

National Pike District Cub Scout Roundtable  
October 11, 2021

November Supplemental Theme: Stars and Stripes  
Point of the Scout Law: Obedient

Core Value: Respect



Registration  
Opening  
Welcome New Leaders  
"Big Rock" or Interest Topic  
Split Sessions  
    Lion, Tiger, Wolf and Bear Leaders  
    Webelos and AOL Leaders  
    Cubmasters  
    Pack Committee  
Presentation  
Fun Time  
Closing Activities

Notes:

**Coming Events**

- Oct. 16 – Webelos-O-Ree, Camp Saffran, Broad Creek  
Jeff Peters, [petey9145@gmail.com](mailto:petey9145@gmail.com)
- Oct. 29 – National Pike Good Scout Breakfast, Turf Valley CC  
Taadie Robinson, [Taadie.Robinson@Scouting.org](mailto:Taadie.Robinson@Scouting.org)

*November Roundtable: November 8, 2021  
December Point of the Scout Law: **Helpful**  
following Theme: **Give Good Will***

- Nov. 8 – Recharter Turn-In, Columbia Academy  
Jeanette Wild, [jdwild@comcast.net](mailto:jdwild@comcast.net)
- Dec. 1 – **District Recharterers are due!**  
Jeannette Wild - email: [jdwild@comcast.net](mailto:jdwild@comcast.net)

All Roundtables will be hybrid, i.e. in-person meeting with a ZOOM option. Contact the Key 3 for meeting connection information.

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*Note: The material in this hand-out is from old publications. It has been modified to include girls or to be gender neutral and to replace the Cub Scout Promise and Law of the Pack with the Scout Oath and Law.*

Visit the National Pike District web page at <http://nationalpike.org>  
and the Baltimore Area Council web page at <http://www.baltimorebsa.org>

## “The Junk Drawer”

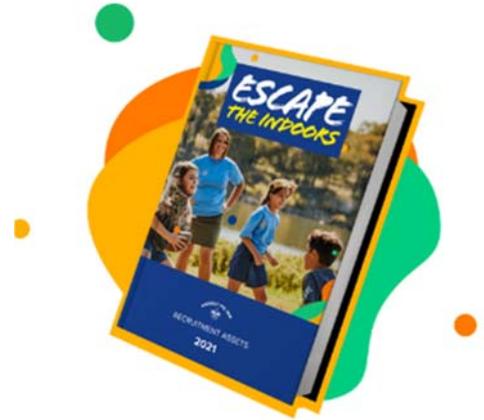
*Some of the most useful things in our homes find their way into the junk drawer.*

### Cool Stuff from the Area Scouter

#### Fall Recruitment Resources

After a year of being cooped up inside, it's time to escape the indoors and help families discover Scouting! Together, let's get back outside! Back to fun, family, and friends! Back to helping young people become the best future versions of themselves. We're all ready to put down our screens (even if just for a few moments) to experience “real”. Real nature, real friendships, real excitement! It's time to help families discover Scouting!

[Click Here](#) to find helpful resources.



# 2021 Popcorn Sale

Do you want to fund your entire Scouting year? The 2021 Popcorn Sale can do this in 8 hours!

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#### Wood Badge

Registration for the Spring 2022 Wood Badge Course is now open! Orientation will be held on Thursday, April 7, 2022, at 7 pm at the Council Service Center.

Weekend 1: April 22-24, 2022

Weekend 2: May 21-22, 2022

[Click Here to Register](#)



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## DECEMBER 2014 PACK RESOURCE SHEET

CORE VALUE: RESPECT  
THEME: STARS AND STRIPES

Note: National Cub Scouts no longer supports monthly themes. This Pack Resource Sheet is a reprint from the Nov. 2014 Roundtable Handout when the Dec. 2014 Monthly Theme was "Stars and Stripes." Some of the Den Meeting material may be dated.

Cubmaster resources are at:  
<https://www.scouting.org/programs/cub-scouts/pack-meeting-resources/>  
Den Leader resources are at:  
<https://www.scouting.org/programs/cub-scouts/den-meeting-resources/>

CORE VALUE TO BE  
THIS MONTH IS

## RESPECT

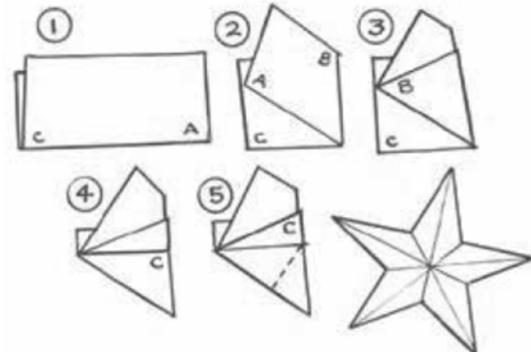
Respect is showing regard for the worth of something or someone.

## WHY "STARS AND STRIPES" FOR RESPECT?

The flag of our country is more than a something. The flag is a symbol of our living country and itself is considered a living thing. When you show respect for the flag, you are showing respect for all it represents.

SCOUT LAW EQUIVALENTS TO RESPECT  
ARE "COURTEOUS" AND "OBEDIENT."

A Scout is polite to everyone regardless of age or position. He knows that using good manners makes it easier for people to get along. A Scout follows the rules of his family, school, and troop. He obeys the laws of his community and country. If he thinks these rules and laws are unfair, he tries to have them changed in an orderly manner rather than disobeying them.



- Step #1: Fold the paper vertically and horizontally into 4-inch squares as shown.
- Step #2: Fold corner A and crease.
- Step #3: Fold corner B to touch corner A, and crease.
- Step #4: Fold corner C over the other folds, and crease.
- Step #5: With scissors, snip across the folds on dotted line, as shown.
- Step #6: Unfold the small triangle, and you have a fivepointed star.

## Pre-opening Activities

## NAME THAT PRESIDENT

**Materials:** index cards with either the first name or the last name of a United States president written on each one; tape.

As each participant enters, tape an index card to his or her back. The object of the game is learn which president you are by asking one "yes" or "no" question of each player. Use this opportunity to introduce yourselves. When you have figured out who you are, complete your president's name.

## FIVE-POINTED STARS IN ONE SNIP

**Materials:** 8½" x 10" (not 11") pieces of paper; scissors.

**Background:** George Washington's original pencil sketch for our country's flag indicated six-pointed stars, a form he apparently preferred. Betsy Ross, however, recommended a five-pointed star.

When the committee protested that it was too difficult to make, she took a piece of paper, folded it deftly, and with a single snip of her scissors, produced a symmetrical five-pointed star. This seeming feat of magic so impressed her audience that they readily agreed to her suggestion.

To you, we pass along the secret: Take a piece of paper, 8½" x 10" (or an exact multiple), fold it as indicated, and cut a perfect five-pointed star. For more detailed instructions, visit <http://www.ushistory.org/betsy/flagstar.html>.

**Note:**

Another detailed explanation with additional illustrations of the 5-point star is on page 11 of this handout. *-Pat*

## Opening Ceremonies

## IT'S JUST A PIECE OF CLOTH

Post a United States flag in the front of the room. Dim the lights and place a spotlight on the flag. If possible, have a fan blowing on it, causing it to flutter. Then ask one or several Cub Scouts to solemnly read aloud the following poem:

It's just a piece of cloth, that's all it is.

**Just a piece of cloth.**

**But when a little breeze comes along, it stirs and comes to life.**

**It flutters and snaps in the wind, all red and white and blue.**

**Then you realize that no other piece of cloth could be like it.**

**It has your whole life wrapped up in it ...**

**The meals you eat, the time you spend with your family.**

**The things you learn at school.**

**The strange and wonderful thoughts you get at church.**

**Those stars on it: They make you feel just as free as the stars in the wide, deep night.**

**And the stripes; they are the bars of blood to any dictator that would try to change this way of life.**

**Just a piece of cloth, that's all it is.**

**Until you put your soul into it, and give it meaning.**

**Then it is the symbol of liberty and decency and fair dealing for everyone.**

**It is just a piece of cloth, until we breathe life into it.**

**Until we make it stand for everything we believe in, and refuse to live without it.**

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### PATRIOTIC OPENING

**Set Up:** In this ceremony, 4 Cub Scouts take part. As it begins, the room is in complete darkness except for a spotlight on the flag with color guards on one side of the room. Three colored candles—red, white, and blue—are on the table.

**Cub #1 (lights red candle):** The red of my flag is the lifeblood of brave men, ready to die or worthily live, for this, our country.

**Cub #2 (lights white candle):** The white of my flag is for purity, cleanness of purpose, thought, word, and deed.

**Cub #3 (lights blue candle):** The blue of my flag is for truth and justice, like the eternal blue of star-filled heavens.

**Cub #4 (as all salute the flag):** This is my flag—the flag of America, home of liberty, land of opportunity, where men of all races and creeds live in friendship and peace together. Let us all now salute it, and say the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Cubmaster:** TWO! Lights! Thanks, Cub Scouts. (Leads cheer and begins meeting agenda.)

### FLAG RECIPE

**Materials:** Large pot; big spoon; American flag; small, white paper stars; 1 cup red crepe paper bits; 1 cup blue crepe paper bits; 1 cup white crepe paper bits.

Six Cub Scouts form a semi-circle around the pot. American flag is folded and hidden in the pot. Each Cub Scout holds one of the ingredients, which he adds at the right time.

**Cub #1:** We are going to fix for you a treat that is really grand, and make for you a recipe ... the greatest in the land.

**Cub #2:** First we'll put in a heaping cup of red for courage true (adds red paper to pot).

**Cub #3:** And then, for loyalty, we will add a dash of heavenly blue (adds blue paper to pot).

**Cub #4:** For purity, we will now sift in a layer of snowy white (adds white paper to pot).

**Cub #5:** We will sprinkle in a pinch of stars to make it come out right (adds stars to pot).

**Cub #6:** We will stir and stir, and then you will see, that what we made is ... (stirring with spoon)

**All:** Old Glory! (They pull out the flag from the pot.)

**Cubmaster:** Please stand now as we sing "You're a Grand Old Flag." Then remain standing as we say the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Assistant Cubmaster (after the Pledge of Allegiance):**  
Let us pray.

### PRAYERS

Ask the audience to prepare themselves for prayer, as is their custom.

We thank you for our flag and for those who serve and protect it. Amen.

This is our country. We pray to be strong in our beliefs, and support our freedom, established and maintained by our Constitution. May the symbols of our country continue to inspire and encourage respect and freedom for all. Amen.

### Song: "God Bless America"

Irving Berlin, Original: 1918; Revised: 1938

#### Spoken Introduction

**While the storm clouds gather far across the sea,**

**Let us swear allegiance to a land that's free,**

**Let us all be grateful for a land so fair,**

**As we raise our voices in a solemn prayer.**

#### Everybody Sing

**God bless America, land that I love.**

**Stand beside her, and guide her**

**Through the night with a light from above.**

**From the mountains, to the prairies,**

**To the oceans white with foam**

**God bless America, my home sweet home.**

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The unofficial national anthem of the United States was composed by an immigrant who left his home in Siberia for the USA when he was only 5 years old. The original version of "God Bless America" was written by Irving Berlin (1888-1989) during the summer of 1918 at Camp Upton, located in Yaphank, Long Island, for his Ziegfeld-style revue, Yip, Yip, Yaphank. "Make her victorious on land and foam, God bless America..." ran the original lyrics.

However, Irving decided that the solemn tone of "God Bless America" was somewhat out of keeping with the more comedic elements of the show, so the song was laid aside. In the fall of 1938, as war was again threatening Europe, he decided to write a "peace" song. He recalled his lyrics of "God Bless America" from 20 years earlier, then made some alterations to reflect the different state of the world. Singer Kate Smith introduced the revised "God Bless America" during her radio broadcast on Armistice (now Veterans) Day, 1938. The song was an immediate sensation; the sheet music was in great demand.

What an amazing song! Isn't it wonderful that we have been so lucky to be connected with people who are able to put to words our deepest thoughts and emotions? Irving Berlin was truly inspired.

Close your eyes and listen to his message. Does it not touch your soul? Can't you just see crashing waves and the majesty of the mountains? All of the beautiful people working every day, alive and free because of the dream of our beloved Founding Fathers? As this song is being broadcast throughout the world on various occasions, there is an incredible, overwhelming desire to jump up and sing with all the energy of the soul-knowing that if we did, the choirs of Heaven would be singing right along with us! Our people love our country, our Lord loves our country, and as long as we continue to fight for our gift of love and freedom, we will continue to enjoy the blessings of this, our sacred nation.

In 1940 Irving Berlin established the God Bless America Foundation, with all royalties from its performance earned by either Berlin or Miss Smith going to the Boy and Girl Scouts of America. That arrangement exists to this day. These organizations were chosen, to quote the contract, because "the completely nonsectarian work of the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts is calculated to best promote unity of mind and patriotism, two sentiments that are inherent in the song itself."

Other Great Flag or Patriotic Songs

"You're a Grand Old Flag"

"America the Beautiful"

"This Land is Your Land"

"My Country 'Tis of Thee"

## Cheers

**Fireworks Cheer:** Make a fist and raise it up in front of you and over your head. Then open your fist and let your fingers flutter as your hand goes downward and you say, "Ooooh, ahhhh."

**America Cheer:** Spell A-M-E-R-I-C-A three times. Then yell, "Cub Scouts," and then, "Cub Scouts, USA!"

**Constitution (Shout):** "We the people, APPROVE!"

**Liberty Bell Cheer:** Divide the group into two parts: the Dings and the Dongs. Alternate yelling (three times or more), "Ding—Dong—Ding—Dong—Ding—Dong—Ding—Dong!" Then all yell, "Let freedom ring!"

## Advancement Ceremonies

### THE SALUTE

**Materials:** awards to be given out.

**Cubmaster:** Tonight as we celebrate respect for our flag, we also want to express respect for the Cub Scouts who have worked so hard to achieve these awards. The flag code tells us that the flag should never be used as a receptacle for receiving, holding, carrying, or delivering anything. So we will show respect for our flag by not using it in any of those manners.

A salute can be used not only to show respect to the flag but to a person as well. As I call their names, will the Cub Scouts and their parents or guardians please come forward? (Have each Cub Scout line up with his parent/guardian behind him.) Cub Scouts, you have worked hard to receive [name the award]. You have worked hard and have done your best. Let me be the first to salute you and shake your hand. (Cubmaster salutes each Cub Scout and gives each one a handshake before handing him his award.)

Friends, I ask that each of you stand and salute with me all of our Cub Scouts who received awards this evening. (Then lead a patriotic cheer for each group of awards.)

### UNCLE SAM WANTS YOU!

**Materials:** Uncle Sam costume (hat, white mustache, and name tag should be sufficient).

**Cubmaster:** Ladies and gentlemen, tonight, it gives me great pleasure to acknowledge the efforts of some of our youngest Americans. Uncle Sam wants YOU (in a booming voice, pointing index finger at the audience and calling the names of new Bobcats) to come forward and receive your Bobcat badges. Uncle Sam wants your parents to come forward too.

*After the Cubs and their parents/guardians come forward:*

Cubs, please show that you are ready to become Bobcats by joining me in the Scout Oath. (Lead in the Scout Oath.) Fine. I am proud of your efforts and pleased to present your Bobcat badges.

(Cubmaster presents the badges to the parents to pin on their sons' shirts.)

*He then leads a cheer and continues:*

And now Uncle Sam wants YOU (pointing index finger at the audience and calling the names of new Tigers) to come forward with your parents. I am very glad that you have completed the 5 achievements to earn your Tiger badge(s). I know your parents have helped a lot, so I will give them the honor of pinning on your new badge. (Cubmaster presents the badges to the parents to pin on their sons' shirts.)

*Cubmaster leads another cheer. Then he continues in the same fashion for Wolf badges, Bear badges, Arrow Points, Activity Awards, and Webelos badges-and leads a cheer after each.*

**Cubmaster (after all awards are presented):** All of you Cub

Scouts do your country great honor by your dedication to the Scout Oath and the 12 Points of the Scout Law. And now, I want YOU-all of YOU-to enjoy the rest of the meeting. (Leads one final cheer.)

## Cubmaster Minutes

### RESPECT FOR OUR FLAG

The flag code tells us that "the flag represents a living country and is itself considered a living thing." It also states that "no disrespect should be shown to the flag of the United States of America." Scouts, others look to you for your leadership, especially regarding how to show respect to the flag. They look to you because you are a Cub Scout. Be proud and show our flag the respect it deserves.

### FREEDOM

We shouldn't take our freedom for granted. Our right of free speech, to worship as we choose, and to enjoy the freedom we have as Americans. But our freedom is often taken for granted. There was a time in history when man could only hope for these freedoms. And now they have become reality. Our freedom is a result of the courage and sacrifice of thousands of our forefathers. Let us remember what it cost these men to provide our freedoms today, and let us help our land continue to be free for those citizens of tomorrow.

## Closing Ceremonies

### 13 FOLDS

**Materials:** 13 index cards with the text below written on them for each fold of the flag. (The Cub Scouts reading the cards should wait for the fold to be completed before reading. The Cub Scouts folding the flag should wait until the reading for the previous fold has been completed before making the next fold.)

1. In honor of the 13 original colonies and our forefathers who founded this great nation, we salute you.
2. To the men who died in the War for Independence, we salute you.
3. To those men who fell in the War of 1812, to preserve our freedom, we salute you.
4. To the brave soldiers on both sides, the North and the South, in the Civil War, we salute you.
5. To those who shed their blood in the name of hope and freedom in World War I, The Great War, we salute you.
6. For our fathers and grandfathers who died in the terrible battles of World War II-Pearl Harbor, Anzio, Midway, The Bulge, Iwo Jima, Guadalcanal, Normandy, and Berlin-we salute you.
7. To the men of the First Marine Division, who, in a rear guard action at the Chosin Reservoir in Korea, saved their battalion and the lives of their brother Marines, we salute you.
8. For the brave men and women of our armed forces who died on the fields of fire in Vietnam and whose names will live on forever on that hallowed wall, we salute you.
9. For the brave men and women of today's armed forces who sacrifice their time, talents, and sometimes their lives to protect us and to prevent terrorism, we salute you.
10. For the Boy Scouts of America and all the Scouts who have gone before us, we salute you.
11. To God, our parents, and our families who we love and respect, we salute you.
12. To the men and women of our armed forces, the Arsenal of Democracy and the Hammer of Freedom, we salute you.

13. And last, to freedom, because without freedom there is no honor, and without honor we are not Americans. On this we vow that as long as this flag flies, we salute you.

#### MEANING OF OUR FLAG

**Materials:** 1 United States flag; 1 piece each of red, white, and blue paper; 1 star (may be cut from white paper).

**Personnel:** 5 Cub Scouts, each of them holding one of the items listed above. If possible, their lines should be written on or near the item in large print.

**Leader:** Today, as we leave, let's all keep in mind our flag and the meaning we find therein.

**Cub #1:** The red is for the blood of Americans true, who gladly would give up their lives for you.

**Cub #2:** The white is for purity, in both thought and deed, a rule of conduct we all should well heed.

**Cub #3:** The blue is for justice-for all, not for one-a tenet fought for and so dearly won.

**Cub #4:** The star is a symbol of God's guiding hand, over the union and this mighty land.

**Cub #5:** There isn't a one among us our flag won't protect; don't you think we could show it greater respect?

## Games

#### MINUTE MAN RUN

No materials needed.

Have all but one of the players stand in a circle holding hands. The one player is "it," and walks around the circle, tapping each pair of clasped hands as he says this rhyme: "Red, white, blue. Out goes you!" The pair whose hands are tapped on the word "you" drop hands and race around the circle in opposite directions. "It" takes one of the two emptied positions while the two runners race to get back to the other emptied spot. The last one to get back becomes "it" for the next round.

#### RESPECT

**Materials:** paper and pencil.

Ask each Cub Scout to see how many words he can make from the letters in the word RESPECT. Then ask each of them to write down how they can show respect in their everyday lives.

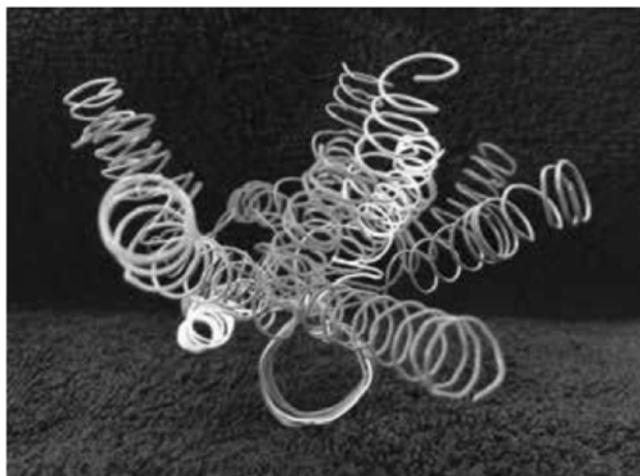
#### UNCLE SAM GAME

**Materials:** 4 to 5 different colored flags (each Cub needs a flag, or a strip of cloth).

One player is "Uncle Sam," and he stands in the middle of the playing area. All the other players stand at one end, chanting, "Uncle Sam, Uncle Sam, may we cross to your great land?" He answers, "Yes, if you're wearing (name a color)." Players holding that color flag can pass to the other side without getting their flags pulled. On the signal "Go!" from Uncle Sam, the rest of the players try to run to the other side without their flags being pulled; tagged players become Uncle Sam's helpers. Then he calls out another color. Keep going until all the players have been tagged but one. This player is the new Uncle Sam for the next round.

## Activity: Firework Slide

**Materials:** 18 inches of doorbell wire (or other wire that has multiple wires inside-the more colors inside, the better).



Strip the wire apart so you now have a bunch of individual strands. Tie a square knot in the middle around either a dowel or a broomstick. Then curl the wires, using a pencil.

## Project: Star Neckerchief Slide

**Materials:** balsa wood stars; glitter; paint; glue; 3/4-inch plastic ring.

Paint the balsa wood stars and decorate them with glitter. Then glue them together, arranged as desired, and attach the finished slide to the plastic ring.

## Audience Participation:

#### SERVICE TO COUNTRY

Divide the audience into three groups. Assign each group to say the words below when their group name is spoken in the story. When the name CUB SCOUTS is read, the whole audience says, "Do your best!"

**ARMY RANGERS:** "None left behind!"

**NAVY SEALS:** "Ready to lead, ready to follow, never quit!"

**FORCE RECON MARINES:** "Swift, silent, deadly!"

In the United States of America, we have several different branches of the military, all prepared to defend our freedom. The most elite of those forces are trained to be Special Operations personnel who go on the most dangerous missions in foreign lands. These are the ARMY RANGERS, the NAVY SEALS, and FORCE RECON MARINES.

These men and women put themselves on short notice, often secretly in foreign lands, and take on very dangerous missions to protect our freedom. Each of these groups has a motto, just like the CUB SCOUTS, with our promise to do our duty to God and country. All the men and women who serve in the ARMY RANGERS, the NAVY SEALS, and FORCE RECON MARINES deliver on their promise and motto, just like you do as CUB SCOUTS.

One day, someone in this pack may choose to join the ARMY RANGERS, the NAVY SEALS, or the FORCE RECON MARINES. When they do, their learning from CUB SCOUTS will have prepared them to honor our flag, our freedom, and our country. But, for now, we give thanks and appreciation for those who help protect and defend our country, while we learn to be the best we can be as CUB SCOUTS.

## Skits

### WHAT ARE CUB SCOUTS MADE OF?

**Personnel:** 9 Cub Scouts of various ages and rank.

This may be performed as a reading or a skit. In skit form, the narrator should pause to let the Cub Scouts play their parts. You may vary the number of Cub Scouts by having more than one come in and say the line together.

**NARRATOR:** "Cub Scouts are made of 8, 9, and 10-year-old Cubs." (Three Cub Scouts enter, one saying 'I'm 8,' one saying 'I'm 9,' and one saying 'I'm 10'.)

"Some are solemn and some are wide-eyed. (Two Cub Scouts enter, one saying 'I'm Solemn' and one saying 'I'm wide-eyed'.)

"Some are wiggly and giggly. (Two Cub Scouts enter, one saying 'I'm wiggly' and one saying 'I'm giggly'.)

They come in two varieties, Cubs and Webelos. (Two Cub Scouts enter, one saying 'I'm a Cub Scout' and one saying 'I'm a Webelos Scout'.)

Then all the Cub Scouts together perform the following actions as the narrator continues.

"Cub Scouts love to:

- Make noise (Grand Howl)
- compete (pair up to arm wrestle and leg wrestle)
- get awards (point proudly to their badges)
- sing silly songs (sing a verse of a favorite song)
- play games (do a crab race)
- make things (pantomime hammering and sawing)
- and just get together (huddle around each other).

"Cub Scouts dislike:

- People who forget the refreshments (make a crying face)
- being still (everyone wiggles)
- lining up (everyone tries to line up, but mostly just mills around)
- and being called sweet (make faces).

"Cub Scouts are fastest at:

- Voting for field trips (raise hands and shout, 'Yay, yay!')
- eating refreshments (pantomime stuffing refreshments into their mouths)
- and getting to the head of the line (all try to be the first in line).

"Cub Scouts are quietest:

- During a flag ceremony (all salute and repeat pledge)
- and waiting for the Cubby announcement.

"Cub Scouts are most important:

- While doing good deeds (hold up Scouting for Food bags)
- And doing community service (hold up a poster).

"Cub Scouts are the basic ingredients for two special things. Cub Scouts justify the time a volunteer leader gives, and Cub Scouts are what Scouts are made of."

### HOW DID YOU GET HERE?

**Personnel:** den chief; 4 or more Cub Scouts (any number of Cubs can participate by dividing the lines accordingly).

**Materials:** as indicated in skit.

The den chief introduces this skit by saying, "Transportation played a very important part in the settling of America."

**Cub #1:** If the Pilgrims came over on the Mayflower, how did the Scouts get here?

**Cub #2:** I don't know. How?

**Cub #1:** On handy crafts. (As he says this, a Cub Scout comes on stage with a sample of a handicraft project and a sign identifying it.)

**Cub #3:** If the Pilgrims came on the Mayflower and the Scouts came on handy crafts, how did the doctors get here?

**Cub #4:** I don't know. How?

**Cub #3:** On blood vessels. (Cub Scout enters dressed as a doctor.)

**Cub #1:** How did the students get here?

**Cub #2:** On scholar ships. (Cub Scout enters carrying a load of books.)

**Cub #1:** How did all the ordinary people get here?

**Cub #4:** On citizen ships. (Cub Scout enters carrying a poster that says, "Don't forget to vote.")

**Cub #1:** I know how the barbers got here.

**Cub #2:** How?

**Cub #1:** On clipper ships. (Cub Scout enters dressed as a barber with a towel, razor, etc.)

**Cub #3:** How did all the movie stars get here?

**Cub #4:** On a show boat. (Cub Scout enters dressed well, wearing sun glasses.)

**Cub #2:** I'll bet you can guess how all the hot heads got here. (Cub Scout runs on stage, shaking his fist and pretending to quarrel with everyone.)

**All:** On steam ships, of course. (They bow as the curtain closes.)

## Patriotic Word Search

**Materials:** pencils and the game below, printed on sheets of paper.

Find these words in the puzzle below. Search up, down, across, backwards, and diagonally:

STARS	CARING	STRIPES
FLAG	RED	MILITARY
WHITE	HELPING	BLUE
HONOR	RESPECT	VALOR

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B L U E D F O Q H E L P I N G
O W C E Z F L A G T M R A L E
P S D M I L I T A R Y M V I K
R E S P E C T L T D W Z A D S
E P K H D J Z S M A H O L Q T
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# “Stars and Stripes”

## Gathering Time Activities

### Good Ole U.S.A.

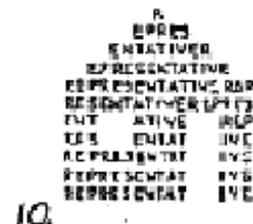
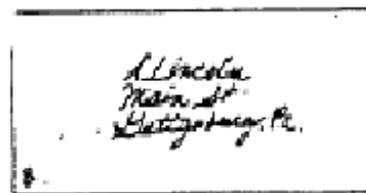
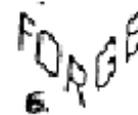
All of the towns and cities listed below are right here in the U.S. Some of them sound foreign but they're not. Troy, for example, could be an ancient city in Asia Minor, but it's an American city. In fact, there's a Troy, Michigan, a Troy, New York and a Troy, Ohio.

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| Abilene   | Dallas | Oxnard    |
| Akron     | Dayton | Peoria    |
| Anchorage | Denver | Phoenix   |
| Annapolis | Duluth | Reno      |
| Arlington | Flint  | Troy      |
| Berkeley  | Fresno | Tucson    |
| Biloxi    | Gary   | Tulsa     |
| Boise     | Miami  | Waco      |
| Boston    | Mobile | Wichita   |
| Butte     | Omaha  | Ypsilanti |

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### Patriotic Wacky Wordies



Answers:

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| 1. Bunker Hill.                      | 6. Valley Forge.                 |
| 2. War between the States.           | 7. One nation under God.         |
| 3. From sea to shining sea.          | 8. Lincoln's Gettysburg address. |
| 4. One, if by land; two, if by sea.  | 9. Equal justice under the law.  |
| 5. Washington crossing the Delaware. | 10. House of Representatives.    |

## Opening Ceremonies

### Respect for Our Flag Opening Ceremony

- CUB SCOUT 1: It is always important to show respect for the United States flag. There are rules that tell us how to show respect for our flag. The United States Flag Code tells us of these rules.
- CUB SCOUT 2 (*Gives the Cub Scout salute, then he says*): “The military salute is given by men, women, and Scouts in uniform.”
- CUB SCOUT 3 (*Stands straight and tall, with left arm at his side, and places his right hand over his heart. Then he says*): “Those not in uniform salute the flag by standing at attention, tall and straight, with the left arm at the side and the right hand over the heart.”
- CUB SCOUT 4 (*Removes his hat and places it over his left shoulder. Then he says*): “Men who are wearing a hat should remove the hat with their right hand and hold it over their left shoulder. The right hand, not the hat, should rest over the heart.”
- CUB SCOUT 5: “No part of the flag should ever be used as a costume or athletic uniform. However, a flag patch may be affixed to the uniform of military personnel, firefighters, police officers, and members of patriotic organizations, like the Boy Scouts of America.” The Cub Scout then should turn to his left so the audience can see the flag on his uniform.
- CUB SCOUT 6: “The flag should never touch anything beneath it, such as the ground, the floor, or water—just like the flag displayed in the front of our pack meeting room.”
- CUB SCOUT 7: “The flag should be saluted when it is being raised or lowered from the flagpole, when the flag is passing by, as in a parade or flag ceremony, and when reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.”
- CUB SCOUT 8: “Will all please rise and salute our flag as we say the Pledge of Allegiance.” (*Cub Scouts should face the flag, salute, and say the Pledge of Allegiance in unison. Cub Scout 8 should begin the pledge.*)
- CUB SCOUT 8: (*After the pledge is complete, say*), “Two.” (This command is given at the end of a flag ceremony to tell the audience they can stop saluting.)

### That's What It Means to be an American Opening Ceremony

*from the Catalina Council*

**Setting:** 4 uniformed Cub Scouts, carrying suitable props (such as a megaphone, nightcap, church model, and a star) speak the following lines.

**Cub #1:** You can say anything you want to say, whoever you may be. Some things cost a lot of money, but speech is free.

**All:** That's what it means to be an American.

**Cub #2:** You can write anything you want and dare to disagree.

**All:** That's what it means to be an American.

**Cub #3:** You can't be put in prison, unless you've been fairly tried. You can choose your place of worship with your family by your side.

**All:** That's what it means to be an American.

**Cub #4:** You can dream any dream you want to dream, and make it all come true. We live in a land where liberty is meant for you and me.

**All:** That's what it means to be an American.

**CM:** Now let us all honor our country by saluting our flag and saying The Pledge of Allegiance.

## Advancement Ceremonies

### Patriotic Advancement

This ceremony could allow some leaders to portray the characters in costume.

Cubmaster: Ladies and gentlemen, we have some honored guests here tonight. I would like to introduce Uncle Sam, Lady Liberty, and Yankee Doodle. Each of these individuals is an important symbol to the people of our country. Tonight, they are here to present some other symbols to some deserving young men. These symbols represent hard work, diligence, and jobs well done.

Yankee Doodle: We have some Cub Scouts who have earned some special awards. Would the following Cub Scouts and parents please come forward? *(Call the names of those receiving Wolf badge and arrow points.)*

Lady Liberty: I would like to call forward those Cub Scouts who have been working for some time and have achieved much. I would like them to present them with their awards. *(Call the names of those receiving Bear badge and arrow points and their parents.)*

Uncle Sam: I would like to recognize some of the older Cubs in this group. You have given unselfishly of yourselves. For your loyal support over the years, I would like to present you with your awards. *(Call the names of those receiving Webelos badges, activity badges, or compass points and their parents.)*

Cubmaster: I would like to thank our three guests for coming to help us tonight. And a special thanks to all the Cubs who have worked so hard to be examples and role models of good American citizens!

### Our Flag Advancement

*Personnel:* Cubmaster

*Equipment:* American Flag and awards for the Cubs

*Arrangement:* The flag is on the same level as the audience and the Cubmaster. It is to the left of the audience and close to the Cubmaster during the awards.

Cubmaster: Our country's flag is made up of several things, like the Cub Scout program. Our flag contains the color white. White is a clean, new color. To represent the white in our pack, I'd like to welcome the following new Bobcats to our pack. *(Call forward the Cubs and their parents. Present the badges.)*

Red is also found in our flag. Red is a lively, active color. Representing the red are the new Wolves of the pack. *(Call forward the Cubs and their parents who are to receive the badge. Present badge.)*

Our flag also has a field of blue. Blue is an older and wiser color. These are the same characteristics that are seen in the Bears in our Cub pack. *(Call forward the Cubs and their parents. Present the badge.)*

You have to have something to fly the flag from too. A pole or staff that reaches toward the sky will provide a strong support for our country's colors. The following Cubs have earned awards in the Webelos program and represent the upward reach and support of the Cub Scout program. *(Call forward the Cubs and their parents. Present badges.)*

Of course, you can't forget the stars on our flag. Stars are those who are important and successful. The following young men, who have achieved the Arrow of Light are stars in every sense of the word. Tonight they are receiving the only Cub Scout award that they will be able to wear throughout their Scouting career, and that makes them truly stars. *(Call forward Arrow of Light recipients and parents. Present badge.)*

.....*From the 2006 Baltimore Area Council Pow Wow Book*

### Stars and Stripes Advancement Ceremony

*From the Catalina Council*

**Equipment:** A ceremony board resembling the American flag with a large blue field for stars. A gold star with the name and awards of each recipient is attached to the board in the field.

**Cubmaster:** Several of the Cubs here tonight have been "shining" examples of Cub Scout citizens. They have done their part to help the Pack go by completing advancement requirements and earning awards this month. Each of them is represented by a gold star on our special flag and we honor them tonight. *(Call forward each recipient with his parents and present badges to parents to give their sons.)*

Lead a Cheer after each award (or group of awards)

Pack/Den Activities and Crafts

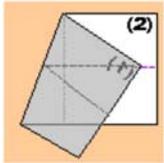
Five Pointed Star

George Washington's original pencil sketch for the flag indicated six-pointed stars, a form he apparently preferred. Betsy Ross, however, recommended a five-pointed star. When the committee protested that it was too difficult to make, she took a piece of paper, folded it deftly, and with a single snip of her scissors, produced a symmetrical five-pointed star. This seeming feat of magic so impressed her audience that they readily agreed to her suggestion. To you we pass along the secret...

Take a thin piece of paper 8-1/2" x 10" (or an exact proportion thereof), fold it as indicated and cut yourself a perfect five-pointed star.

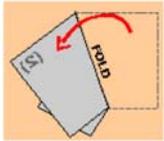
**Step 1.** Fold an 8-1/2" x 10" piece of paper in half.

**Step 2.** Fold and unfold in half both ways to form creased center lines. (Note: be sure paper is still folded in half.)



**Step 3.** Bring corner (1) right to meet the center line. Be sure to fold from the vertical crease line.

**Step 4.** Bring corner (1) left till edges coincide, then make the fold.



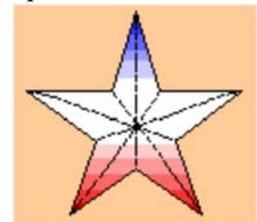
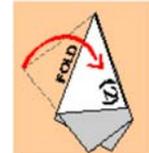
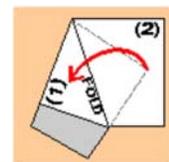
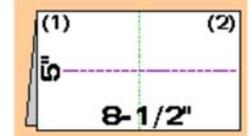
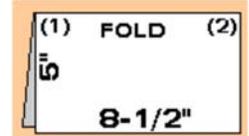
**Step 5.** Bring corner (2) left and fold.

**Step 6.** Bring corner (2) right until edges coincide. Then fold.



**Step 7.** Cut on the angle as shown in the picture. Then unfold the small piece.

**Step 8.** Marvel at your perfect (we hope!) 5-pointed star! If your star is not perfect, take a fresh piece of paper (8-1/2" x 10" - not 8-1/2" x 11") and return to Step 1.



Safety Pin Flag

You'll need:

13 size 1 gold safety pins, 1 larger safety pin, 50 red seed beads 42 white seed beads 25 dark blue seed beads, needle-nosed pliers.

1. On eight pins, thread on red and white beads. Start with red alternate with white and end with red. Use nine beads on each pin.
2. On five pins, thread five blue beads on first and then alternate red and white beads starting with white and ending with red.
3. Open the large pin and thread on the bead covered pins starting with the red and white eight and then put on the remaining five blue ones. Keep all the beaded sides forward. Thread them past the spring and on to the back of the larger pin (you may need pliers to open up the spring a little to get the pins on, then to mash it back flat).
4. Use the top pin to attach it to your shirt.

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B = Blue Bead  
R = Red Bead  
Blank = White Bead

## Skits

### The Red, White and Blue

*Equipment:* Flag in stand on a table, tablecloth to cover table so the “Voice of the flag” can hide underneath, microphone for the “Voice of the flag”.

Cub: *(Walk across the stage and stops when the flag starts to speak).*

Flag: Hey, Cub Scout!

Cub: Who’s there?

Flag: It’s me, your flag.

Cub: What’s the matter?

Flag: Well, I know I am taken a lot of places, but why am I here?

Cub: We take you everywhere with us. We carry you proudly even in our hearts. The Scout program has taught me to respect the flag and to love my country.

Flag: But what is all this festivity? Why would you bring me here?

Cub: This is our Cub Scout Pack Meeting. All of us Cub Scouts in Pack \_\_\_\_\_ get together once a month with our families to celebrate what we have accomplished in Scouting.

Flag: Scouting! Yes, there is hope after all. But, why am I here tonight?

Cub: Why, you are the guest of honor! Without you and what you represent we couldn’t have Scouting at all.

Flag: Thank you Scout!

Cub: *(Salutes)* Any time. *(Walks off the stage.)*

### Our Flag

*Personnel:* Three Cubs

*Equipment:* Red poster board 2x4 feet, three white stripes 3 feet long, three white stripes 4 feet long (all stripes should be 6 inches wide), a piece of blue paper 1x1-foot with 50 stars on it, a poster stand or chair, two red stripes 1 foot in length, 2 white stripes 1 foot long, book or folder, tote bag. (All flags, including Queen Anne or Ensign, are pictured under Citizenship in the Webelos Book.)

*Arrangement:* Skit opens with the Queen Anne flag on a poster stand or chair. A Cub Scout is standing next to it admiring it.

Cub 2: What’s this? *(Points to the flag.)*

Cub 1: The Queen Anne flag, the merchant flag of England.

Cub 2: Don’t you think it would look better if we added something to it? *(Both look at it.)*

Cub 1: Yes.

Cub 2: *(Pulls out six white stripes from the bag. Both put the white stripes on the flag.)*

Cub 3: *(Walks in carrying a large book or folder.)* What’s this? *(Points to the flag.)*

Cub 2: The Grand Union flag. It was raised over George Washington’s headquarters.

Cub 3: I. think it would look better if we added stars instead of so many stripes.

Cub 1&2: That’s a good idea!

Cub 3: *(Takes out the blue piece of paper with the stars on it and places it over the other blue area to form the U.S. flag of today.)* This is our flag that stands for more than I can say.

All Cubs nod agreement and leave the Stage!

### Service to Country

*Divide the room up in sections and assign a name to group. As you read the story below each group yells out the sentence by their assigned name.*

ARMY - Be all you can be!

AIR FORCE - No one comes close!

NAVY - Can do!

MARINES - Semper Fi!

COAST GUARD - Always ready!

CUB SCOUTS (Everyone) - Do Your Best!

In the United States of America, we have several different branches of the military, all prepared to defend our freedom. There is the ARMY, the NAVY, the AIR FORCE, the MARINES, and the COAST GUARD.

All these different groups have mottos and slogans, just like CUB SCOUTS. Part of the CUB SCOUT Oath includes duty to God and country, and certainly, all the men and women who serve in the ARMY, the NAVY, the AIR FORCE, the MARINES, and the COAST GUARD demonstrate their duty to God and country in a big way.

As CUB SCOUTS, we take pride in being good citizens, in honoring our flag, and in helping others. One day, some of you may choose to join the ARMY, the NAVY, the AIR FORCE, the MARINES, or the COAST GUARD. But, for now, we give thanks and appreciation for those who help protect and defend our country, while we learn to be the best we can be as CUB SCOUTS.

## Games

### ***Uncle Sam***

One Cub is chosen to be Uncle Sam. He stands in the middle of the playing field. All of the other Cubs, leaders and all others who want to play line up at one end of the field. The object of this game is to get to the other side without Uncle Sam tagging you. As a group the Cubs ask, "Uncle Sam, Uncle Sam, may I cross your river?" Uncle Sam replies, "yes, if you are ... (example: 'wearing blue')". Then all Cubs that were wearing blue can try to cross the river by running past Uncle Sam, who tries to tag them. If they are tagged they then become Uncle Sam's helpers. The next turn begins with Cubs on both sides (if some of them were successful in crossing the river) saying the phrase again. Again he replies with one of the following answers or ones that you create, "yes, if you are... the oldest child in your family, or (examples: if you have brown eyes, if your birthday is in if you are left-handed if you love pizza if you are the Cubmaster if your name is Sam if you are a Cub Scout if you are a leader, etc. ...) The last one on the sidelines becomes Uncle Sam.

### ***Steal the Bacon***

Everyone is divided into two equal teams with an adult being the caller. The caller numbers each team member with a number such as 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, etc. Then each team lines up across the field from each other with the BACON in the middle of the playing field. The bacon is any object that is equally visible from both sides such as a neckerchief or a ball or even a hat, etc.

The caller then calls out a number and the two people who have that number (from opposite sides of the field) rush out to grab the bacon. The first one who grabs it must return to his own side without being tagged by the other player. If he is successful that team gets a point. If he is tagged, then the bacon is returned to the middle spot and the caller calls out another number and those two people rush for the bacon. The first team to score 10 is the winner.

### ***Firecracker Tag***

This game is played with someone being chosen to be 'it' and everyone else being the firecrackers. On the count of 3-2-1 countdown everyone scatters and the one who is 'it' tries to tag someone. If 'it' runs up to someone and they are in danger of being tagged they must scrunch down and yell out the name of a kind of firecracker such as pop-its, roman candles, sparklers, tanks, smoke-bombs, fountains, etc., If a person is tagged before he can say anything then he is out and must sit down. If the person manages to say the name of a kind of firework then he can continue to be free. Last person standing becomes the next one who is 'it'.

### ***Hands Up for the Challenge***

*Best if played with 12 or more participants.*

You will need: 2 dice, a large pair of men's socks, prizes (one for each player, such as miscellaneous items or candy bars tough enough to be wrapped up and manhandled), newspaper and lots of tape (masking, packaging, duct tape).

Preparation: Using newspaper, wrap presents individually. Then, starting with one wrapped present, roll it in newspaper a few times shaping it into a ball, and then tape on another wrapped present. Then add more newspaper and another present trying hard to maintain the wrapped present conglomeration in the shape of a ball. When all present have been added, add another layer of newspaper so that nothing is visible.

Action: Start with ¼ of the Cubs. Have them sit in a circle with the newspaper ball in the middle. The other Cubs stand around the outside looking over their shoulders rooting and waiting for their turn. At the call of "start", the middle Cubs take turns rolling the dice as fast as they can, one chance at a time, trying to roll doubles, then passing them to the next Cub in the circle as fast as possible. When a Cub rolls doubles, he grabs the socks and puts them on his hands, pulling them up his arms as far as they will go. He then tries to unwrap the ball. While he is trying to unwrap the ball, the other Cubs continue rolling the dice and passing them until one of them rolls doubles. That Cub then takes the socks and the ball from the first Cub and begins to unwrap the present and the first Cub joins in with the rolling of the dice again. If a Cub removes a present from the ball before another player rolls doubles, he gets to keep it but he is now out and the closest standing Cub behind him takes his place. The game continues until all Cubs have played and gotten a prize.

### ***Copycat the Leader***

This game is a mental challenge to the participants.

Everyone stands in a circle facing center. The first person performs an action. Something simple like clap your hands two times. Then the person to the left repeats the action and then adds something to it, like jump up and down in a circle. The play continues to the left with each new person performing in order what has been done before them, then adding their own action.

Play continues until a player is unable to recall in order what the previous actions have been. Because this is a mental and physical game nobody is out. You just start again with the next person. If the group is large enough, divide into two groups. From the beginning participants should be reminded that they can't show what comes next unless the leader gives permission for prompting.

## Songs

### Grand Old Flag

*Catalina Council*

*Music and lyrics by George M. Cohan*

You're a grand old flag,  
You're a high flying flag  
And forever in peace may you wave  
You're the emblem of The land I love,  
The home of the free and the brave.  
Every heart beats true  
Under the red white and blue,  
Where there's never a boast or a brag  
But should auld acquaintance be forgot,  
Keep your eye on the grand old flag!

### This Old Flag

*Catalina Council*

(Tune: This Old House)

This old flag is my protection;  
This old flag is my birthright.  
This old flag is full of beauty  
May it fly both day and night.  
It's an honor to salute it,  
And, with pride, we hold it high.  
We will keep it flying o'er us,  
Like a symbol in the sky.  
Ain't gonna allow no one to tramp it,  
Ain't gonna allow no one to 'buse it,  
Ain't gonna allow no one to shun it,  
Ain't gonna allow no one to use it,  
Ain't gonna allow no one to down it  
For some other flag to use.  
Going to keep that old flag flying,  
And we dare you to refuse.

### Hurrah For The Flag

*Catalina Council*

(Tune: Stars and Stripes Forever)

Hurrah for the flag of the free,  
May it wave as our standard forever,  
The gem of the land and the sea,  
The banner of the right.  
Let despots remember the day  
When our fathers with mighty endeavor,  
Proclaimed as they marched to the fray,  
That by their might,

### You are my Homeland

*Catalina Council*

(Tune: You are My Sunshine)

You are my homeland,  
You are a great land.  
You make me happy,  
You make me free.  
Your flag I'll honor,  
And pledge allegiance.  
The U-S-A is good to me.

### This Land Is Your Land

*Words and Music by Woody Guthrie*

Chorus: This land is your land This land is my land  
From California to the New York island;  
From the red wood forest to the Gulf Stream  
waters  
This land was made for you and Me.

As I was walking that ribbon of highway,  
I saw above me that endless skyway:  
I saw below me that golden valley:  
This land was made for you and me.

I've roamed and rambled and I followed my footsteps  
To the sparkling sands of her diamond deserts;  
And all around me a voice was sounding:  
This land was made for you and me.

When the sun came shining, and I was strolling,  
And the wheat fields waving and the dust clouds  
rolling,  
As the fog was lifting a voice was chanting:  
This land was made for you and me.

As I went walking I saw a sign there  
And on the sign it said "No Trespassing."  
But on the other side it didn't say nothing,  
That side was made for you and me.

*If you search "This Land Is Your Land" on the internet, you can find many more verses to this song. Please be sure to filter them for suitability for Cub Scouts. -Pat*



## Cub Grub – Fun Food

### *Patriotic Cake*

1 Yellow cake mix  
1 8 oz. tub whipped topping  
Blueberries  
Strawberries cut in slices

Make cake according to package directions and let cool.

If one big cake for all is desired, use 10x13 pan. If individual Cubs will be creating cakes, then use a jelly roll pan and cut into the following size after the cake is cooled. (Either 3x5 or 4x6 pieces.) Put those pieces on paper plates. Frost with whipped topping, used strawberries for red stripes and blueberries for the field of blue if they are creating a flag. Or just let them add the colored fruit and then enjoy their patriotic colored cake.

### *Uncle Sam's Popcorn*

2 3/4 cup sugar  
1/4 cup butter or margarine  
3/4 cup water  
1 tsp vanilla  
red food coloring  
pinch of salt

Put ingredients into heavy duty saucepan. Cook to soft ball stage. Add 1 tsp. Vanilla and red food coloring.

Pour over large pan of popped popcorn. I like to put the popcorn in a large grocery bag and let the Cubs help shake it until the texture turns to a dry sweet coating on the popcorn. Be sure and roll down the top of the bag when you do this.

.....*From the 2006 Utah National Parks Pow Wow Book*

### **Red, White and Blue Freeze Pops**

#### **Ingredients**

- 10 5-ounce plastic or paper cups
- 1 quart raspberry juice
- 10 Popsicle sticks
- 2 cups cold water
- 1 pint frozen vanilla yogurt
- 3/4-cup fresh blueberries
- Cookie sheet

#### **Directions:** *Make the night before*

Assemble the cups on a cookie sheet. Pour 1 inch of the raspberry juice into each cup, then place tray into freezer. When juice is partially frozen, set a Popsicle stick in the center of each cup and let the juice freeze solid.

Next blend 1 cup of water and four large scoops of the frozen yogurt until smooth. Pour 1 inch of yogurt mix on top of the frozen juice layer in each cup and freeze again. While the second layer freezes, blend the second cup of water, the blueberries, and a large scoop of the frozen yogurt. Spoon blueberries mix into the cups and freeze over night. To serve slide out of cups and enjoy!

.....*From the 2006 Santa Clara County Pow Wow Book*

## Stunts & Applauses

### **Cheers:**

**Ben Franklin:** Hold both hand out in front of you as if flying a kite. Jerk back suddenly while saying, "Zap, Zap, Zap!"

**Politician:** Pat yourself on the back.

**Columbus:** Put hands up like you're holding a telescope and shout, "Land Ho!"

**Mount Rushmore Cheer:** Washington, Jefferson, Lincoln, Roosevelt!!!

**George Washington Cheer:** "That was GREAT! I cannot tell a lie." Variation: Get an ax out and swing it while saying, "Chop, Chop, Chop, Timber! Oops! Wrong tree!"

**President cheer:** Stand as a group and shout "Hail to the Chief."

**Fireworks cheer:** Look up, make a whistling noise and say, "Oooh, Ahh, Oooh!"

**Abe Lincoln Cheer:** That was great! HONEST!

**Constitution Cheer:** We the people, APPROVE!

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**Pack Applause:** (Everyone yell together) Clap your hands! (While clapping 3 times) Stomp your feet! (While stomping 3 times) Pack \_\_\_\_ can't be beat!

**America Cheer:** A-M-E-R-I-C-A Cub Scouts, Cub Scouts U.S.A.

**Liberty Bell Cheer #1:** Ding! Dong! Let freedom ring!

**Liberty Bell Cheer #2:** Divide group into two parts – the Dings and the Dongs. Alternate yelling (3X or more)–Ding – Dong – Ding – Dong – Ding – Dong, then all yell - Let freedom ring!

**Eagle Cheer:** Lock thumbs, flutter fingers like wings, shout "Cree, cree!"

### **Riddles**

What does a new Webelos Scout say? *I can Bear no more!*

What do you get when you cross a pig with a centipede?  
*Bacon and legs.*

What did Paul Revere say at the end of his famous ride?  
*Whoa.*

What did Tennessee? *Whatever Arkansas. (Arkan saw.)*

Which three states have the most ducks? *North Duckota, South Duckota, and Kenducky.*

Where do they grow the green vegetable that is put in gumbo? *Okrahoma.*

What did Delaware? *Her New Jersey. (new jersey)*

Where has Oregon? *To see Idaho. (Ida hoe)*

Where does Maryland? *I don't know. Alaska. (I'll ask her.)*

What did Delaware when Mississippi lent Missouri her New Jersey? *I don't know. Alaska.*

## Closing Ceremonies

### Fireworks

**BOOM!! SIZZLE!!** Oooh! Aaah! Don't you just love a good fireworks display on the Fourth of July? The colors are so beautiful, lighting up the night sky. But did you ever stop to think how boring it would be if all the fireworks were exactly the same? You'd have to sit there in your lawn chair for 20 minutes watching one after the other, every single one being red or yellow or green. You'd be ready to go home in just a little while. What really makes a fireworks show interesting is its variety, when you never know what's coming next.

That's true for our wonderful United States, too. Americans come in all sizes and shapes and colors. We have different religious beliefs, different family customs, different ideas about everything. But our differences are good, because they make it possible for us to learn new things from one another. Our differences make us a better people. If everyone were just like us, life would be boring. But when people are different, and when they respect each other's differences, then life is rich and exciting, just like a good fireworks display.

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### Valley Forge Closing - David Nielsen, Silver Lake District

CUB #1: During the raw, hard winter of 1777, George Washington and his ragged troops were forced to retire to winter quarters in a valley northeast of Philadelphia named for a small iron mill, Valley Forge.

CUB #2: Here no muskets were fired. No bayonet drew blood. No mortal enemy was faced. Still in this little piece of Pennsylvania the fiercest battle of the Revolution raged.

CUB #3: It was bitter cold, with icy winds howling and snow covering the ground. Half-starved and ill-clothed, a discouraged army of men huddled around campfires or under inadequate blankets trying to keep warm.

Surely each man questioned if enduring all of this was worth it.

CUB #4: From his headquarters, General Washington sent this urgent plea to his commanders: "Impress on the mind of every man, from the first to the lowest, the importance of the cause and what it is we are contending for." What was that cause? Why were they fighting? Why were they freezing and starving and dying in a winter army camp?

CUB #5: They were fighting for freedom! They were fighting for the right to live as they wanted; the right to establish a new way of life; the American way of life; to found a new nation; the right of free speech and religion; the fight of political freedom; freedom from oppressive taxes without representation. The rights and freedoms they cherished above life itself.

CUB #6: It was here in Valley Forge, in the face of bitter cold, hunger, hardship, and disease that this nation's will for independence and freedom was literally, as the name implies, forged and shaped and refined. How grateful we are for this nation and its freedoms. Please arise and as you salute the flag, remember those men and women who still forge on, to secure our freedoms today. Color guard, retrieve the colors

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### America The Beautiful

This evening we have shared our respect for our great country. We have seen some of the glory that is the United States. The most fitting end to our meeting is to sing "America the Beautiful". In this great song we sing of the glory of our great land, but the last two lines of every verse have an acknowledgement of God who guides us all. Just to recall the last two lines of the first verse.

"America, America, God shed his grace on thee.  
And crown thy good with brotherhood, from sea to shining sea."  
Everyone please stand and join me in singing "America the Beautiful."

### America Promises

America promises us freedom to worship, to learn, to assemble, and to debate any issue. It is a land where people from other countries can find a home, where there is work to do, where we can express our opinions, and where we are free to come and go as we please. Our wonderful heritage, earned for us by our forefathers, is sometimes taken for granted. Unless we cherish this legacy and use it wisely, it may be lost to future generations.

People working together with imagination, vitality, and persistence, have produced marvelous inventions and wonders of technology beyond anything our forefathers might have dreamed of. Working together, we can preserve and protect our beautiful land for future generations.