to poke holes in the orange skin
- ✓ Insert a whole clove into each hole. You can randomly place the cloves in the orange, as close together as you can or you can make a neat vertical or horizontal pattern.
- ✓ If you want to add a richer, spicier scent, roll the finished pomander in a mixture of cinnamon, allspice, and nutmeg.
- ✓ Now, set the pomander aside to dry for several weeks.
- ✓ It will shrink and get hard (as the orange gets dehydrated).
- ✓ Wrap it in a square of nylon net and
- ✓ Tie the ends with the ribbon.
- ✓ It's ready to hang in a closet or give as a gift.

Popcorn Wreath

Sam Houston Area Council

Materials: Cardboard base (a pizza box is perfect or a cake round), lots of popped corn, glue, yarn, ribbon, scissors

Directions:

- ✓ Cut the center of the cardboard out to create the wreath base.
- ✓ Punch a hole near the edge and tie a loop of yarn through it to be used for hanging later.
- ✓ Pour glue out on a recycled meat tray.
- ✓ Put the popped corn into a bowl, and
- ✓ One piece at a time dip popcorn in the glue and stick onto the wreath base.
- ✓ Cover the base completely with the popcorn.
- ✓ Decorate with tiny yarn or ribbon bows, glued on here and there.

Gumdrop Tree

Sam Houston Area Council

Materials: Styrofoam cone, toothpicks, candy gumdrops

Directions: Place gumdrops on table. Stick a toothpick into each gumdrop. Press toothpicks into Styrofoam cone. Cover the cone completely. The ornaments are edible.

Hanukkah Ideas
Viking Council

Background

The holiday dates back 2200 years. Jews lived in Palestine, then occupied by the Syrians. Antiochus was the king of Syria. He wanted the Jews to accept the religion of the Greeks. Some did and some did not. Those that did not formed a band of loyal Jews. They were named the Maccabees. Mattahhis was their father, and Judah Maccabee was their leader. After three years, the band captured Jerusalem, cleaned and repaired the Holy Temple.

They found a small cruse of oil to light the eternal light. However, there was only enough for one day and they sent for more oil. The small amount of oil lasted for eight days instead of one, until more oil was secured. This was considered the miracle, although the victory of the small ban over the Syrian Army was also considered a miracle.

Hanukkah is celebrated the 25th day of Kislev in the Hebrew calendar. It falls somewhere between Thanksgiving and New Years each year.

In homes, people decorate with paper products. They light candles each day. They start with one candle and the "shammus" which lights the other candles, and add one candle each night. They sing songs, eat potato pancakes and Hanukkah cookies. Also they exchange Hanukkah gifts and Hanukkah "gelt" (small amounts of money). They play games with the "dreidle" or top.

Craft Ideas

Menorah - piece of wood (oblong); bottle caps, wooden spools, etc., paint, glue. Must have 9 holders, one either larger or elevated as the "Shammas".

Stained Glass Windows waxed paper, shapes of tissue paper (can also be done with Christmas colors and symbols). Iron Hanukkah shapes between two pieces of wax paper.

Holiday cards (may also be done with Christmas symbols) dip holiday cookie cutters in paint and print on colored paper (can also use potato or vegetable print)

Candy Menorah

St. Louis Area Council

Materials: Styrofoam pieces for base, 9 peppermint sticks, 9 candy kisses, Frosting

- ✓ Cut a 1" square of foam and glue to center of foam base
- ✓ Push four peppermint sticks into the foam to one side of the center.
- ✓ Push four peppermint sticks into the other side.
- ✓ Push the central peppermint stick into the center.
- ✓ On the first day of Hanukkah, "light" the Shamash and the first "candle" on the right.
- ✓ To light the candles, dab some frosting onto the top of the candy stick and attach a candy kiss.
- ✓ Candles are lit from right to left.
- ✓ On the eighth day, the edible parts of the menorah may be eaten in celebration of the holiday.

Japanese Mizuhiki knots

Alice, Golden Empire Council

- ✓ Japanese gifts are often wrapped in paper and then tied with a traditional bow, called mizuhiki – they are thin colored cords, and can even be found at craft stores.
- ✓ Here's how to make your own mizuhiki knot:
- ✓ Select eight cords, four of one color and four of another color.
- ✓ Make a loop about 6 inches from one end with four of the cords, making sure they lay flat.



- ✓ Now weave the cords of the other color in and out of the first loop as shown in the picture.

- ✓ Trim the ends near the knot evenly.
- ✓ Center the knot on the front of the box;
- ✓ Now flip the entire box over, holding the mizuhiki in place.
- ✓ Tape the cords to the box where they overlap, then trim any extra.
- ✓ This looks great with traditional Japanese papers, plain fabric with a weave to it, or even brown paper!



Dog Biscuit Rudolph Neckerchief Slide

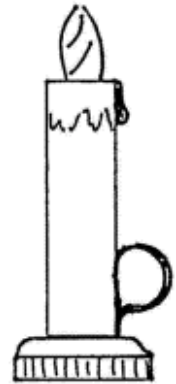
One dog biscuit per boy, clear sealer, brown paper, red pompom, wiggle eyes, aluminum foil, scissors, glue, PVC pipe or neck piece from a plastic bottle

1. Place biscuit on foil to prevent sticking.
2. Spray with several coats of clear sealer. Do this ahead of time and let dry between coats.
3. Cut antlers from brown paper, glue to back of biscuit.
4. Glue wiggle eyes to brown felt circles, glue to face.
5. Glue on pompom nose.
6. Glue PVC piece or plastic bottle neck piece to the back.

Christmas Candle Slide

½ Bump Red Bumpy Chenille
½ Bump Yellow Bumpy Chenille
1 Piece Dowel Rod, 5/8" X 2"
1 35 mm Film Can Cap (Fuji Film Caps Work Best)
1 20 mm Ring
1 Piece Reynolds Craft Aluminum, 1/8" X 1"
White and Gold Spray Paint
Carpet Tack

Drill hole in top of dowel 1/4" deep. Paint dowel white and film can cap gold, let dry thoroughly. Bend aluminum strip into a circle with a 1/4" tail so that it looks like a "p" Place the dowel on the candle base. If using Fuji film cans the dowel will fit into the depression in the cap, flat caps should be centered on the candle. Tack the base onto the candle bottom. Place a dot of glue on the tail of the aluminum candle handle on the apposite side from the circle and place where the candle and the base meet.



Twist together the two pieces of chenille to form the flame. Place a drop of hot glue in the top hole and push in the large end of the chenille flame.

Hot glue the ring to the back of the candle a little above the mid point on the back. Decorate the candle with hot glue "wax dribbles" as desired.

Pine Cone Xmas Tree

1 Pine Cone about 2 - 3" tall. Cones should be dry and open.

Glitter

Slide Ring

Directions:

- 1) Cut off the back half of the cone with a saw or chisel. This step should be done ahead of time for younger scouts.
- 2) Glue Slide ring to back of cone.
- 3) Spray the cone with 2 or 3 light coats of green spray paint. Allow 10 to 15 minutes between coats. Before the last coat dries, sprinkle lightly with glitter. Let dry overnight or longer.
- 4) Paint some of the tips with bright colors to add ornaments to the tree. Dry before wearing.



Star of David Photo Frame

Popsicle sticks

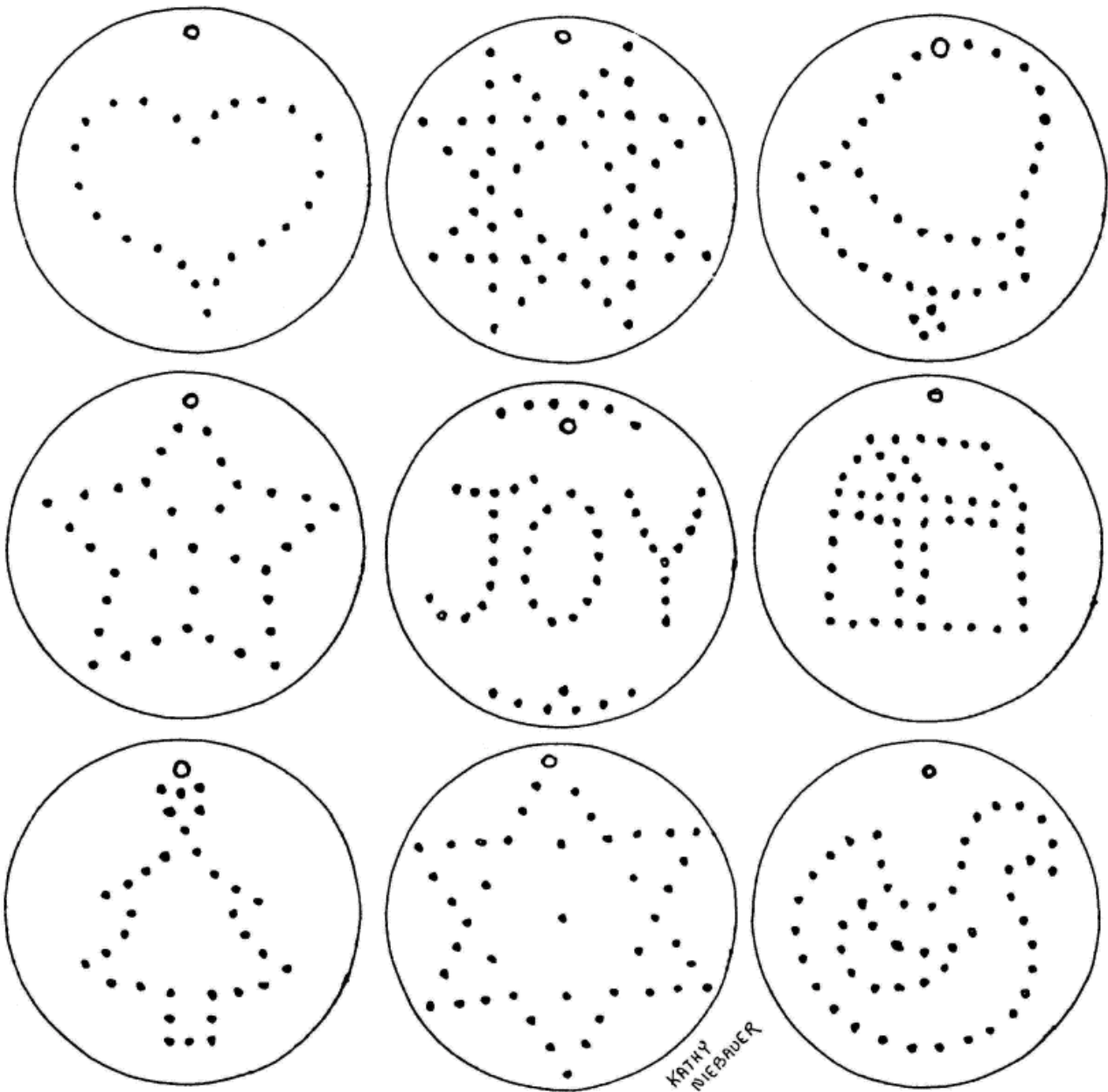
Glue

Glue 3 Popsicle sticks together to form a triangle. Do the same with 3 additional Popsicle sticks. Glue one triangle upside down over the other to form a Star of David. Cut a photo to fit the center and glue in place.



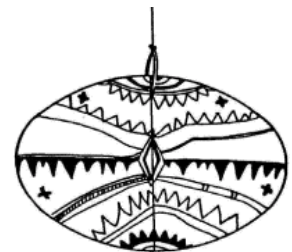
Punch Tin Can Ornament ... from frozen juice lid

Cut from patterns from designs on the next page. Tape pattern to juice lid. With hammer and nail, punch each dot to make design. Use larger nail to punch hole to hang ornament. It then may be colored with permanent markers. Eyelet trim can be added to edge. Hang with 8" of 1/8" wide ribbon.



Ornaments from Around the World

From Africa – Christmas decorations can be made from large plastic eggs. Decorate the outside by gluing on felt or paper designs, or use acrylic paints to color an African design on the egg. Cut a piece of string. Open the plastic egg. Leaving a loop of string outside the egg, put both ends of the string inside the egg, and close the egg. Hang the egg singly on the tree, or cluster several near each other to represent the eggs some Africans give their friends at Christmas.



From Mexico – Draw an animal or plant design on a piece of heavy cardboard. Cut out. Squeeze white glue along lines of design and press brightly colored pieces of yarn into the glue. Spread more glue on the rest of the cardboard shape and press other colors of yarn into the glue.

Skits

A World Of Celebrations

Alice, Golden Empire Council

Setting: A group of Cub Scouts – each one should have his props right next to him, or behind his back. (*You can substitute customs from any country – especially if you have children who come from other cultures*)

Cub #1: Well, we're ready for Christmas – we dug out our stockings (holds up his stocking) and we're going to hang them by the fireplace. (Looking at another Cub) Are you ready at your house?

Cub #2: Oh, we don't have stockings at my house.

Cub #1: What, you don't get your stocking filled with goodies? How awful!

Cub #2: My family is from Holland – we have a different custom. Children put their wooden shoes out, with some straw in them. (holds up some straw)

Cub #3: What's the straw for?

Cub #2: It's for St. Nicolaus' donkey.

All Cubs: He has a donkey? Not reindeer?

Cub #2: That's right – he takes the straw for the donkey and leaves gifts in the shoes. But it's NOT on Christmas Day. We go to church then. But on Dec. 6th, St. Nicolaus comes and leaves gifts.

Cub #3: Well, I guess that's as good as a stocking. You know, my Mom is from Sweden, and they do things different there, too. On St. Lucia Day, Dec. 13th, my oldest sister wears a wreath on her head with candles in it. (holds up a picture of a girl dressed for St. Lucia Day)

Cub #4: What's the wreath for?

Cub #3: Well, it's because she is supposed to represent Saint Lucia, who brought food to Christians who were hiding from their enemies in dark caves. And besides, it's really dark in the winter in Sweden – the sun barely shines – so Swedish people love to see light. My sister brings special sweet buns to my parents while they're still in bed.

Cub #4: Do you get some, too?

Cub #5: Well, everyone gets some – but first, my parents get theirs – and me and my brothers wear hats with stars – it's from an old legend.

Cub #4: So, what about Santa?

Cub #3: Well, here in America, we do have Santa, but we also leave some food for the Juul Nisse.

Cub #4: What's that?

Cub #3: In Sweden, elves called Juul Nisse help children with their chores and bring them gifts – so we leave them food to say thanks!

Cub #5: You know, my grandpa is from Mexico – the children get their gifts on January 6th – it's called Three Kings Night, after the three wise men.

Cub #6: What do they do on Christmas?

Cub #5: Oh that's great, too. We always have tamales and go to church – and in Mexico, they have Las Posadas.

All Cubs: What's that?

Cub #5: Well, for nine nights in a row, people join a procession, and go from house to house – they pretend to be Mary and Joseph, looking for an inn to stay in. Everyone decorates their house with paper banners, and there is lots of singing.

Cub #6: So, do people let them in?

Cub #5: No, they have to go from house to house each night, and everyone says there is no room, till they get to the right house.

Cub #6: What happens then?

Cub #5: Oh, when they get to the right house, they get to come in and there's a party! There's a piñata (holds up a piñata or a picture of one) to break, filled with candy and little gifts. It's a lot of fun!

Cub #6: Boy, people celebrate Christmas in lots of different ways!

All Cubs: But it all sounds like fun!

Who Stole The Christmas Cookies?

Alice, Golden Empire Council

Setting: Cub Scouts gathered around a refrigerator (just a large piece of paper with a refrigerator drawn on it) Cubmaster is out of sight, holding several cookies and a glass.

Cub #1: Wow, I'm really looking forward to Christmas – can't wait to see what I get!

Cub #2: Yeah, I think we're all ready – wonder what I'll get?

Cub #3: Oh no! I forgot!

Other Cubs: What did you forget?

Cub #3: We forgot the cookies and milk for Santa!

Cub #4: Oh, that's easy – my Mom even has a special plate. (pretends to reach up in a cupboard, pulls out a plate) "See – it's perfect for Christmas"

Cub #5: Great, all we need now are the cookies and milk!

Cub #6: I'll get the milk.

Cub #1: I'll get the cookies from the cookie jar! (reaches up and pretends to get a really large object)

Cub #2: Wow, that's a big cookie jar! (pretends to take the lid off the jar)

All Cubs: (looking inside the jar, then looking horrified) Oh, no, it's empty!! Now what can we do?

Cubmaster: (enters holding cookies and an empty glass) Boy, those were some great cookies. But I need some more milk.

All Cubs: STOP! Put down those cookies!

CM: (looking startled) But they're delicious! I just need some more milk.....

Cubs: No, you've got to put down those cookies – they're for Santa!

CM: Oh, sorry, I didn't know...(puts them on the plate)

Cubs: Wow, glad there were still some left!

CM: I'll tell you one thing – Santa is going to LOVE those cookies! (All leave the stage)

Games

Afghanistan Stick Ball

Using a soft sponge, plastic, or rubber ball and any suitable bat. A batter tries to hit the ball past a group of fielders, run to a goal and return without being tagged or hit by a thrown ball. The batter continues as long as he can. The fielder who puts him out becomes the batter. One of the fields serves a pitcher and, as in baseball, the batter gets three strikes. Sometimes the game is played as a team sport with one side batting until all have been tagged out.

Cherry Chop (France)

Give each player from five to ten pebbles or marbles. (Cherry pits are used in France.) Players line up about two feet from a shallow bowl with one pebble or marble in it. In turn, the players toss their pebbles, trying to knock the pebble out of the bowl.

When a player succeeds, he keeps that pebble and the leader puts another pebble in the bowl. If a player misses, he must put one of his pebbles into the bowl. Winner is the player with the most pebbles after several rounds.

.....*From the Buckeye District Roundtable Handout*

Kemari

A game similar to hackey sack, but played with a ball. The object is to keep the ball in the air and pass among all the players without letting the ball touch the ground.

Calico tops

Stretch a piece of cloth (calico) over a bucket and bind in place with string or rope. Two or more players release their tops onto the cloth and try to knock the opponents' tops off the cloth.

Karuta

A card game in which each card bears the second half of a famous poem. The caller reads out the first half of a poem and players race to locate and snatch the card being described. A popular variation for children is to lay out cards bearing scenes from a favorite anime. The caller reads descriptions of those cards and the other children seek out and lay their hand down on the matching card. The caller confirms that it is the correct card and allows the player to take it. The person with the most cards at the end of the game is the winner.

To make your own karuta, cut a cereal box into 2" squares. Cut out squares from the Sunday comics and glue to the cereal box squares. Let dry. Appoint a caller to describe cards one at a time allowing for players to locate and grab each card.

Menko

Players take turns throwing large heavy round cards (like huge POGs) down on top of opponents' cards attempting to flip them over. Any flipped cards go to the player who threw the card (*menko*).

To make your own *menko*, cut up cereal boxes into 3" circles. Glue 3 circles together to make the *menko* heavier; let dry. Repeat until you have 5 heavy *menkos*. Now play against your friends. (Or, fold *menkos* out of origami paper.)

Rock, paper, scissors (Jan-ken)

Jan-ken in its simplest form is used like a coin toss. Players face each other and say, "Jan, ken, pon!" holding out their hand in the shape of a rock (fist), paper (flat, palm up), or scissors (holding out the index and middle fingers like the Cub Scout sign.) Rock beats scissors, scissors beats paper, and paper beats rock. If the two players hold out matching shapes, they both call out, "Aiko desho!" while holding out a new shape and repeat as long as they continue to tie each other.

Jan-ken is also used to choose teams. People pair up and play a round of Jan-ken against each other. The winners form one team and their partners form the other team.

There are many variations of this game, but here's one for two players. It begins with a round of the basic Jan-ken, but the winner of the round (without missing a beat) says, "Atchi mite hoi!" pointing up, down, left, or right. The opponent tries his hardest to look in any direction but the direction that the other player is pointing. If he looks in the same direction, he loses on the spot. If he successfully avoids following the pointing finger, another round of Jan-ken commences, again without missing a beat, and this continues until someone loses. The focus can be on how long they can keep the "volley" going as opposed to how fast someone loses.

Japanese:

"Jan, ken, pon!"

"Aiko desho!"

"Atchi mite hoi!"

English version:

1, 2, 3!

Tie goes again!

Look this way!



Songs

Be Kind to Your Cub Scout Friends

(Tune: Stars and Stripes forever)

Be kind to you cub Scouting friends
That's a pledge from one scout to another
Be kind to your leader today
'Cause for helping, they don't get any pay.
Be kind to your neighbors and friends
'Cause by caring you follow scouting letter
Cub Scouting and friendships are grand
And as we grow, the world will know
We've made things better.

Every Year

(Tune: Old MacDonald Had a Farm)

Every year we bake some pies,
yum yum, yum, yum, yum.
Coconut and lemon pies,
Yum, yum, w, yum, yum.
With a big slice now and glass of milk.
Extra slices if I may.
Every year we bake some pies,
Yum, yum, yum, yum, yum.

Every year we go see Grandma,
Ho, ho, ho, ho, ho.
She always lets us trim the tree.
Ho, ho, ho, ho, ho
Up go the lights, and up goes the tinsel.
Everyone helps as we decorate it.
Every year we go see Grandma
Ho, ho, ho, ho, ho.

Helping Santa Claus

(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, who wouldn't go?
Ho, ho, ho, who wouldn't go?
Out helping Santa, click, click, click.
Try a goodwill project, quick, quick, quick.

When Your Helping and You Know It

(Tune: when you're happy and you know it)

When you're helping and you know it,
Lend a hand
When you're giving and you show it
Things are grand
If you're helping and you're giving
Then you help make life worth living
Keep on helping, keep on giving
Take a stand.

Giving Time

(Tune: Jingle Bells-chorus)

Giving time, sharing time
Fun for everyone
Scouters know that Christmas is
The time for deeds well done.

Giving time, sharing time
Let us all take part
Join with Cub Scouts all around
And give gifts from the heart.

Share With Others

(Tune: Rudolph The Red Nosed Reindeer)

Here's to the Cubs in our den,
As they follow, help and give.
All of the boys in our den,
Know just how a Cub should live.

Now that it's time for Christmas,
We've been very helpful boys,
We've gathered lots of old things,
Fixed them up like brand new toys.

Saved our pennies every meeting,
Bought a lovely Christmas tree,
Trimmed it up to take to our
Den adopted family.

Bright and early Christmas morning,
When they see our shiny toys,
We'll be happy that we shared
Our Christmas joy with other boys.

I'd like to Teach the World to Sing

I'd like to build the world a home
And furnish it with love,
Grow apple trees and honey bees
And snow white turtledoves.

I'd like to teach the world to sing
In perfect harmony,
I'd like to hold it in my aims
And keep it company.

I'd like to see the world for once
All standing hand in hand,
And hear them echo through the hills
For peace throughout the land.



Cub Grub - Fun Food

Jewish Latkes (Hanukkah potato pancakes)

Trapper Trails

Ingredients: 4 potatoes, 4 eggs, 4 tablespoons flour, applesauce, vegetable oil, frying pan and spatula

Shred potatoes, add eggs and blend well, Add the flour and mix well. In frying pan add oil, heat. When ready add a small amount of mixture to oil and fry until brown. Let dry on paper towels. Now add applesauce to the latke and enjoy!

Hot Spiced Apple Cider

Northwest Suburban Council

Ingredients: 1 Gal. Apple Cider or Apple Juice, 1-9 oz bag of Cinnamon Red Hot Candy, ½ cup Sugar, 5 cinnamon sticks, 20 - 25 Whole Cloves , 1 cup Prepared Cranberry Juice, 1 cup Prepared Orange Juice, Butter

In a large pot, combine all ingredients except the butter. Over a medium heat, bring to a boil. Stir frequently until sugar and candies are dissolved. Reduce heat and simmer for about an hour. Before serving, place a small pad of butter in each mug. Pour cider into mug over butter. Add cinnamon stick and stir.

Früchtebrot (Fruit Bread)

Trapper Trails

Ingredients: 3 eggs, 125 grams dried apricots, 125 grams sugar, 125 grams hazelnuts, 2 tsp. rum flavor extract, 60 grams almonds, 125 grams dried plums, 1 tsp. baking powder, butter to grease loaf pan

Preheat oven to 180° C or 350° F. Cream eggs and sugar, Then mix in oats, baking powder, and rum flavor. Chop remaining ingredients coarsely and mix into dough. Sprinkle greased loaf pan with oats and pour in dough. Bake on bottom rack about 90 minutes (time may vary).

Mexican Wedding Cookies

Trapper Trails

Ingredients: ½ cup almonds, ½ cup pecans, 2 sticks cold butter, cut into pieces, 1 ¾ cup powdered sugar (¼ cup and 1 ½ cups), 1 Tbsp vanilla extract, 2 cups flour, 1 tsp. anise seed

1. Preheat oven to 325 F
2. Grind almonds and pecans in food processor,
3. Then add butter and continue to grind until smooth.
4. Add ¼ cup powdered sugar and vanilla,
5. Then mix again.
6. Add flour and anise seeds and grind mix until blended.
7. After flouring hands, roll the dough into small balls
8. Place them about an inch apart on ungreased cookie sheet.
9. Bake 15-20 minutes or until brown on the bottom.
10. Cool for 15 minutes, then roll the still warm cookies in the rest of the powdered sugar. Let cool again, then add more powdered sugar.

Stunts & Applauses

APPLAUSES & CHEERS

Trapper Trails

Jingle Bells Cheer - Give everyone a jingle bell and everyone shakes them at the same time.

Santa Cheer - Put your arm up to represent a big belly, Shake your belly and say, "HO HO HO!"

Rudolph Cheer - Put your fist up in front of your nose then open and close your fist and say, "Blink, blink, blink!"

Reindeer Cheer - "On Dasher, Dancer, Prancer and Vixen, On Comet, Cupid, Donner and Blitzen!"

RUN-ONS

Trapper Trails

"Harry," said Mother severely, "there were two pieces of pie on the shelf this morning, and now there is only one. How did that happen?"

"I don't know," said Harry, regretfully. "It must have been so dark that I didn't see the other piece."

If a Cub Scout found a dollar in every pocket in his pants, what would he probably have?

Someone else's pants.

Why did Santa only take seven reindeer on Christmas Eve?

Comet had to stay home and clean the sink.

Alice, Golden Empire Council

I am around long before dawn.

But by lunch I am usually gone.

You can see me summer, fall, and spring.

I like to get on everything.

But when winter winds start to blow;

Burr, then it's time for me to go!

What am I?

Answer: The dew

Which moves faster, heat or cold?

Heat – everybody catches cold!

In what year did Christmas Day and New Year's Day fall in the same year?

Answer: It happens every year!

If you were standing directly on Antarctica's South Pole facing north on Christmas Day, which way would you travel if you took a step backwards?

Answer: North – all directions from the South Pole are north!

Clara Clatter was born on Dec. 27th, yet her birthday is always in the Summer! How is this possible?

Answer: She lives in the Southern Hemisphere, where the seasons are reversed.

Closing Ceremonies

Christmas on December 25

Celebrations during the mid-winter season were common, even before Christmas was celebrated on December 25.

Christmas was once a moveable feast celebrated many different times during the year. The choice of December 25 was made by the Pope Julius I in the fourth century AD because this coincided with the pagan rituals of Winter Solstice, or Return of the Sun. The intent was to replace the pagan celebration with the Christian one.

In 1752, 11 days were dropped from the year when the switch was from the Julian calendar to the Gregorian calendar. The December 25 date was effectively moved 11 days backwards. Some Christian church sects, called Eastern Orthodox, still celebrate Christmas on January 7 (previously Dec. 25 of the Julian calendar.)

Many of the traditions associated with Christmas (giving gifts, lighting a Yule log, singing carols, decorating an evergreen) hark back to older religions.

No matter what your background, we hope you have enjoyed our celebration tonight, and we hope you enjoy the season and create your own tradition of holiday celebrations.

(Close with a living circle.)

.....*From Barb Stephens' Pack 114 Library*

Do Your Best

Arrangement: Boys with key words hold up cards saying: Do Your Best.

Cub 1: Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.

Cub 2: That's called the Golden Rule.

Cub 3: You're all Cub Scouts of Gold and Blue

Cub 4: The Pack is your special tool.

Cub 5: The best way we know to celebrate this season.

Cub 6: Is in giving your best to others.

Cub 7: And now we wish you, for that very reason,

All: Happy Holidays!!



Cubmaster Minutes

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 Kwanza. 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!

During the past month we have had the opportunity to learn a little bit about the ways that all of us celebrate our holidays. Whether we celebrate Christmas, Hanukkah, Winter Solstice, Kwanza, or some other customary time, it seems universal that people everywhere come together at this time of year to celebrate. And so we see that we really do have much in common with all humanity. No matter what their ethnic or religious backgrounds, people all around the world have the same needs - love of family, need for fun and celebration, etc. By learning about others we can better understand ourselves.

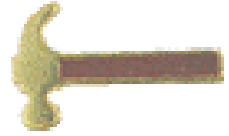
But, perhaps we should also grant acceptance and understanding to those who are closest to us. Every person is unique in his abilities and needs. As we have developed sensitivity to our cultural and ethnic differences, we also need to develop an understanding of ourselves, our families, our brothers and sisters. So I ask you, as we venture into a new year together, may our love and understanding for all humanity be extended always to those to whom we are the closest."

Webelos

Craftsman

Den Activities

- Visit a furniture factory, lumber yard, saw mill or cabinetmaker.
- Visit a tannery or leather goods manufacturer.
- Invite an expert to give a demonstration on the proper care and use of tools.
- Have someone give a demonstration of leather craft and explain how to use leather tools.
- Discuss finishing methods for wood projects: The importance of sanding, filling holes and scratches, the various types of finishes, such as shellac, stain, lacquer, varnish and enamel.
- Have a nail-driving contest. Give each boy a scrap of wood, nails and a hammer. Let them practice driving nails straight.
- Make a tool chest or a bench horse for sawing.
- Have a birdhouse building contest.
- Build midway games for your Pack.



Tin Can Lantern

You'll need: large tin cans (with label removed), markers, towel, hammer, nails, screw-in hooks, 20-inch wood dowels, wire for hanging loop, votive candles

1. On the outside of the clean, empty can, draw a pattern for the lantern holes.
2. Fill the can with water and freeze it for two days. (The ice keeps the sides from collapsing when you hammer them.) When the water in the can is frozen solid, place the can on its side on top of a towel and use the nail tips to hammer in holes of various sizes according to his design. Be sure to make two holes near the top, on opposite sides, for stringing a handle.
3. Remove any chunks of ice from inside the tin can (a parent's job, since the hammered-in holes will have sharp edges).
4. Help the boys screw the hook into one end of the wood dowel, then string the length of wire through the hook. Wind the ends of the wire through the hanging holes on the can a few times until they are secure.
5. Use a small bit of melted wax or modeling clay to affix the votive candle to the bottom of the can.

(A dried spaghetti noodle is a handy way to light the lantern; it burns steadily and lessens the likelihood of scorching your fingers.)

Painted Glass Vase

You'll need: clean empty jars, acrylic or liquid tempera paints, paintbrushes or cotton swabs, white glue and clear glaze (available at craft stores)

1. To make the paint stick to the glass, first mix the colors with some glue. Keep the paint thick so it won't run.
2. Use brushes or cotton swabs to paint a design on the jar. To erase a mistake, use a paper towel to wipe off the paint before it hardens.
3. Let the paint dry, then seal the finished design with a coat of glaze.

(This might make a cool pencil holder.)

Ristra (Paper and Rope craft)

For each ristra you'll need: red, green, yellow and orange construction paper, scissors, hole punch, 2 yards of twine

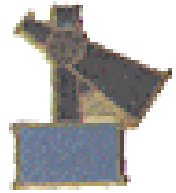
In a typical Mexican market, you can commonly find as many as 20 varieties of chili peppers, ranging in flavor from subtle to fiery hot. Available in many sizes and colors, they are often strung together into a decorative ristra and hung on doors. "Kids often ask what a ristra is for," says Alma Trujillo, a World Showcase ambassador and a native of Mexico. "I explain that we often string chilies or garlic into ristras to hang around doorways as a good luck charm and a welcome sign."

To make the paper ristra, cut out roughly two dozen peppers in the small (2 1/2 inches long), medium (4 1/4 inches long) and large (5 1/4 inches long) shapes, varying the color and size. Punch a hole into each one below the stem. Fold the twine in half, leave a loop at the top, and start stringing the "peppers," knotting the twine after every two or three peppers. Hang your ristra where it will welcome your friends.

Scientist

Pack Meeting

- ✓ Honor your Pack leaders by making up some "Scientific Awards." Cut them out of poster board.
For example:
 - Gravity is a heavy subject. (Shape of the Earth)
 - Stars are night lights that don't run up bills. (Stars)
 - Astronomers are far-sighted. (Glasses with big eyeballs)
 - Chemists really, stir things up! (Beaker with bubbling mix.)
- ✓ Science Fair: Set up and hold a science fair during your Pack meeting. Show some of the simple experiments you have been doing in your Den meetings.
- ✓ Display items that you have made.



Lemon Juice

You'll need a lemon, short piece of copper wire, steel paper clip

Straighten the paper clip and poke one end through the rind into the lemon. Poke the copper wire into the lemon too, near the paper clip but not touching. Hold the ends of the wire and the clip close together and touch them to your tongue. Do you feel a tingle?

The lemon juice provides a path for the exchange of electrons between the two wires. Your wet tongue completes the circuit for the flow of electrons and current flows across your tongue. You feel the current as a tiny tingle.

Paper Plate Puzzle

Cut a one-quarter slice out of paper plate and set the plate on a table. Roll a marble around the plate's rim. What direction will the marble go when it gets to the cut edge? Will it continue to curve inward, go straight ahead or curve outward?

The action of the marble follows Newton's first law of motion: a body in motion will continue in a straight line unless a force is applied to it to move it out of the straight line. When you give the marble a push, it would roll in a straight line, but the curved edge of the paper plate supplies the force to push it into a circular path. As soon as the push is removed, the marble rolls in a straight line.

Air Power Pop-Up

You'll need an empty, narrow cardboard tea box (Celestial Seasonings), a balloon, pencil, bathroom tissue tube, art supplies, tape, and scissors.

Tape the original opening of the tea box shut. Make a new "top" in one narrow end of the box by cutting along three sides. Use a pencil to poke a hole in the front of the box near the bottom. Have kids blow up their balloons a few times to stretch them, then insert the balloon into the box with the open end through the hole. Set the cardboard tube inside the box and close the top. Blow into the balloon through the open end and the cardboard tube pops up. Decorate the tube and box in a creative way.

Make Your Own Refrigerator

Use an unglazed flowerpot, a bowl of water, an unopened bottle of pop and a stone.

Soak the clay pot in water. Fill the bowl almost full of water and put the drink bottle in the water. Put the clay pot upside down over the bottle and place the stone over the hole in the clay pot.

As water evaporates from the clay pot, it takes heat away, so the object underneath will become cool. The clay pot will soak up water as it dries out, so your refrigerator will last longer.



Resources

<http://www.holidays.Kaboose.com> online games, crafts, jokes, recipes, family fun ideas, A to Z Christmas, Kwanza, clip art, and more.

<http://www.kidsdomain.com/holiday> lots of Christmas and Winter fun – other seasons and holidays also

<http://falcon.jmu.edu/~ramseyil/holidays.htm>

all kinds of holidays and countries, links to other good websites as well; includes songs, crafts, etc.

For some fun riddles about science and scientists, go to:

<http://www.kids.niehs.nih.gov/rdparty.htm>

Optical Illusions:

Great optical illusions at the same website: <http://www.kids.niehs.nih.gov/illusion/illusions.htm>

Some Fun Facts about the Holidays

Alice, Golden Empire Council

- ✓ Many people disapprove of the phrase Xmas – the original use was not disrespectful – it was based on X being the first letter of Xristos, the Greek name for Christ.
- ✓ King Richard II of England served 28 oxen and 30 hundred sheep at his 1377 Christmas feast!
- ✓ Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer was written by Robert L. May as a promotion for Montgomery Ward. They distributed six million copies of the story between 1939 and 1946 alone. The [song](#), written by Johnny Marks, came along in 1949.
- ✓ According to The Macaulay Institute in Aberdeen, Scotland, reindeer can haul up to twice their weight at speeds up to 15 miles an hour, making them great sleigh pullers.
- ✓ Over 70 million Americans give their dog or cat Christmas presents, according to an American Pet Association poll.
- ✓ “Jingle Bells,” one of the most popular holiday songs in America, was the first song ever broadcast in space, thanks to the crew of 1965’s Gemini 6 spacecraft.
- ✓ Frigg is the name of the Scandinavian love goddess who removed poison from mistletoe, bringing her son, Baldur, back to life. She was so happy, she made mistletoe a sign of love – so now people make “Kissing Balls” of mistletoe.
- ✓ The traditional Christmas ham began with the Norse custom of sacrificing and eating a pig to honor their god Freyr.
- ✓ When it's winter solstice in the Northern Hemisphere, the sun is directly overhead at noon only along the Tropic of Capricorn - Sao Paulo, Brazil, southern Madagascar, and areas north of Brisbane, Australia.

Months with similar themes to Celebrations Around the World

December 1973 - Customs of Countries
December 1979 - Customs of Other Lands
December 1989 - Customs of Countries
December 1994 - Customs of Other Lands
December 1998 - Let's Celebrate
December 2000 - What do You do at Holiday Time?

Advancement Ideas for December:

www.cubroundtable.com

- Tigers** – Ach 1D, 1F
Elect. 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 14
- Wolf** – Ach 2A, 11A,
Elect. 4A, 9A, 9B, 9C, 11D, 17C, 20E, 20F
- Bear** – Ach 1A, 8B, 13C, 16A, 18B, 22B
Elect. 20B



National makes a patch for every Cub Scout Monthly theme. This is the one for this theme. Check them out at www.scoutstuff.org go to patches and look for 2007 Cub Scout Monthly Theme Emblems.